TRAFALGAR ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH Newsflash

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Highlight of the week

Our prayer room is open before the service so people have time for quiet reflection. Plenty of resources are available to help you pray. You can also read the daily prayer and praise points included in this Newsflash every week.



Upcoming Sunday

Gathering information
Pre-service prayer
Mission Giving

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

22nd November 2026

Our time together will be led by our Pastor, Jon White. He will also be speaking on 'Becoming Fully Mature in Christ' from Colossians 4v7-18. We will also hear an update on the work of Open Doors.

7:30pm Worship Night

29th November 2026

Our time together will be led by church member Helen Tilley. Our Pastor, Jon White, will start our new series during Advent. He will be speaking on 'The Zeal of the Lord Almighty' from Isaiah 9v2-7 and Matthew 1v18-23.

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).

Missions Giving

Our next Mission Sunday is on **22nd November**, when we will focus on Open Doors.

All money given at this service, unless marked otherwise, will go toward their work.

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Regular TRBC Events & Meetings

Upcoming Dates for Regular TRBC Events & Meetings

Worship Night - Sunday 22nd November
Revive - Monday 23rd November
Trafalgar Community Choir - Monday 23rd November - 7:15pm
Renew Cafe - Wednesday 25th November
Worship Group - Thursday 26th November - 7:30pm
Friday Youth - Friday 27th November
Board Games afternoon - Saturday 5th December
The Welcome afternoon tea - Thursday 17th December

Revive

Revive is a Bible Study Group for students in years 10-13. They meet weekly (during term time) on Mondays between 7pm and 8:30pm, upstairs in our Prayer Room.

They start with snacks and a catch-up from the week. They talk about where God has been at work and discuss any conversations they've had about faith. Then they go into the Bible and pray together, followed by some social time.

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.

Worship Night

Our next prayer & praise evening will be a worship night on **Sunday 22nd November**.
7:30pm until 8:30pm

Friday Youth

Friday Youth is a youth group that normally meets on the second and fourth Friday nights during term time, from 7:30pm to 9pm for those in secondary school.

On the second Friday, we join with the Revive group for an outing.

On the fourth Friday, we meet in the church building for games and activities.

Our next meeting is on **Friday 27th November.**

If you would like to help with the group, please send the team an email at fridayyouth@trbc.info

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Board Games Afternoon

Join us for a board game or two!

Come on your own, with family or friends

Bring your own game(s) or use one from the games library

1st Saturday of the month
5th December

1pm - 5pm

Snacks and cold drinks available

Pick up a flier from reception or speak to Caroline for more information.

The Welcome — Cake, Tea and a Chat

This takes place on the third Thursday of each month, with the next on
17th December 2:30pm until 4:30pm

All are welcome
No need to book - just turn up
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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Praise & Prayer points for this week…

Mon 23rd: After Pastor Jon's message yesterday on "Becoming fully mature in Christ", take a minute to ask the Lord how that might affect your life & what consequences it might have.
Tue 24th: Ask the Lord to bless everyone who is putting huge effort into the HCT

Christmas events.

Wed 25th: Thank the Lord for the 40 Link to Hope Shoeboxes that were delivered to be sent to Eastern Europe. Pray that each box will be a vivid reminder of God's love to each person who receives one.

Thur 26th: Ask the Lord to bless the lives of many students in these days through the efforts of TeachBeyond.

Fri 27th: Pray that the Salvation Army & other HCT Christmas Appeals will be encouraged through all the help they receive.

Sat 28th: As we come to worship the Lord tomorrow, followed by lunch and our Church Members Meeting, let's pray He will impact all of our lives from the youngest to the oldest!

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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

Saturday 5th December – 11:30am

HCT carol service in the Carfax

Sunday 20th December – 10:30am
Nativity service

Sunday 20th December – 7:30pm
Carol service

Christmas Day – 10am
Family Christmas Day service

Prayer

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

Monday 30th November - Greenway Juniors
Tuesday 1st December - Trafalgar Infants

Outreach

Sunday 6th 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, please leave them in the box in the church kitchen marked 'TRBC Giveaway'.

Carol Singing

Come ready to sing some carols.

Join us on **Monday, 21st December**, @ 7pm as we sing carols at the Dog and Bacon pub

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Upcoming One-off Events



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Family Quiz and Challenges

Trafalgar Community Choir Christmas Concert

Family Quiz and Challenges

Sunday 13th December

4:30pm - 6:30pm

Everyone is welcome to our family quiz and challenges afternoon! Lots of rounds suitable for all ages. Either come along in a team or be joined up with others on the day.

Light snacks and refreshments will be available, along with soft play and toys for young children.

Let us know you're coming by filling in our booking form on our website.

Trafalgar Community Choir presents "**It's a Cracker**". A festive, fun-filled evening of songs, music, cheese and biscuits!

7pm on **Saturday 12th 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 at steveldavies37@icloud.com or 07887 590052

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Mission

BMS Birthday Scheme
Link to Hope Shoeboxes - Thank you!

BMS Birthday Scheme

This scheme lets you make a real, practical difference to world mission. On your birthday, you'll receive a card, and in return, you can 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 birthdays are coming up this week:
21st November - Ray Amey

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.





Link to Hope Shoeboxes - Thank you!

Thank you so much for all the lovely gifts provided this year for the Link to Hope Shoeboxes. David and I were able to deliver 40 boxes to the warehouse in Ferring on Monday 9th November, the most we have ever done. The generous financial contributions we received meant that the £3.00 required to send each box was also entirely covered. You can see from the photo how carefully the boxes were packed and wrapped by members of Renew Café. There is also a photo of the pretty hair slides made by one person who attends on Wednesday mornings, and we had many other beautiful, knitted items donated to include in the boxes.

You did an amazing job this year in sourcing shoeboxes and wrapping paper.

Each box will be a special gift for a family this Christmas and provide a connection which may enable further assistance to be given to those who receive so little. Please pray for those loading the lorry at the beginning of December and its safe journey through customs into Eastern Europe.

We hope to bring you more news about the final destination of the boxes in the New Year.

Thank you for your generosity.

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Emergency Contacts

The leadership team has considered pastoral and emergency response to trauma during church services.

In the event of an incident, a leader or first aider may call the emergency services. The leader(s) present may be asked by ambulance paramedics for the emergency contact(s) of the person involved in the incident. The emergency contact is often a close relative or friend.

We are therefore asking anyone who regularly attends the church to consider providing

emergency contact details for someone who won't be in the building, so we can contact them in the event of an emergency during the church service.

Please read our Privacy Notice regarding how we will handle the information you provide.

We will then need the following details:
Their name, relationship to you, and telephone number (mobile preferred).

If you are comfortable providing your emergency contact details, please send them to the Church Administrator, Faith Aldridge, at administrator@trbc.info, or fill in the card on Sunday and place it in the box on the Information Desk. She will record them securely.

It is entirely your decision whether or not to provide them.

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.

Church Members Meeting on **Sunday 29th November** at 12:45pm (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 contact Faith.

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 Aaron Yonkoski, who will be standing for leadership at this meeting:

TRBC has been a tremendous blessing to our family, and I'm incredibly grateful for the ways God has used this church in our lives.
Over the years, I've had the privilege of serving in several leadership roles, including as a church planter in Canada and as an interim pastor at a Baptist church in New York. In addition to my ministry experience, I currently serve as Finance Director overseeing my organization's work across Europe and leading our UK Finance team.
As we enter this next season, I feel a growing call to serve the Church and to give back from what we have received. Putting myself forward for leadership is simply one way I hope to use the experiences God has given me to serve, support, and bless a church family that has blessed us so greatly.

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**

Prayer Chain

The prayer chain is an email system that informs the church of prayer requests.

If you would like to send a prayer request or become a recipient of these emails, please email prayer@trbc.info.

If you send a prayer request, please do send a follow-up email to update people on the situation or to let them know if you've recognised the prayer being answered in a particular way.

Mick Duplock manages the prayer chain, and he monitors it between 9am-6pm each day.

If you have an urgent prayer request you want sent outside these hours, please contact Jon White 07513 821549 or Kay Chesters.

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

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 in which financial assistance from 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.

Contact us

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.

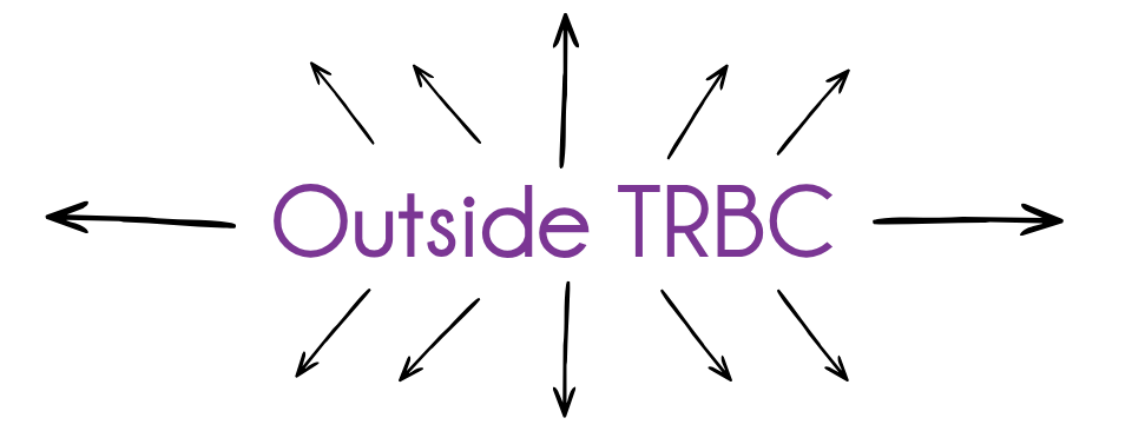
If you have any safeguarding concerns, you can contact Rachel White, our Designated Person for Safeguarding, via email at safeguarding@trbc.info or by contacting our safeguarding leader, Kay Chesters, via email at kay.chesters@trbc.info

If you have any enquiries or want to make any comments about Accessibility in our building or any of the activities which are hosted within it, please either speak directly with our Accessibility Coordinator, Sue Ward, or you can email her at accessibility@trbc.info

He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

Isaiah 40v29

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HCT notices

Each week, we receive notices from Horsham Churches Together. Sign up to receive them straight into your inbox. You can find this week's notices at the link here. This week, they include:

News:

- News from Revd. Michael Hogg at BRBC
- HCT Forum Minutes
- Resources for Racial Justice Sunday 2027
- Turning Tides Christmas Appeal
- Horsham Salvation Army 'Be a Star' - Christmas Appeal

Events:

- Saturday 21st November: 'Kingdom Alignment' event
- Saturday 21st November: Warnham Ukulele Club Singalong
- Saturday 21st November: Fundraising Arts & Craft-ernoon
- Sunday 22nd November: Living Faith Assembly 20th anniversary
- Sunday 22nd November: Tales from the Organ Bench
- Wednesday 25th November: 'Left to their own devices' Care for the Family event - Flash Sale!
- Saturday 28th November: Women Spending Time with God
- Saturday 30th January 2027: Made For You Women's Conference

Christmas 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, festive fairs, concerts, Christmas services and much, much more. Below are some of the events just announced coming up:

- Saturday 28th November: Christmas Fair at All Saints Church
- Monday 30th November: Turning Tides Carol Service at St Mary's
- Thursday 3rd December: Carols Afloat!
- Saturday 5th December: Love Roffey Christmas Fair
- Sunday 6th December: Family Party Sunday

- Sunday 6th December: Advent Taize Service
- Sunday 6th December: Tree of Light Service
- Saturday 19th December: Christmas Carol Service
- Saturday 19th December: Carols at The Sussex Barn Pub
- Saturday 19th December: Carol Service
- Thursday 24th December: Crib Service
- Thursday 24th December: Midnight Communion at St Mark's

Prayer of the week: The Feast of Christ the King

Employment opportunities:

- KICK: Part-time Sports Coach
- Dalesdown: Family and Community Events Coordinator

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.

Eco Tips Calendar 2026 - November

A Rocha UK is a Christian Charity working to protect and restore the natural world and is committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment.

They have produced an Eco Tips Calendar for 2026, featuring fresh ideas each month and helping foster a lasting commitment to a greener lifestyle. Sustainability isn't a one-time effort; it's a continuous journey. Small actions can lead to significant impact. Everyone can contribute, regardless of their lifestyle or schedule.

November's Eco Tip

As winter creeps in, homes are really important. God calls us to give nature a home, too. Does your garden have a bird feeder? Could your balcony or windowsill do with some plant life? If you don’t own the house you could make a case to the homeowner for a bird box, hedgehog highway or whatever. (For a hedgehog highway do make sure the neighbours

are OK with you making a small hole in a shared fence.) Why not gather your housemates, friends and family to discuss how a new recycling, heating or transport arrangement might work for you all - you'll go further together!

For more eco-tips, practical ways to enjoy, nurture and defend nature, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email.

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