

Items highlighted in yellow are new or have been updated

Items for the next edition of the Newsflash can be sent to <u>newsflash@trbc.info</u> by noon on Thursday 2nd May.

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

28th April 2024

Our Pastor, Jon White, will be leading our time together. He will also be speaking on 'Revelatory Gifts of the Spirit' from Proverbs 2v1-6. **7:30pm Prayer & Praise**

5th May 2024

Church member, Steve Strange, will be leading our time together. Our Pastor, Jon White, will be speaking on 'Tongues and Interpretation' from 1 Corinthians 14v1-25.



Activities at TRBC this week:

Monday 29th April - 7:15pm until 9pm - Trafalgar Community Choir Tuesday 30th April - 4:30pm until 6pm - Sixth Form Tuesdays @ TRBC Wednesday 1st May - 10am until 12pm - Renew Wellbeing Thursday 2nd May - 7:30pm until 9:30pm - Worship Group

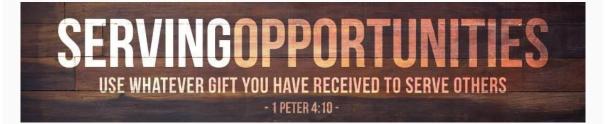


Spiritual Gifts

As part of our series looking at the Holy Spirit, we are exploring spiritual gifts. At our Sunday services during this series, you can pick up paper versions of a 'Spiritual Gifts Test' and a '<u>Talents & Skills Form</u>'. These will help give you an indication of what your main spiritual gifts might be and show you in what context you could best use them.

Alternatively, if you would prefer to do these online, you can visit <u>Free Shape Test</u> which shows a big picture of your spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality and experiences.

While you are free to use these resources just for yourselves, if you were willing to share your answers with our pastor, Jon White, that would be a blessing to get to know you more and explore if there might be ways of using your gifts to build and grow God's kingdom.However please know that sharing your answers does NOT mean you have to sign up to serve in any way - that is <u>entirely</u> up to you!



Serving Opportunities

While all of our activities welcome more help and volunteers, these are specific areas that we currently would greatly value help with:

On Sundays:

Activity Creche Set Up & Take Down Chairs Set Up Children's Group Helpers PA & AV Team	Person to Speak to Jon White Peter Rainier Faith Aldridge Jasper Harding	Contact jon.white@trbc.info peter.rainier@talktalk.net holychatter@msn.com mediateam@trbc.info
During the Week:		
Activity Open/Lock Up for Bookings (mostly on Saturdays, but not all)	Person to Speak to Faith Aldridge	Contact bookings@trbc.info

We are also praying about setting up a weekly Toddler Group ('The Ark') and running an

Alpha Course later this year.

If you might be willing to help in any way with either of these initiatives, please speak to Rachel White about 'The Ark' and Jon White about Alpha.



TRBC Housekeeper

We are seeking a valued member of our team to keep the church building in a clean and tidy state.

Part time post for 10 hours a week.

Main responsibility: cleaning.

Join the TRBC team to provide a welcoming, safe and clean church building.

Cleaning experience.

Ability to communicate effectively, good planning and organisational skills, skill in research and collating information, ability to maintain calmness under pressure.

IT skills including WP, email, Internet searches.

A good standard of education.

Warm and polite telephone manner, able to work in a team, calm manner, reliable and

trustworthy, engendering the trust and confidence of others, a friendly and helpful disposition in welcoming visitors to the church.

Working closely with the Administrator and reporting to the Pastor.

Contact <u>enquiries@trbc.info</u> for an application package.

Closing date for applications: 1st May 2024.

Start date: TBD



Prayer & Praise Evening

Our next prayer & praise evening will be on Sunday 28th April.

7:30pm until 8:30pm

There will be times of praise amongst our time of prayer. The prayer room will also be open.

Prayer evening

Our next prayer evening will be **12th May**.

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

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

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



Postcards are now available for you to invite others to our annual plant sale. There are also a few A4 posters if you wish to advertise in your window.



First Aiders

Are you first aid trained? If you are and might be willing to be a named first aider at the church, please speak to June Duplock.



Prayer room

Meeting Room 2 (blue room) upstairs in the church building has been turned into a prayer room.

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.



'Isn't Everyone Going to Heaven Anyway?'

A Seminar with Rev. Dr. Stephen Finamore, President of Baptists Together

Saturday 8th June at 2pm

At Trafalgar Road Baptist Church

In this seminar, Stephen will be exploring how Christians might respond to questions such as:

- Can't I just live a good life?
- Isn't Christianity all about love?
- Does Jesus' sacrifice mean that everyone is saved?

Drawing on his extensive work on the Apostle Paul and particularly his letter to the Romans, Stephen will unpack this subject, often called 'universalism', in a way that will help us better understand the Good News of Jesus. This seminar will encourage the church in being a people who reach out to those who need to hear the message of Christianity.

There will also be a short interview about how Stephen sees his role as newly-elected President of Baptists Together and time for Q&A about the whole seminar. Stephen will also be preaching at TRBC the following morning.

Stephen Finamore was Principal of Bristol Baptist College for 17 years and is now Principal Emeritus. Steve has been a lawyer, led a community development project in inner London and worked for a rural development project in the Andes of northern Peru. He trained for Ministry and read theology in Oxford, and was pastor of Westbury-on-Trym Baptist Church. He has been elected to serve as President of Baptists Together for 2024– 25. Stephen has written a number of books, and his short commentary on Romans is available free from the <u>Bible Reading Fellowship</u>.

For those in Horsham, he also attended Collyer's College in his late teens!



Book table

Ray Amey will have his book table on West Street, where Edinburgh Wool Shop used to be, from 10:30am on Wednesday 1st May.

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

MEMBERS MEETING

Headlines

Church meeting headlines - Sunday 17th March 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.

 The AGM, held at the beginning of the meeting, included reports on Safeguarding and Health & Safety, the Annual & Financial Reports for 2023, appoint our auditors and the affirming of all church policies, which can be viewed on <u>our website</u>.

- BMS update The leaders are currently looking at names of people we can support through BMS.
- Finance update Our standing orders have increased but church hire is still below the pandemic level. There was also a discussion regarding reinstating the offering bags during the service.
- Kevin and Betty Cleminson were voted into church membership.
- Feedback was given from the True Freedom Trust Seminar.
- 3 new missions were brought to the members Hope Now, Open Doors, and Good News for Everyone (formerly Gideons). Please fill in this <u>ballot sheet</u> to have your say on which of these missions, if any, we should hear from during a Sunday service. We will need champions for each, if we are to support them.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 19th June at 7:30pm.



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: 2nd May - Peter Rainier

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.



FELLOWSHIP FUND



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 <u>link here</u>. This week they include:

News:

- Stewards needed for the Watoto Choir concert
- Horsham Men in Sheds' Newsletter Spring 2024
- The Bereavement Journey, a place to talk
- Faith Security Training Project
- Bric-a-Brac donations needed by Horsham Matters
- Horsham District Foodbank 10th Anniversary
- Horsham Community Fridge 2024 Calendar

Events:

- Wednesday 8th May: The Heart of Communication with Rob Parsons Speak to Faith about complimentary tickets!
- Friday 10th May: HDAS quiz night
- Tuesday 14th May: "Jesus died to save the planet", online session
- Friday 7th June: Horsham Matters Charity Golf Day
- Saturday 8th June: Oasis quiz night
- 18th 22nd June: The Life of Christ 2024 at Wintershall
- Sunday 30th June: The Winton Bournemouth Salvation Army Band & Timbrels
- Saturday 6th July: Women together conference & Saturday 20th July Men together conference
- Sunday 21st July: HCT Worship & Prayer
- Saturday 14th September: Philippan Hanna 'Stained Glass Stories Tour'

Employment opportunities:

• Horsham Matters Outreach Advisor

Volunteering Opportunities:

- Horsham Matters Trustee & Drivers
- HDAS 2 additional Trustees



Baptist Assembly 2024 17th-19th May

Baptist Assembly 2024 is over Pentecost weekend and will be a wonderful opportunity to be filled afresh with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We will dwell on the words of Acts 2 throughout and prayer will be central. Friends from across the Baptist family will be joining us for what is hoped to be a genuine, contemporary Pentecost for Baptists Together.
Our General Secretary Lynn Green will be our Keynote Speaker who says, 'For me there is an expectation this will be a special and holy space and you won't want to miss out'.

Further information can be found at the <u>Baptist Together website</u>.



Volunteers for Holiday at Home @ Brighton Road Baptist Church

BRBC are looking for volunteers to help with their Holiday at Home on Tuesday 20th, Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd August.

They are looking for help in the following areas:

- Catering Lunch team & Refreshments team (morning and afternoon)
- Cake making prior to event
- Craft activities
- Transport
- Chatting/befriending
- Setting up and Setting down
- Planning HaH2024

For more information, or to volunteer, please email michael.hogg@brbc-horsham.org.uk



Proposal for speed change in Trafalgar area

A Speedwatch team was set up a couple of years ago by residents who were concerned at the frequent accidents in the area. They, along with Trafalgar Neighbourhood Council, are working on a proposal to introduce a 20mph speed limit in the Trafalgar area.

The proposal can only progress if the Neighbourhood Council receives enough feedback from residents. Residents are asked to take a few minutes to read <u>the proposal</u> and email their views to <u>20intrafalgar@gmail.com</u> and to spread the word to other local residents. In the email they should state whether they are a Trafalgar resident or visit the area regularly eg taking children to school, attending church services and events.

12-hour music marathon

9:30am until 9:30pm on Saturday 27th April at Holy Trinity Church, Rushams Road

Non-stop music-making and performances from local musicians and groups including: Borough Band, the West End Theatre Academy, Trafalgar Community Choir, Recorder Ensemble, Organ Recitals, Tideway Folk Group, Chamber Choir, Holy Trinity Playgroup, Toddlers 'Rhyme Time', Songs of Praise, Solo instrumentalists and Vocalists, and Compline.

You can view the running order here.

Free entry - drop in at any time Refreshments for sale Tombola Donations welcome on the day raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support and Holy Trinity Church.



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 <u>leaders@trbc.info</u> 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

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding

Proverbs 3v5



Copyright © 2024 Trafalgar Road Baptist Church, All rights reserved.

Our mailing address is:

Trafalgar Road Baptist Church Trafalgar Road Horsham, West Sussex RH12 2QL United Kingdom

