



Items **highlighted in yellow** are new or have been updated

Items for the next edition of the Newsflash can be sent to newsflash@trbc.info by noon on Thursday 11th January.

Our services are live in the building from 10:30am each Sunday morning.

If you are unable to attend in person, you can watch the live stream via [our website](#)

7th January 2024

Church member, Hannah Strange, and our Pastor, Jon White, will be leading our time together.

Jon will also be speaking on our verse for the year, Psalm 121v2.

We will also be celebrating the Baptism of Emily Moores.

14th January 2024

Our Pastor, Jon White, will be leading our time together. He will also be speaking on Mark 1, "Jesus' Message" as we start a new series looking at the Gospel of Mark.

We will also be sharing communion together.

7pm Prayer Evening



Activities at TRBC this week:

Wednesday 10th January - 10am until 12pm - Renew Wellbeing

Thursday 11th January - 7:30pm until 9:30pm - Worship Group



Volunteer TRBC cleaners needed

With the retirement of our housekeeper, Janet, at the end of 2023, we need some volunteers to do some cleaning around the building. We are hoping this will just be for 2 months.

We need at least three volunteers, with each volunteer taking on one of the following:

- Once a week clean the downstairs rooms (ideally on Monday)
- Once a week clean the upstairs rooms (ideally on Monday)
- Once a week clean the 5 toilets (ideally on Friday)

There is some flexibility on which day it is done, but it will need to work around those using the building.

Full training and equipment will be provided. Looking to start the week beginning 8th January.

Please speak to Faith if you would like more information or to volunteer.



Prayer evening

Our next prayer evening will be **14th January**.

The prayer evenings are on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

The prayer space will be open from 7pm until 8:30pm. There will also be a prayer meeting at 7:45pm.

Everyone is welcome to come to part or all of the evening.

If anyone wants to come and needs a lift, please let Pastor Jon know.



The Welcome Afternoon Tea — Cake, Tea and a Chat

Thursday 18th January 2024, 2:30pm until 4:30pm

All are welcome
Invite your friends along



Our Vision Statement

Following the September church members meeting, the members voted on our vision statement.

At this church, we feel called:

**'To be a God-centred and family-focused community
that helps everyone meet Jesus'**

Draft Values

We are still looking at our values. These have been slightly amended and can be viewed [here](#).

There is a display board in the church with further information, and paper copies of the above document that you can take.

The graphic features a purple circle on the left containing the word 'MEMBERS' in white. To its right, the words 'MEETINGS' and 'Headlines' are written in a purple, sans-serif font. The background is a light grey rectangle with a blue horizontal bar at the bottom.

MEMBERS MEETINGS

Headlines

Church meeting headlines - Sunday 26th November, 3rd & 31st December 2023

Church members should have received a copy of the minutes from the last church meetings. If you haven't, please speak to Faith (printed copies will be given out on Sunday).

Below is a summary of the key headlines from the meetings:

Any other items in the meeting are covered elsewhere in the newsflash.

- Thanks were given to Trevor Tilley and Jasper Harding for the work they did in organising the roof repair
- Adrian and Jill Lovett were brought into membership. We now have 75 members
- The homecall of Maureen Peskett was minuted
- We are over budget for 2023 due to the roof repairs coming in this year and increased mortgage rates, but some cost savings in utilities
- Budget for 2024 was approved
- A legacy gift of just over £100,000 has been given to the church, most of which will go towards the church mortgage
- Due to our decrease in giving we have had to reduce our budgeted mission giving for 2024
- Janet will be retiring as our housekeeper at the end of the year
- We will be having a permanent prayer room set up in meeting room 2 (blue room) upstairs. This will be trialed from January to Easter
- We are looking at restarting our toddler group and are currently looking at plans of how this might happen
- Messy Church has now stopped but will be looking to evolve it in some way, with a suggestion of running something on a Friday afternoon
- At the meeting on 3rd December Clive Phillips and Jasper Harding were relected to the leadership team. Kay Chesters was elected to the leadership team

- At the meeting on 31st December Emily Moores became a church member

The next meeting will be on Sunday 21st January at 1:30pm, following the service and lunch.



The Fellowship Fund

As a church we have some money set aside, which is given to those in financial need at the discretion of Pastor Jon and is confidential. If you are aware of a situation, which the Fellowship Fund could help, please speak to Pastor Jon directly.

You can also give money to be used specifically for the Fellowship Fund. You can put money in the offering, in an envelope clearly marked 'Fellowship Fund' and we will make sure it is used only for that purpose.



If you have any prayer requests to go onto the prayer chain, please email them straight to prayer@trbc.info. Please do not email them to anyone else.

If you want to start receiving prayer chain emails, please send an email to the same email address above and put 'Subscribe' in the subject line.



Horsham Churches Together

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18th - 25th January 2024

'You shall love the Lord your God... and love your neighbour as yourself.'



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| Thursday 18 th : | Brighton Road Baptist Church (7.30pm) |
| Saturday 20 th : | St Margaret's Church, Warnham, (10am) |
| Sunday 21 st : | HCT United Service at St Mary's Parish Church (6pm) |
| Monday 22 nd : | St John's Broadbridge Heath (7.30pm) |
| Tuesday 23 rd : | St Mark's Church, Holbrook, with Horsham Eco Churches (7.30pm) |
| Wednesday 24 th : | Trafalgar Road Baptist (12.30pm) |
| Thursday 25 th : | United Reformed Church, Springfield Road (7.30pm) |

HCT notices

Each week we receive notices from Horsham Churches Together. You can find this week's notices in [the link here](#). This week they include:

News:

- [Time of change at HCT - Message from Richard Jackson](#)
- HCT Christmas Carol Service, Horsham Market
- [News from St Mark's Holbrook](#)
- [Bric-a-Brac donations needed by Horsham Matters](#)
- [Horsham Matters "Tintastic Campaign"](#)
- Horsham District Foodbank
- Horsham Community Fridge 2024 Calendar

Events:

- [21st January: Olivier Messiaen's 'La Nativité du Seigneur' @ St Margaret's, Warnham](#)
- 18th - 25th January: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Employment opportunities:

- Job Opportunity with Horsham Churches Together

- [Outreach Worker: Esther Project, Worthing](#)
- [A 'Community Support Manager' at Horsham Matters](#)

Volunteering Opportunities:

- Horsham Matters - Trustee



Baptist Union (BU) vacancy
Finance Officer - Support Services Team

Circa £28,000 per annum

The Finance Team of four are responsible for the BU day-to-day accounting and financial management work and provide support to the Union bodies and associated organisations.

The Finance Officer role, working as part of the Finance Team, focuses on:

- maintaining the accounts of various Baptist organisations
- processing receipts and payments on a regular basis both through the bank accounts and accounting software.
- reconciling the balance sheet accounts to enable the production of management accounts.

This is a varied and interesting role, with plenty of contact with other colleagues and with our churches and association teams. If you are at least part qualified as an AAT, or with comparable skills and experience, this might be a great next step in your finance career. This is a full-time role, with opportunities for both home and office working.

A full role profile and details of how to apply are available [here](#).

The closing date for applications is Monday 8th January 2024 and interviews will be held in late January.



Various Sussex Green Hub Volunteers needed

Below is a list of the volunteers that the Sussex Green Hub needs. You can find out more on [their website](#).

- Horsham Repair Cafe Manager and Digital Booking Coordinator
- Volunteer Repair Specialists and General Volunteers
- Creative Community Craft Circle Coordinator
- Environmental Mapping Tool Coordinator



Overwhelmed - Finding balance in a fast-paced world

Saturday 27th January 2024, 9.30am-1pm (coffee available from 9am)

Godalming Baptist Church (GU7 1BA)

Jesus promises an 'easy yoke' for the believer, yet many Christians find life anything but 'easy'. It seems tough navigating the challenges of 21st-century life, inside and outside the church, and we can feel 'overwhelmed', by life itself or the volume of things coming to us.

During the morning we will look at the following:

- What makes us overwhelmed?
- How do we typically respond?
- Learn from what Jesus modelled, and taught his followers
- Developing mental strength: how are you thinking?
- Expanding your emotional capacity: how are you feeling?
- Spirit-empowered living: who are you trusting?

Come for yourself and those who need our ministry.

Please reserve a place, with payment of £7, by contacting Sally Pollard
email: pollard3@hotmail.co.uk tel: 01483 428646 by Friday 12th January 2024



If you need to contact our Pastor, Jon White, his number is 07513 821549 or email jon.white@trbc.info (please note his day off is Saturday).

If you want to send an email to all the leaders, please send it to leaders@trbc.info and all the leaders will receive your email.

The Church Office number is 01403 240729.

If you need to contact Faith, our administrator, you can send an email to admin@trbc.info

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?

My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

Psalm 121v1-2



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