

Due to our administrator being away next week, this is a double issue, covering the next two weeks.

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 Wednesday 5th June.

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

26th May 2024

Church member, Trevor Tilley, will be leading our time together. Church member, David McCahon, will be speaking on 'What does a spirit-filled life look like?' from Galatians 5v16-26

7:30pm Prayer & Praise

2nd June 2024

Church member, Faith Aldridge, will be leading our time together. Our Pastor, Jon White, will be speaking on 'How can I listen to the Holy Spirit.

9th June 2024

Church member, Trevor Tilley, will be leading our time together. Baptist Union Present, Stephen Finnamore, will be starting a new series looking at the Ten Commandments, 'Finding True Contentment' from Exodus 20v17. We will also be sharing communion.

7pm Prayer Evening



Activities at TRBC this week:

Monday 27th May - 7:15pm until 9pm - Trafalgar Community Choir Wednesday 29th May - 10am until 12pm - Renew Wellbeing Thursday 30th May - 7:30pm until 9:30pm - Worship Group



Staff holiday

Pastor Jon will be on annual leave

from Saturday 25th May until Monday 3rd June inclusive.

Our administrator, Faith, will be on annual leave from Monday 27th until Friday 31st May inclusive.



Prayer & Praise Evening

Our next prayer & praise evening will be on Sunday 26th May.

7:30pm until 8:30pm

There will be times of praise amongst our time of prayer. The prayer room will also be open.

Prayer evening

Our next prayer evening will be **9th June**.

The prayer evenings are on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

During the summer, there won't be any prayer spaces but will instead be a prayer walk around the area. There will also be a prayer meeting at 7:45pm. The prayer room upstairs is also open.

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.



** Church Family Walk **

Sunday 9th June

Mystery location within a short drive (exact details to be confirmed nearer the time depending on weather over next couple of weeks)

Walking time - between 1 and 1.5 hours

Refreshments, facilities and parking available for all walk options



A time of listening

In March, we had a seminar about marriage and sexuality from the True Freedom Trust.

Off the back of this seminar, Pastor Jon invited the church to come and speak to him to give any feedback on the seminar and the issue itself. Thank you to those who have already done so.

It's worth noting that during this period of listening, the Baptist Union resolved <u>not</u> to amend their ministerial guidelines, which state that Christian marriage is defined as being exclusively between man and woman. You can find the relevant <u>links here</u>.

As we seek to move towards being clearer on this church's stance on the matter, Pastor Jon would appreciate having any conversations that people would like to have about this before next steps are discussed at the church meeting on Wednesday 19th June.



Spiritual Gifts

As part of our series looking at the Holy Spirit, we are exploring spiritual gifts. At our Sunday services during this series, you can pick up paper versions of a 'Spiritual Gifts Test' and a 'Talents & Skills Form'. These will help give you an indication of what your main spiritual gifts might be and show you in what context you could best use them.

Alternatively, if you would prefer to do these online, you can visit <u>Free Shape Test</u> which shows a big picture of your spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality and experiences.

While you are free to use these resources just for yourselves, if you were willing to share your answers with our pastor, Jon White, that would be a blessing to get to know you more and explore if there might be ways of using your gifts to build and grow God's kingdom.

However please know that sharing your answers does NOT mean you have to sign up to serve in any way - that is entirely up to you!



Serving Opportunities

While all of our activities welcome more help and volunteers, these are specific areas that we currently would greatly value help with:

On Sundays:

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Person to Speak to

Peter Rainier Faith Aldridge Jasper Harding

Contact

jon.white@trbc.info peter.rainier@talktalk.net holychatter@msn.com mediateam@trbc.info

During the Week:

Activity

Open/Lock Up for Bookings (mostly on Saturdays, but not all)

Person to Speak to

Faith Aldridge

Contact

bookings@trbc.info

We are also praying about setting up a weekly Toddler Group ('The Ark') and running an Alpha Course later this year.

If you might be willing to help in any way with either of these initiatives, please speak to Rachel White about 'The Ark' and Jon White about Alpha.



'Isn't Everyone Going to Heaven Anyway?'

A Seminar with Rev. Dr. Stephen Finamore, President of Baptists Together

Saturday 8th June at 2pm

At Trafalgar Road Baptist Church

In this seminar, Stephen will be exploring how Christians might respond to questions such as:

- Can't I just live a good life?
- Isn't Christianity all about love?
- Does Jesus' sacrifice mean that everyone is saved?

Drawing on his extensive work on the Apostle Paul and particularly his letter to the Romans, Stephen will unpack this subject, often called 'universalism', in a way that will help us better understand the Good News of Jesus. This seminar will encourage the church in being a people who reach out to those who need to hear the message of Christianity.

There will also be a short interview about how Stephen sees his role as newly-elected President of Baptists Together and time for Q&A about the whole seminar. Stephen will also be preaching at TRBC the following morning.



Save the date

TRBC family are invited to celebrate Mike Sheppard's 90th birthday!

Saturday 13th July, 3pm until 6pm at the church for an afternoon tea



First Aiders

Are you first aid trained? If you are and might be willing to be a named first aider at the church, please speak to June Duplock.



Prayer room

Meeting Room 2 (blue room) upstairs in the church building has been turned into a prayer room.

If you have a key, or can come with someone who does, you can use it at any time you wish.

If you don't have access, please contact our administrator Faith (details at the bottom of this email) and she will let you know when it's available.



Mission Ballot Sheet

3 new missions were brought at the recent church meeting - Hope Now, Open Doors, and Good News for Everyone (formerly Gideons). Please fill in this <u>ballot sheet</u> to have your say on which of these missions, if any, we should hear from during a Sunday service. We will need champions for each, if we are to support them.



This scheme allows you to make a difference to world mission in a real and practical way. On your Birthday you are sent a card and in return, you send a gift to the BMS. Why not join the scheme today? Every little helps! Contact the church office for more information.

Happy Birthday to those whose birthday is coming up this week:

6th June Doreen Davey

If you would like BMS World Mission to claim Gift Aid on your donation to the Birthday Scheme, please ask for a BMS Gift Aid declaration from either Helen West or David Chesters.



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.



HCT notices

Each week we receive notices from Horsham Churches Together. You can find this week's notices in the <u>link here</u>. This week they include:

News:

- Horsham Eco Churches May news
- Horsham Matters urgently needs Volunteers
- Bric-a-Brac donations needed by Horsham Matters
- Horsham District Foodbank 10th Anniversary
- Horsham Community Fridge 2024 Calendar

Events:

- Thursday 6th June: D-Day 80
- Friday 7th June: Horsham Matters Charity Golf Day
- Saturday 8th June: Oasis Quiz Night
- Saturday 15th June: 'Nothing New'
- 18th 22nd June: The Life of Christ 2024 at Wintershall

- Saturday 22nd June: Horsham Matters Sponsored Dog Walk
- Saturday 22nd June: Reclaim Nature Now March & Creation Cries Out Service -London
- Sunday 30th June: The Winton Bournemouth Salvation Army Band & Timbrels
- Saturday 6th July: Women Together Conference & Saturday 20th July Men Together Conference
- Sunday 21st July: HCT Worship & Prayer
- Sunday 8th September: HCT Worship & Prayer
- Saturday 14th September: Philippa Hanna 'Stained Glass Stories Tour'

Volunteering Opportunities:

- Horsham Matters Trustee & Drivers
- HDAS 2 additional Trustees



Volunteers for Holiday at Home @ Brighton Road Baptist Church

BRBC are looking for volunteers to help with their Holiday at Home on Tuesday 20th, Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd August.

They are looking for help in the following areas:

- Catering Lunch team & Refreshments team (morning and afternoon)
- Cake making prior to event
- Craft activities
- Transport
- Chatting/befriending

- Setting up and Setting down
- Planning HaH2024

For more information, or to volunteer, please email michael.hogg@brbc-horsham.org.uk



Proposal for speed change in Trafalgar area

A Speedwatch team was set up a couple of years ago by residents who were concerned at the frequent accidents in the area. They, along with Trafalgar Neighbourhood Council, are working on a proposal to introduce a 20mph speed limit in the Trafalgar area.

The proposal can only progress if the Neighbourhood Council receives enough feedback from residents. Residents are asked to take a few minutes to read the proposal and either email their views to 20intrafalgar@gmail.com or fill in their online survey. Please also spread the word to other local residents. In the email they should state whether they are a Trafalgar resident or visit the area regularly e.g. taking children to school, attending church services and events.

Heritage Afternoon Cream Tea

With homemade cakes and scones, and choral entertainment from Trinity Church Players.

Sunday 9th June

Holy Trinity Church

£10 a head including a guided tour of the beautiful Victorian church and grounds

2 sittings: 2pm tea and entertainment, followed by the tour at 3:15pm or: 2:15pm tour followed by tea and entertainment at 3:30pm

Book at the Horsham Team Parish website

Monies raised will go towards the upkeep of Holy Trinity Church and gardens

All the Lonely People - Life Issue event

Saturday 22nd June, 10am–12.30pm (coffee available from 9.30am)

Godalming Baptist Church

Led by Revd Peter Jackson

Do you feel lonely – sometimes or all the time? Is loneliness different to being alone? Can you be lonely even in a relationship, or in a crowd? What are some causes and symptoms of loneliness? Are there ways we can deal with loneliness in ourselves and others? We will try to address these questions during the morning.

The session will be free of charge, but a voluntary donation is invited for Silverline, a telephone helpline service offering friendship, conversation and support 24/7 to those who are over 55 years old, and especially those experiencing feelings loneliness or isolation.

To help with managing numbers, please reserve a place, by Friday 14th June

For more details, or to make a reservation, please contact: Sally Pollard pollard3@hotmail.co.uk / 01483 428646

Aspen Place Summer Fest

Saturday 6th July

From 12pm

BBQ, live music, games and cocktails

RSVP jyothi@aspenplace.co.uk



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

Each of us should please our neighbours for their good, to build them up.

Romans 15v2









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