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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](#)

15th December 2024

Church member, Steve Strange, will be leading our time together.

Our pastor, Jon White, will be speaking on
'Never lose the wonder' from Luke 1v39-55.

7:30pm Virtual Christmas Prayer Meeting


22nd December 2024

Church member, Helen Tilley, will be leading our time together.

Church member, Faith Aldridge, will be speaking on
'Know the Good News' from Luke 1v57-80.

6pm Carol service with The Chosen

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**Pre-Service
Prayer.**

Pre-Service Prayer

Each week, all are invited to come and pray over our time together before the Sunday

Gathering from 9:45 in the Prayer Room (upstairs in the Blue Room). The worship team will join at around 10:15 before the service starts at 10:30.

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A video thumbnail featuring two lit candles against a dark background. A large red play button is centered over the candles. Below the candles, the text reads: "Longing for light in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, Light for the world to see." Below the video frame, a dark grey box contains the text: "This Sunday we have a new song during the service. Here is a video for you to listen to the song."

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This Sunday we have a new song during the service. Here is a video for you to listen to the song.

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A graphic titled "ACTIVITIES" in a purple circle. It features a piano keyboard, musical notes on a rainbow staff, and a cup of coffee. The TRBC logo (Trafalgar Road Baptist Church) is in the center, and the text "this week..." is in a blue circle at the bottom right.

ACTIVITIES

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TRAFALGAR ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

this week...

Activities at TRBC this week:

- Monday 16th December - 2pm until 3pm - Carol singing @ Leggyfield Court
- Monday 16th December - 7:15pm until 9pm - Trafalgar Community Choir

Tuesday 17th December - 4:30pm until 6pm - Sixth Form Tuesdays @ TRBC

Wednesday 18th December - 10am until 12pm - Renew Wellbeing

Friday 20th December - 7:30pm until 9:30pm - Worship Group

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Collyer's Small Group

Our Student Small Group, known as Tuesdays at TRBC and usually on Tuesdays 4:30pm - 6pm, is looking for, at least, one more leader to help with the group. If you are interested in helping please speak to Pastor Jon.

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My Testimony

If you can testify of how God is moving in your life, we would love to hear about it. Speak to your small group leader or email jon.white@trbc.info

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Virtual Christmas prayer

Come pray with us as we enter the Christmas season.

Sunday 15th December 7:30pm

Use [this link](#) to join us.

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Christmas with TRBC

We have a variety of Christmas events, services and outreach opportunities during December. A printed list of the events will be available on the reception desk on Sundays (please note there are separate flyers for you to give out as invitations to certain events and services).

Christmas Events

Further details later in the Newsflash

Saturday 14th December @ 7pm - Trafalgar Community Choir Christmas Concert

Christmas services

Saturday 14th December – 11:30am

HCT carol service in the Carfax

Sunday 22nd December – 6pm

Christmas with The Chosen Carol Service

Christmas Eve – 11:30pm

Reflective service

Christmas Day – 10am

Family Christmas Day service

Outreach

Delivering cards to neighbours

Sunday 15th December - Chocolates and Christmas cards will be delivered to our neighbours in Fishers Court and White Hart Court after the morning service.

Carols in the community

Come ready to sing some carols. Arrive 30 minutes before the start time. It would also be useful if you could put your name down on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space so we can inform the venues how many will be coming

Monday 16th December at 2pm at Leggyfield Court

Monday 23rd December at 2pm at Aspen Place

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Christmas office hours and annual leave

The church office will be closed from Wednesday 25th December 2024 until Wednesday 1st January 2025 inclusive.

Pastor Jon will be on annual leave from Tuesday 24th December 2024 until Wednesday 1st January 2025 inclusive.

Our administrator, Faith, will be on annual leave from Wednesday 25th December 2024 until Wednesday 1st January 2025 inclusive.

Our housekeeper, Emily, will be on annual leave Friday 20th and Friday 27th December 2024.

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Trafalgar Community Choir

Trafalgar Community Choir presents “**A CHRISTMAS CRACKER**”. A festive, fun-filled evening of songs, music, cheese and crackers.

7pm on **Saturday 14th December** at Trafalgar Road Baptist Church.

Tickets are £10 (children free), and all proceeds will go to St Catherine’s Hospice.

To book your tickets, please contact Steve Davies on steveldavies37@tiscali.co.uk or 07887 590052

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VIGIL for PEACE

and the peoples of Gaza, Lebanon & Israel

Sad, exhausted by the news, feeling powerless?

Maybe coming together as a community, listening to a couple of poems, and standing in silence is somehow useful?

Mondays 16th & 23rd December

7:30-7:50pm

Outside in the car park of TRBC

A simple gathering welcoming to people of all faiths and none, who wish to stand in solidarity with those suffering unimaginable horror.

Very limited parking. No seating.

[Join this "broadcast only" WhatsApp group for updates](#)

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First Aid Course

There will be a First Aid Course taking place
At Trafalgar Road Baptist Church
on **Friday 3rd January 2025**

10.00am – 4.00pm approx.

No prior knowledge required. Qualification based on Assessment of verbal questions asked on the day & demonstration of practical skills. This day Course is FAA, Level 3 Award in Emergency First Aid.

Suitable for Adults 14+ and upwards (must be able to get down on floor).

Qualification lasts for 3 years from date of course and is regulated by FAA.

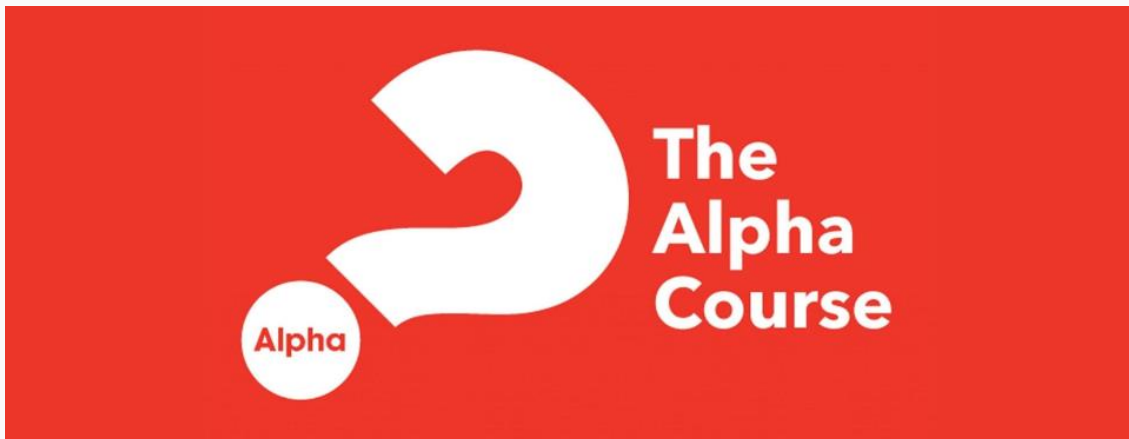
Course will be delivered by Mr Justin Singleton – NUCO Trainer/ Teacher.

Cost of course: £50 per Person – payable on the day.

Bring your own lunch, drinks provided.

To book a place on the course, please email asap justinsingleton379@gmail.com
NB. Numbers attending will be limited and the course will be offered to other churches in Horsham.

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The Alpha Course is starting on Thursday 23rd January 7:30pm – 9pm. There will be desserts, a talk and small group discussions. Sign up yourself or for a friend on the church website: trbc.info/alpha

Invites can be found at the church building. If you want to share a video explaining what Alpha is all about, copy and paste the link and send it to a friend.

WHAT IT IS [What is Alpha? - YouTube](#)

THE IMPACT [STAY CURIOUS | TRY ALPHA - YouTube](#)

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TryPraying

'TryPraying' is an outreach initiative, helping ordinary people learn how to pray and discover God's kindness for themselves in just 7 days. You can collect a book, including ones for children, any time from the church building and at our services. There is also an [electronic version](#) and, for iPhone users, you can [download the app](#).

As we head into December, why not check in with those you've given a copy and see how they are finding it? Or perhaps you could invite them to our Christmas events or Alpha next year?

The Vision: What if everyone in the church gave a booklet away, and everyone who received one encountered Jesus in some way? What if we had 100 guests at Alpha? What if we had 100 baptisms at Easter?

Please pray into this initiative as we reach out together.

And as we do, let's remember that there is 'rejoicing in Heaven over one sinner who repents' (Luke 15:7)

For more info, visit [TryPraying Website](#) or watch the [introductory video](#).

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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:

19th December - Cheryl Sims

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.

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Horsham Churches Together

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:

- Join the conversation on the proposed Assisted Dying Bill
- Rev Tim Carter will be leaving Brighton Road Baptist Church
- Saturday 28th December: Sussex Green Hub

- Community Chest voting for HDAS - closing date 31st December
- Horsham Matters Christmas tree collection
- Save the date: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - 18th-25th January 2025
- **Thursday 6th February 2025: Oddments Theatre Co. presents 'The Hiding Place'**

Christmas Newsletters & Events:

- December Eco Church News, and the 12Rs of Christmas
- The Oasis' Festive Newsletter update
- **Shine Your Light**
- Saturday 14th December: HCT Christmas Carol Service @ 11:30am
- Saturday 14th December: Cornerstone Nativity Festival
- **Saturday 14th December: Crawley Millennium Concert Band**
- **Sunday 15th December: Cornerstone Nativity Festival Tea**
- Tuesday 17th December: Christmas SEND Event @ The Horsham Family Hub
- Thursday 19th December: Spirit of Christmas Service: The Gifts we bring
- Friday 20th & Saturday 21st December: An exhibition of Christmas Carols
- Christmas Eve: Horsham Salvation Army's Carols in the carpark

Christmas Appeals:

- Turning Tides, Christmas appeal 2024
- YMCA DownsLink Group
- The Salvation Army Christmas appeal
- Horsham Matters' Christmas Tins or Toys Campaign

Employment opportunities:

- St John's Broadbridge Heath - Children's & Youth Leader

Volunteering Opportunities:

- World Day of Prayer - Horsham Branch Administrative Support
- Turning Tides volunteer cooks
- Horsham Matters - Volunteers

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Life Issues programme for 2025

At Golalming Baptist Church

- Bullying - It's happening everywhere - Saturday 25th January 2025, 10am until 12:30pm, led by Revd Peter Jackson. Reserve a place by Friday 10th January 2025
- Supporting those living with cancer and beyond - from a relative's perspective - Saturday 15th March, 10am until 12:30pm - led by Daphne Bleach. Reserve a place, with payment of £7, by Friday 28th February
- Engaging and empowering older people - Saturday 26th April, 9:30am until 12pm - led by Louise Morse. Reserve a place, with payment of £8, by Friday 11th April
- Pastoral Care in challenging times - Saturday 14th June, 9:30am until 1pm - led by Andy Peck. Reserve a place, with payment of £8, by Friday 30th May
- Trauma: more relevant to every day life than we realise - Saturday 5th July, 10am until 12:30pm - led by Libby Williams. Reserve a place, with payment of £7, by Friday 20th June.

Faith has information about each of the events.

To book a place, please contact Sally Pollard pollard3@hotmail.co.uk tel. 01483 428646

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Talking Jesus

Saturday 1 February 2025, 11am-3pm

Shoreham Baptist Church (Western Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5WD)

Guest Speaker: Dr Rachel Jordan-Wolf (Executive Director of Hope Together - and the author of the insightful Talking Jesus report)

This event will encourage and equip you to share your faith more effectively.
Discover groundbreaking research into the state of faith in the UK and how best to Talk Jesus in today's cultural context

The day includes:

- Q&As
- Research facts & stats
- Small group discussion
- Outreach tools & resources
- Prayer
- Light lunch (*please inform, when booking, of any dietary requirements)

The event is free but donations are welcome on the day!

To book your place email office.sbc1880@gmail.com - for further information, please contact David Wise.

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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 email 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, email admin@trbc.info

If you need to contact Emily, our housekeeper, email housekeeper@trbc.info. Her working hours are Monday and Friday 9:30am until 2:30pm.

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But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

Galatians 4v4-5

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