

EFFRA ROAD CHAPEL, BRIXTON

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APRIL

Sun 03 10:30	Communion & Foodbank Collection	Minister
Mo 02 12:30	Luncheon Club	Minister
Sun 10 10:30	Visiting Preacher	Wade M-K
Mo 11 12:30	Luncheon Club £5pp	Minister
Sun 17 10:30	Minister	Julian
Mo 18 12:30	Luncheon Club	Sue
Sun 24 10:30	Minister	Julian
Mo 25 12:30	Luncheon Club	Julian

MAY

Sun 01 10:30	Communion & Foodbank Collection	Minister
Mo 02 12:30	Luncheon Club	Minister
Sun 08 10:30	Minister	Julian
Mo 09 12:30	Luncheon Club	Julian
Sun 15 10:30	Pentecost	Julian
Sun 22 10:30	Minister	Julian
11:45	Potential Site Redevelopment Presentation, Panter Hudspith	Simon H Inge
Sun 29 10:30	Visiting Preacher	TBA

JUNE

Sun 05 10:30	Communion & Foodbank Collection	Minister
Sun 12 10:30	177th Anniversary Service & AGM	Julian
Sun 19 10:30	Father's Day	TBA
Sun 26 10:30	Minister	Julian

JULY

Sun 03 10:30	Communion & Foodbank Collection	Minister
Sun 10 10:30	Visiting Preacher	Wade M-K
Sun 17 10:30	Minister	Julia
Sun 24 10:30	Minister	Julian
Sun 31 10:30	Visiting Preacher	TBA

AUGUST

Sun 07 10:30	Communion & Foodbank Collection	Minister
Sun 14 09:00	Hastings Trip Departs Young Vic	Waterloo
09.30	Hastings Trip Departs Chapel £15 per seat (See Sue ASAP)	Brixton Julian
10:30	Service at trinitychapelbrixton.org.uk St Matthew's Road, SW2 1NE	Rev Dr Alan Argent -
Sun 21 10:30	Minister	Julian
Sun 28 10:30	Visiting Preacher	TBA

NEWS

Bruce and Joan have announced their big day, which will be on 23rd July. The service will be held at the bride's home church, namely Quex Road Methodist Church, and Julian will deliver the address. We send them our very best wishes and prayers for a lovely day and life together. Welcomed into membership of the Chapel at the AGM were **John Bradford** and Richard **Bennett**. Congratulations to them both, and to John on joining the Board of Trustees and Richard on joining the **Trustees' Potential Redevelopment Advisory Group (TPRAG)**. John is a carer and comes from a Buddhist and meditational background, and Richard is a Solicitor with an interest in spirituality, social justice and music. Other members of Chapel elected to TPRAG were Andrew (Constructor), Julian (Barrister), Sue (Administrator and Bookkeeper) and Inge (Architect). The rest of TPRAG is made-up of the following friends of the Chapel: Gabbi Snook (Hamptons), Jackie Gregg (Grapevine Letting), Alex Gordon (Oxford University) and Brad Appleton-Smith (Commercial Artist). Developments to-date have been advised in confidence to the Trustees and TPRAG, and we have special reason to be thankful to both **Alex and Inge** already. Indeed, Inge and a partner in the leading practice she works for will be making a **potential redevelopment presentation** to us on 22nd May; which is an even more important date for your diary than our **177th Anniversary Service and AGM** on 12th June. On Easter Sunday we said **goodbye to Chris** as our Musical Director after 5 years' excellent service with a long lunch for 20 at The Ship, Kennington. Chris was presented with a cheque from the Chapel, and Chris presented the Chapel with a wooden wall mounting depicting a colourful Communion scene which now hangs from the pulpit. This has been a tough time for **Andrew**. On returning from Sri Lanka with Julian, he developed malaria-like symptoms; and having received treatment for that unknown disease, ultrasound suggests there may still be problems with his lymphatic system, and such as to require a biopsy at the lymphoma clinic next week. We send Andrew all

our love and pray for his full recovery. **Sam and Holly** have not had an easy time of it either, what with the sudden death of a young friend and Sam's mum's terminal cancer. Thankfully they are living in their own place again, however; and we trust that will help them at this difficult time. We hope as many of us as possible will be able to spend a day together on the trip to **Hastings**. The idea is to have a nice walk before settling-down to a late lunch in a decent pub to catch-up and unwind with each other. So get looking on Trip Advisor for a suitable venue. These times are precious! Finally, many thanks to Richard and friends and Chris for the quite fantastic and massively successful **Bowie Memorial Service** held during the Sunday service on 28th February. The Brixton lad was given a spectacular send-off thanks to Chris and Brad on publicity; Holly on Eventbrite ticketing; Richard and friends and Chris on music; Julian, Sam, Inge and Holly on readings; Julian, Andrew and Sue on drinks and nibbles; Stephen, Sue and Pauline on the door. **Brad's well-received posters** now on our website can be obtained from Sue at £10 each; £13 inc postage and packing. Thanks also to Chris for upgrading the premises' security and to Pauline for extra vigilance at the door in the aftermath of the **Paris terrorist attacks**. And so to the long-awaited **Summer and the Great Outdoors!**

THE CHAPEL & UNITARIANISM

Today the Chapel houses **London's most central Unitarian congregation**. The first chapel which stood on this site was opened in 1839 to provide a place of worship for South London's religious liberals and freethinkers. We are still **rooted in the forward-looking radical Judaeo-Christian and Humanist tradition** and share our predecessors interest in world religions, spirituality, mysticism, music, the arts and sciences, and **what life has to teach us next**. Our worship endeavours to be simple, reflective, inspiring and comforting and with each others' help **we try to be worthwhile and loving human beings who are good to know and indeed a blessing**. Naturally, **social action has always been an important part of our witness**. If this interests you, give us a try; it's free, and who knows how much you might gain! **The Chapel pecializes in providing professional occasional services for the non-religious**, nominally religious, broadly spiritual or those with a multi-faith approach to religion or in a mixed-religious pairing. **Unitarians are the leaders in the conduct of child namings and arrangements can be made for every sort of wedding**.

Further information can be obtained from the Minister and from Unitarian Headquarters: www.unitarian.org.uk

