Weekly updates from TRBC

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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 <u>our website</u>

23rd November 2025

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

Our Pastor, Jon White, will be speaking on 'It's not what you know...'

from Acts 4v1-13.

The service will be followed by a bring your own lunch, then the church members meeting.

30th November 2025

Church member, Hannah Gallard, will be leading our time together. Our Pastor, Jon White, will start our Advent series, speaking on 'Jesus is the Word & the Light' from John 1v1-4.

7:30pm Prayer & Praise

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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).

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Church Members Meeting on **Sunday 23rd November** at 12:30pm (following the service and bring your own lunch) for all church members.

Members should have received information about the meeting.

If you haven't, please get in touch with <u>Faith</u>.

If you can't attend the meeting in person, you can join via Teams.

Visit trbc.info/meeting for details on how to log on.

If you have a genuine reason for being unable to attend the meeting (illness, work, family commitments), you can apply for a postal vote for the leaders election via Faith.

Anyone who regularly attends services is welcome to attend, even if you aren't a member (but only members can vote).

Below is the profile for Jon West, who will be standing for leadership at this meeting:

"I had the privilege of serving on our church leadership team from 2018 to 2023 as church treasurer. I believe God has called me again, in what capacity I don't know, however I am willing to serve.

A few weeks ago I was in church one Sunday morning and Doreen Sheppard prayed about how God holds the future. At that time, I was struggling a bit with uncertainty concerning my job and at that moment, I felt reassured that He is always in control and I need to continue to trust Him.

So, I'm stepping out in faith and trusting that I can serve Him and my church family at TRBC, in His strength."

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Activities at TRBC this week:

All week - Week of Prayer

Monday 24th November - 7:15pm until 9pm - Trafalgar Community Choir
Tuesday 25th November - 4:30pm until 6pm - Revive

Wednesday 26th November - 10am until 12pm - Renew Café
Thursday 27th November - 7:30pm until 9:30pm - Worship Group
Friday 28th November - 7:30pm until 9pm - Friday youth

Revive Student Group

Our Student Small Group, which meets on a Tuesday (term time), 4:30pm - 6pm, is now called Revive!

It is for those in school years 10-13. They talk about where God has been at work, discuss any conversations they've had about faith, and go into the Bible and pray together.

The group are looking for at least one more leader to help. 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



Praise & Prayer points for this week...

Mon 24th: Let's thank the Lord for this WEEK OF PRAYER we have ahead of us & use it as much as we can; the more we pray, the more God will do!

Tue 25th: Thank the Lord for the budget that Jasper presented at the Church Meeting on Sunday. Ask the Lord's favour & wisdom on us in all that we spend to run TRBC.

Wed 26th: Pray for each Home Group that meets during the week to be a welcoming place for new people.

Thur 27th: Give thanks for recent news from Neil, Amy & family. Pray for good progress in their Urdu language study & cultural adjustments.

Fri 28th: With Sunday being the first in Advent, let's pray that friends & neighbours in & around Trafalgar Road will feel able to join us.

Sat 29th: Pray that the Holy Spirit of God will move in our meeting tomorrow, enabling everyone to experience God's love!

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Prayer & Praise Evening

Our next prayer & praise evening will be on **Sunday 30th November**.
7:30pm until 8:30pm in the prayer room

A time of worship with music and singing, interspersed with times of prayer and waiting on the Lord.

This will end our week of 24-7 prayer, which is why it's a week later than normal.

Prayer evening during Advent

Our next prayer evening will be **14th December**. As we enter into the second part of Advent, we will continue to pray for our Christmas outreaches and services.

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

We will be meeting from 7:30pm until 8:30pm in the prayer room upstairs.

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24-7 Week of Prayer - Let's Pray Ahead of Advent!

Monday 24th until Sunday 30th November

The 24/7 Prayer Movement is inviting churches to make prayer part of Advent. Since there is so much activity during this season, we want to make prayer the **focus and foundation** of all the things the church is doing. We believe prayer is powerful and we saw God do amazing things after the Global Week of Prayer in September.

So at TRBC we are going to commit the week before Advent to be a time of 24/7 Prayer.

Let's pray for mountains to be moved, for hearts to be opened, for lives to be changed this Advent.

In September, we filled over 80 slots – let's aim for that and perhaps even beat it!

You can find out more information about the week, a video on how to pray for an hour, and how you can sign-up to pray for an hour, on <u>our website</u>. There is also a paper sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space.

Please consider how much time you could give to prayer during this week.

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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 Information Table on Sundays or available from Faith in the office. The flyer on the welcome desk in reception is for you to give to those you'd wish to invite.

Christmas services

On Sunday mornings through Advent (30th Nov - 14th Dec) we are looking at the start of the Gospel of John, Jesus is the Light, to help equip us to have evangelistic conversations this Advent.

Saturday 6th December - 11:30am

HCT carol service in the Carfax

Sunday 21st December - 10:30am

Nativity service

Sunday 21st December - 7:30pm

Carol service

Christmas Eve - 11:30pm

Reflective service

Christmas Day - 10am

Family Christmas Day service

Prayer

Please pray for our assemblies team as they go into two local schools in December to tell them the Christmas story:

Wednesday 3rd December - Trafalgar Infants Monday 8th December - Greenway Juniors

Outreach

Sunday 7th December - After the service we will be delivering chocolate bars and invitations to Christmas services to houses and flats in the immediate area around the church building.

To do this, we need chocolate bars! If you would like to donate some, then please leave them in the box in the church kitchen marked 'TRBC Giveaway'.

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 on the Information Table so we can inform the venues how many will be coming

Monday 15th December 7pm at <u>Dog and Bacon pub</u> Wednesday 17th December 2pm at <u>Leggyfield Court</u> Friday 19th December 3pm at <u>Aspen Place</u>

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Trafalgar Community Choir

Trafalgar Community Choir presents "**CHRISTMAS PUDDING TIME**". A festive, fun-filled evening of songs, music, and delicious puds!

7pm on **Saturday 13th 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@icloud.com or 07887 590052

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The Chosen - Season Five!

We are going to be showing season five, which will begin on **9th January 2026**, on Friday evenings from **7:30pm - 9:30pm.** Due to Friday Youth meeting downstairs, we will use one of the rooms upstairs.

We will follow the format we used for season four. Each week, we will watch one episode followed, after a break for refreshments, by the Round Table discussion hosted by Dallas Jenkins.

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Renew Café at TRBC

Renew Café

You are welcome to join us to share in a chat, a cuppa and perhaps something creative (bring something you are working on or join in with something on offer in the session) or play games, along with a space for prayer.

Every Wednesday 10-12noon.



The Welcome — Cake, Tea and a Chat

This takes place on the third Thursday of each month, with the next on 11th December, 2:30pm until 4:30pm

NB This is the second Thursday of December!

All are welcome

Invite your friends along

Why not carry an invitation in your pocket for that person you just happen to meet who might just love some company - and cake!!

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Volunteer sign-up

We hope to run lots of different events at TRBC but to do this we need your help! We would love to have a 'bank' of volunteers who we can call upon to help at different events at TRBC. This doesn't commit you to every event, but helps us to know who to ask! Feel free to tick more than one!

You can either fill in the form <u>online here</u>, or fill in the paper copy, which is available on the Information Table on Sundays.



Mission, Vision & Values

Our **Mission** is the Biblical mandate that never changes and is expressed in our mission statement as:

'Following Jesus. Serving our Community'

Vision

In September 2022 we started a journey looking at the vision of the church.

For 12 months we had various meetings, times of prayer and conversations on what the vision is for TRBC.

After this time, the church felt we were being called:

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

You can read more about our journey to this vision by reading our Vision Booklet.

Values

Following our agreement on our Vision, we went on a journey to look at the values of the church. We looked at who we are and spent time in prayer and meetings looking at what our core values are.

In June 2025, the church felt that we are to value:

Welcoming

We believe that God welcomes people into His arms
We want everyone to feel welcomed when they are with us

Caring

We believe in a caring God
We want to show care for people and the world

• Listening

We believe that God listens to us when we call on Him We want to listen well to God and to people

Sharing

We believe in a generous God who shares His love and resources with us We want to share life, faith and Jesus with people in a generous way

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Link to Hope shoeboxes - Thank you!

Thank you for all the wonderful contributions to the shoebox appeal this year. David and I

were able to deliver 40 full boxes to the Link to Hope Warehouse in Ferring on Friday, 7th November, along with some knee blankets and knitted toys which will go separately as packing around the boxes. The help with wrapping the boxes by those attending Renew Café was much appreciated.

Thank you too for the financial gifts towards extra items and the cost of transporting the boxes. Please continue to pray that each box will bring some love and joy to whoever receives it and that those most in need will be connected to projects to give them ongoing support.

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Church meeting headlines - Sunday 23rd November 2025

Church members should have received a copy of the minutes from the last church meeting. 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 meeting:

Any other items in the meeting have been previously mentioned or are covered elsewhere in the newsflash.

- A new events team has been set up to come up with events and plans for church family gatherings and to have a more evangelistic focus. If you have any ideas for events we could run, speak to Rachel White.
- Aaron & Becca Yonkoski and Miranda Kridiotis came into membership
- TRBC Community Fair a suggestion to happen in 2026, where different people brought their giftings to reach out to our community.

- The Legacy gift from Julian Benford will go towards paying off the mortgage, worship group (including PA) and the youth.
- The floor in the Worship Area will soon be fixed.

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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 Christmas Launch Party 21st November
- Thank you, Amalia from Horsham Matters
- Christmas What's on Guide
- Embracing Age's Winter Appeal
- Salvation Army, Christmas Appeal
- Horsham Matters, Christmas Appeal

Events:

Saturday 22nd November: Salvation Army's Christmas Fayre

- Saturday 22nd November: Horsham Matters Community Packing Day
- Sunday 23rd November: HCT Worship & Prayer Evening
- 29th November & 10th December: Events @ Dalesdown
- Saturday 29th November: Horsham Fairtrade Christmas Market & Sussex Green
 Hub
- Saturday 29th November: Wreath Making Workshop
- Saturday 29th November: Billingshurst Choral Society concert at St Mary's Church
- Sunday 30th November: 'Safe Families & Home for Good' Vision Event
- Sunday 30th November: Talk on Palestine
- Friday 5th December: The Magic of Christmas Horsham Matters event
- Saturday 6th December: Carols in the Carfax
- Wednesday 16th December: "A Christmas Carol" @ Holy Trinity Church
- 18th 21st December: Wintershall's 'The Nativity Journey'
- Tuesday 23rd December: Blue Christmas service
- Saturday 10th January 2026: The Way of the Spirit
- Advance notice of HCT events

Prayer of the week: Praying for the Place we call Home

Employment opportunities:

- Horsham Matters: Frontline Administrator
- Horsham Matters: Retail Assistant 20 hours per week

Volunteering Opportunities:

- All Saints CE Primary School Governors
- Horsham Matters
- Dalesdown maintenance
- YMCA DownsLink Group: Volunteer Chaplains
- Trustees required at The Oasis

Please note:

Whilst HCT carefully chooses these events and notices because they hope they will be useful to you and your church family, they are not directly responsible for the content from external groups and organisations.

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Free items

Barb has a few items that she is looking to give away. They are:

• Dyson Hoover (pictured above)

- Tower mixer (box pictured above)
- Table with 6 chairs (pictured above), table size 38 " wide; 61" long, 2 leaves/inserts (pictured above) 20", this makes the table up to 101" long
- Winter duvet, King size with an optional duvet cover & pillow shams

If you are interested in any of the items, please get in touch with Barb





TeachBeyond - Free items & items for sale

TeachBeyond is downsizing its global office in Horsham and, due to reduced storage space, would like to offer, free of charge, a range of Biblical resources (including Bible commentaries, Biblical expositions, books on Christian living). You can view a list of the books, including photos, here.

They also have a variety of bits of furniture for sale, which you can view here.

If you're interested in any of the items, please speak to Clive.



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.

If you have any safeguarding concerns, you can contact Rachel White, our Designated Person for Safeguarding, via email at safeguarding@trbc.info or by contacting our safeguarding leader, Kay Chesters, via email at kay.chesters@trbc.info

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Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Psalm 95v1-2









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