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TRAFALGAR ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Newsflash



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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](#)

14th December 2025

Church member, Steve Strange, will be leading our time together.
Our Pastor, Jon White, will be speaking on 'Live like the Light is with Us'

from John 1v14-18.

We will also be sharing communion together.

7:30pm Advent Prayer Meeting

21st December 2025

Our Pastor, Jon White, will be leading our Nativity service.

7:30pm Carol Service

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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).

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Activities at TRBC this week:

Monday 15th December - 7:15pm until 9pm - Trafalgar Community Choir

Tuesday 16th December - 4:30pm until 6pm - Revive
Wednesday 17th December - 10am until 12pm - Renew Café
Thursday 18th December - 7:30pm until 9:30pm - Worship Group

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Revive Student Group

Our Revive Student Small Group meets on Tuesdays in term time from 4:30pm to 6pm.

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

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Praise & Prayer



Praise & Prayer points for this week...

Mon 15th: Please pray that George Baker's funeral today at our church will be a wonderful testimony to a man who lived to please & obey his Lord in every way possible.

Tue 16th: Pray that people who live near our church will come along to the Christmas events they have been invited to!

Wed 17th: Ask the Lord to bless lives as we take our carols to Leggyfield Court (today) & Aspen Place (Friday).

Thur 18th: BMS ask us to pray that churches in NE India will have more opportunities to reach out with Jesus' love this Christmas time.

Fri 19th: Let's thank the Lord for all the Christmas invitations we have been able to give out recently; pray for people to respond positively!

Sat 20th: Pray for all who are preparing for our Nativity Service (10.30am) & our Carol Service (7.30pm) tomorrow. Pray the Holy Spirit will bless lives!

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Prayer Evening



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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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.

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

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 [Dog and Bacon pub](#)

Wednesday 17th December 2pm at [Leggyfield Court](#)

Friday 19th December 3pm at [Aspen Place](#)

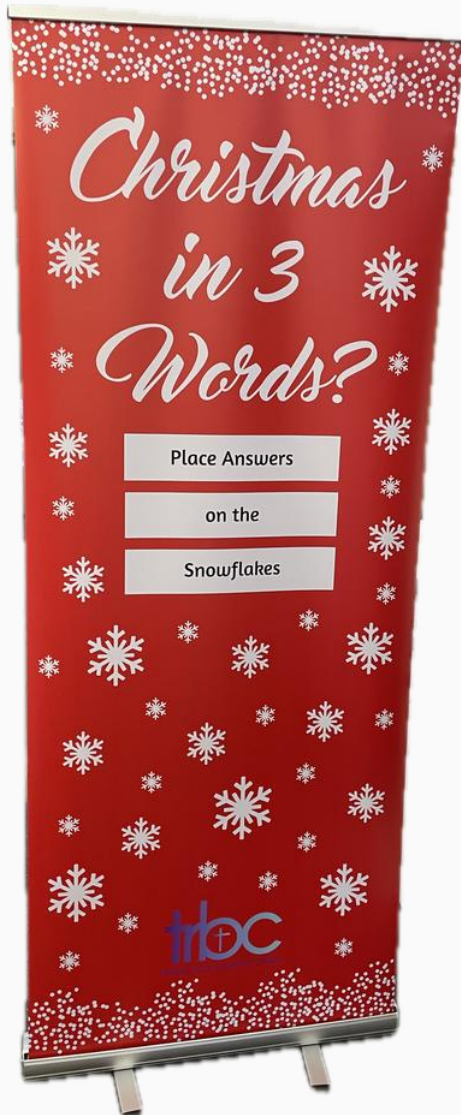
Giving at our Christmas Services

At all our Christmas services, any money given in the offering bowl will go towards the work of Fegan's & Spurgeon's Children Charity.

You can find out more by visiting their website.

If you wish to give to the church or anything else, please put the money in an envelope at the information table and write on it where it should go.

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Christmas Street Evangelism

In December, Jon will be taking this banner to various places along with chocolates, tracts called 'Christmas in Three Words' and invitations to our Christmas services. If you are interested in coming into town with Jon during the week, please speak to him. Alternatively, the church are invited to join Jon in the Carfax on Sunday 14th December 2pm-3pm.

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Trafalgar Community Choir

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

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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Annual leave

Our Pastor, Jon, will be on annual leave from Wednesday 24th December until Thursday 1st January inclusive.

Our Administrator, Faith, will be on annual leave from Wednesday 24th until Friday 26th December inclusive.

Our Housekeeper, Emily, will be on annual leave Monday 22nd and Friday 26th December.

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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.

Please note that Renew will not be running on the 24th and 31st December.

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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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Upcoming Events in 2026

We have a variety of events scheduled for 2026. Put them in your diary now! More information will come out at a later date.

Sunday 18th January – Board games afternoon for all ages, 3pm – 5pm

Sunday 1st March – Horsham Baptist together service

Starting March – Alpha Course

Saturday 21st March – Family film showing 'King of Kings' 3:30pm

Easter Saturday, 4th April – Easter extravaganza

Saturday 13th June – Community Fair TBC

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The Welcome — Cake, Tea and a Chat

This takes place on the third Thursday of each month, with the next on
15th January, 2:30pm until 4:30pm

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 [online here](#), or fill in the paper copy, which is available on the Information Table on Sundays.

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Mission, Vision & Values

Our **Mission** is '**Following Jesus. Serving our Community**'

Our current **Vision**, which we feel we are being called to, is '**To be a God-centred and family-focused community that helps everyone meet Jesus**'

You can read more about our journey toward this vision in our [Vision Booklet](#).

Our **Values** are to be **Welcoming, Caring, Listening & Sharing**

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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.

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.

- Jonathan West was elected as a leader. His term will start on the 1st January 2026.
- Homecalls were recorded of Anne Miller and George Baker, as well as the resignations of Stephen and Pam Wise.
- The upstairs toilet and flooring in the Worship Area have now been fixed. The roof has had a temporary repair. The dripping gutters will be looked at next year.
- The budget for 2026 was approved, with a small deficit.
- Verse for 2026 Isaiah 43v19 "See I am doing a new thing".

The next meeting will be on Sunday 1st February , following the service .

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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:

- [The Sound of Christmas fills Horsham's Carfax](#)
- [Horsham Eco Churches 10 Tips for a Greener Christmas](#)
- [The Oasis Festive Newsletter](#)
- [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026](#)
- [Horsham Refugee Support Group Christmas Appeal](#)
- Salvation Army, Christmas Appeal
- Horsham Matters, Christmas Appeal

Events:

HCT have collated this year's Christmas services and festive events run by our churches and charities into their online "[What's on at Christmas](#)" guide, full of community carolling, Christingles, festive fayres, concerts, Christmas services and much, much more.

- Saturday 10th January 2026: The Way of the Spirit
- Advance notice of HCT events

Prayer of the week: [Connections this Christmas](#)

Employment opportunities:

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

Volunteering Opportunities:

- 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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Partners in Mission Day - Save the date!

An inspirational day conference designed to support and equip God's people for His mission.

Saturday 25th April 2026

10am until 3:30pm

Crawley Baptist Church

Bookings will open in January. More information coming soon on the [SEBA website](#).

The key note speaker will be Roy Crown who previously led Youth for Christ, spearheaded the HOPE initiative and more recently launched "Gospel Entrepreneurs", which focuses on developing people who are inspired, energised and equipped to take a strong Christian lead in business, social justice and ministry.

The day will include missional stories of what God has been doing these past months across SEBA plus a whole new set of seminars for both leaders and church members... it's definitely an event for everyone.

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News from the Association

Each month we receive details from across SEBA, updating us on news from the SEBA Team, from the Sector Ministers and news from the Networks (we are part of the Gatwick Network). Each section is full of news and prayer items. Please click on the links below to find out what they have to share.

[News from the Team](#) - [News from our Sector Ministers](#) - [News from the Networks](#)

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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](#).

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125 Celebrations Weekend

Celebrating 125 years of Holy Trinity Church

Friday 12th December

7:30pm

Horsham Borough Band Christmas Concert

Tickets £15 (children under 12 are free)

Saturday 13th December

10am until 3pm

Christmas Tree Festival

There will be intervals of music, activities for children and refreshments.

Saturday 13th December

5pm until 7pm

Firepit carols

Includes the re-dedication of the Holy Trinity Bell Tower

Mulled wine, hot soup, hot dogs & mince pies

For more information, visit the [Holy Trinity Church website](#).

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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.

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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Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign:
the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,
and will call him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7v14

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