

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 Thursday 22nd February.

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

18th February 2024

Church member, Faith Aldridge, will be leading our time together.

Rev Julie Shimizu, local retired minister, will be speaking on Mark 7v24
30, "Jesus' Grace".

25th February 2024

Church member, Hannah Gallard, and our Pastor, Jon White, will be leading our time together. Jon will also be speaking on Mark 10.

Next Week's Sunday Message

Our pastor, Jon White, wanted to let people know that the subject for next week's Sunday message (25th) will be about divorce. It comes as part of our series looking at the person

and purpose of Jesus in Mark's Gospel. This is a subject that touches us all and for some is very close to home. If you would like to talk with Jon ahead of this sermon, please feel free to arrange a conversation by emailing jon.white@trbc.info.

Pictures for New Banner

Do you have a picture of somewhere in the world that is special to you? Jackie Hutchinson is making a new banner for our verse for the year and would like people from the church to contribute by giving her a picture of somewhere in the world that means something to

Can you help Barb move house? And would you like any of her things?!

Barb Loewen, who attends TRBC and works at Teach Beyond, is moving into a flat on the afternoon of Saturday 2nd March and needs help moving some bigger furniture. She will pay in treats (and if you know Barb, then you'll know these are worth more than gold!).

Please do contact her on 07506 861433 if you want to help.

She is also keen to give away some furniture that isn't suitable for the new flat, including two side tables, a glass TV stand, a wardrobe, a double bed and various lamps. If you would be interested please contact her ASAP.



Activities at TRBC this week:

Monday 19th February - 7:15pm until 9pm - Trafalgar Community Choir

Tuesday 20th February - 4:30pm until 6pm - Sixth Form Tuesdays @ TRBC (more details below)

Tuesday 20th February - 7:30pm until 9:30pm - Trustees meeting Wednesday 21st February - 10am until 12pm - Renew Wellbeing Thursday 22nd February - 7:30pm until 9:30pm - Worship Group

Sixth Form Tuesdays @ TRBC

4:30pm until 6pm during term-time

Through some of our church family attending the Collyers Christian Union (CU), we have started up a group where Sixth Form students, who attend the CU, can come to meet, chat, pray and do life together. This is currently being run by Ben Fisher and Pastor Jon.

Please pray for this group as they are just starting up. Pray that they will be able to grow (both in numbers and spiritually) as they spend more time together than they can at college.

If you would be interested in helping in any way, please speak to Pastor Jon.



Prayer room is open!

Meeting Room 2 (blue room) upstairs in the church building has been turned into a prayer room. This is a trial for the space until Easter.

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.



Prayer evening

Our next prayer evening will be 10th March.

There will be NO prayer evening on **Sunday 25th February** due to the HCT All About Heaven evening (further information in the HCT section of the newsflash)

The prayer evenings are on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

The prayer space will be open from 7pm until 8:30pm. There will also be a prayer meeting at 7:45pm.

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.



Plant Sale - Saturday 11th May 2024

We are looking for people to help with our annual plant sale. Could you help in any of the following ways?

- by planting seeds and raising plants (start planting now!)
- helping us on the day with setting up and clearing away
- Refreshments

Please let Kay Chesters know if you can help. There is also a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the hall.

If we don't have the volunteers then the Plant Sale will not be able to go ahead.

The money raised at this year's plant sale will to go towards Tek Ura, run by Dan and Annie Dupree, ex-BMS missionaries previously supported by TRBC.



Seminar

On **Saturday 2nd March from 9:30-12:30pm**, we will be having a seminar addressing the issue of Same Sex Attraction and Christian Marriage. Stuart Parker from 'True Freedom Trust' will be sharing his testimony, giving some Biblical teaching on the subject and spending time thinking about how we can handle this well pastorally and there will be time for Q&A.

This will be a highly valuable seminar as we begin to address this important subject and invite everyone who is part of the church to attend.

If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet available on the table at the back of the church. Or you can <a href="mailto:emailt



Book table

Ray Amey will have his book table on West Street, where Edinburgh Wool Shop used to be, from 10:30am on Wednesday 21st February and Wednesday 20th March.

Anyone is welcome to come along and support Ray as he ministers to the people of Horsham.

Ray Amey's review for February to April 2024 is now available to read here.



Our Vision Statement

At this church, we feel called:

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

Draft Values

Following the January church meeting, our values have been updated and can be viewed here.

There is a display board in the church with further information, and paper copies of the above document that you can take.



Church meeting headlines - Sunday 21st January 2024

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 are covered elsewhere in the newsflash.

- Janet Maurice was thanked, with a gift, following her retirement as housekeeper at the end of 2023. The leaders are still reviewing the housekeeper role, job description and advertising the role.
- Clive Phillips will be continuing in his role as Church Secretary. Jasper Harding was appointed to be the Church Treasurer.
- Applications for membership were brought for Ben Fisher and Sam & Janet
 Piggott, which were unanimously agreed.
- A vision update was given, including some of the ways we are looking to achieve this during the next year (details can be found <u>here</u>).
- Information was given about the upcoming seminar on the 2nd March and reasons why it is happening
- Dan and Annie Dupree are no longer being supported by BMS. The leaders are currently reviewing whether to continue to support them separately.

The next meeting will be on Sunday 17th March at 1:15pm, following the service and lunch. This will include our AGM.



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 link here. This week they include:

News:

- Announcement: New HCT Development Co-Ordinator appointed
- Guarantee our Essentials campaign
- Draft Horsham District Local Plan 2023-2040 Please have your say
- Notice from chair of Horsham Refugee Support Group
- Horsham Eco-churches February Newsletter
- Horsham Debt Advice Service winter update newsletter
- YMCA Downslink latest newsletter
- Bric-a-Brac donations needed by Horsham Matters
- Horsham District Foodbank
- Horsham Community Fridge 2024 Calendar

Events:

- Thursday 22nd February: Free Online Emotional Wellbeing Course
- Saturday 24th February: A Climate Pilgrimage
- Saturday 24th February: Sussex Green Hub
- Saturday 24th February: Prayer for Peace Marking 2 years of war in Ukraine
- Sunday 25th February: "All about Heaven": HCT event with David and Gill Oliver
- Friday 1st March: 2024 World Day of Prayer
- Friday 1st March: Eithne Nightingale
- Saturday 9th March: Sustainable Church Floristry event
- Saturday 30th March: Easter Charity Concert by Dove English Orchestra

Employment opportunities:

Reaching Families 2 positions - Benefits Service Manager and Administrator

Volunteering Opportunities:

Horsham Matters - Trustee

HDAS - 2 additional Trustees



3 Life Issues events

Godalming Baptist Church is hosting 3 events focusing on different life issues. Further details of each event will be included as we get closer to them, but if you would like more information before then, please speak to Faith. For more details on any of the courses, or to make a reservation, please contact: Sally Pollard pollard3@hotmail.co.uk / 01483 428646

Care Companion at End of Life

Saturday 16th March, 10am until 12:30pm (refreshments available from 9:30am)

Led by Daphne Bleach

Would you like to break down the taboos and gain a better understanding of death and dying? Would you like to know more about what might be involved in caring for your loved one when they become dependent upon you through illness or frailty at the end of life, should they choose to die at home?

As a Care Companion, offering help and support to families and those who are dying as they approach end of life, Daphne (a Christian whose nursing career spans over 40 years) will lead an informative, but sensitive talk to help us recognise the changing stages of when someone is deteriorating, to understand more about the process of dying, and to consider how best to care for our loved ones, or their friends and families, at a very precious time of their lives.

NB: The session will be free of charge, with an opportunity to give a voluntary donation to Shooting Stars Children's Hospices

To help with managing numbers please reserve a place, by Friday 8 March

Forgiveness - Saturday 27th April

All the Lonely People - Saturday 22nd June

Passion of Jesus - Trafalgar Square, London

Wintershall are putting on their annual Passion play on Easter Friday (29 March) in Trafalgar Square.

There are performances at 12 noon and 3:15 pm. No tickets are required, the 90-minute performances are completely free of charge - a gift to Londoners and visitors. This event is very popular - please arrive 40 minutes before your chosen performance.

Supported by the Mayor of London, one hundred Wintershall players bring their electric and moving portrayal of the final days of Jesus to this iconic location in the capital. The production is open air with visibility maximised using a large screen. There is a realistic interpretation of the crucifixion so parental guidance is advised. British sign language interpretation is provided.

For those unable to attend in person, the event will be livestreamed via their <u>Facebook</u> <u>page</u>.



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

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4v10









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