



Effra Road Chapel

Brixton

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Newsletter – May to August 2015

MAY

Sun	03 10:30	Foodbank Coll'n & Guest Preacher	Terri Quaye
Sun	10 10:30	COMMUNION	Julian
	13:30	Lunch Club, Bistro 2, Soho. £14.00 pp	Julian etc
	-	Sue: admin@brixtonunitarians.org	-
Sat	16 09.00	Ramble: Liverpool St - Wrabness –	-
	-	Manningtree, Essex	Julian etc
	-	Sue: admin@brixtonunitarians.org	-
Sun	17 10:30	Minister	Julian
	13:00	Kennington Fete	Julian etc
	-	Sue: admin@brixtonunitarians.org	-
Sun	24 10:30	PENTECOST	Julian
Sun	31 10:30	Trinity / Unity Sunday	Julian

JUNE

Sun	07 10:30	COMMUNION & Foodbank Coll'n	Julian
	13:30	Lunch Club, Bistro 2, Soho. £14 pp	Julian etc
	-	Sue: admin@brixtonunitarians.org	-
Sat	13 09.30	Ramble: Marylebone - Little Kimble,	-
	-	Bucks	Julian etc
Sun	14 10:30	Minister	Julian
Sun	21 10:30	Minister	Julian
Sun	28 10:30	Minister	Julian

JULY

Thu	02 17.30	Minister's Garden Party, Lincoln's Inn	Julian etc
	-	£50pp in aid of Chapel. See Sue above	-
Sun	05 10:30	COMMUNION & Food Bank Coll'n	Julian
Sun	12 10:30	Minister	Julian
	13:30	Lunch Club, Bistro 2, Soho. £14pp	Julian etc
	-	Sue: admin@brixtonunitarians.org	-
Sun	19 10:30	Minister	Julian
Sun	26 10:30	Minister	Julian

AUGUST

Sun	02 10:30	COMM'N & FOOD BANK COLL'N	Julian
	11:50	AGM, Elections & Trustee Meeting	-
Sun	09 10:30	Minister	Julian
Sun	16 10:30	Minister	Julian

Sun	23 10:30	Service at Trinity Cong'l Church	Dr A Argent
	-	St Matthew's Road, SW2 1NF	-
	-	Brighton Coach Trip £15pp	Julian etc
	-	Incorporating Lunch Club £14pp	-
	-	Optional (restaurant to be confirmed)	-
	-	Sue: admin@brixtonunirarians.org	-
	09:00	Pick-up, Young Vic, Waterloo, SE1 8LZ	-
	09:30	Pick-up, Chapel, Brixton, SW2 1BX	-
Sun	30 1030	Minister	Julian

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SOME OF OUR OTHER WORK!

- * Meeting with double-glazing surveyor
- * Installation of double-glazing at 63b
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- * Electrical work at 63b
- * Fixing the leak in the hall roof
- * Patch redecorating of hall
- * Relocation of icons from vestry to hall and utility areas
- * Professional polishing Chapel and hall floors
- * Chemical cleaning of vinyl floors and re-glossing
- * Deep cleaning of premises
- * Window cleaning
- * Replacing broken glass in the Chapel
- * New Chapel website
- * JustPark Membership
- * Meeting with developers of Fitch Court
- * Organising church trip to Brighton
- * Liasing with Bistro 2 Soho (lunch club)
- * Finding lunch club restaurant in Brighton
- * Liasing with Morley Ramblers
- * David Medhurst's appointment as Hon Gardener - thanks David
- * Organising the Minister's Charity Garden Party (in aid of the Chapel)
- * Hosting the Easter Day Charity Lunch (in aid of the Chapel)
- * Further development of hall letting programme, including major booking by Pinnacle People job club
- * Preparation of accounts, for elections etc for AGM
- * Preparing for Paul and Meriona's wedding at Dalhousie Castle, Scotland
- * Organising cover for Julian

- * Working with Chris on new music
- * Sorting-out use of hall as polling station
- * Administration of Food Bank - Sam
- * Dealing with HMRCE viz PAYE
- * Dealing with Fidelity Investments & HMRCE viz significant tax re-claim
- * Membership, envelope scheme and Gift Aid
- * Newsletter
- * Leading Brantwood Retreat, Lake District, June
- * Working with Chris on music for Pentecost
- * Group trip to Northern Cyprus and Turkey in November
- * Working on Rogue's Gallery of Former Ministers with HMC, Oxon

NEWS & VIEWS

It's been a busy time for Andrew, Sue and I on the administration front as one can see from *Some of Our Other Work!* This is taken from our recent to do list and it's typical of what we have to do each Spring and early Summer. Let us have anything else you can think of ASAP. As every year, we're anxious for administration to take a back-seat for the rest of the year so we can all focus on the true business of the Chapel: worship, fellowship and outreach. This is certainly my focus for the next four months, when I will lead all but one service, God willing; and when I will take-up by duties as a family law case assessor for the Bar Pro Bono Unit. My thanks once again to Terri for taking our first service in this period. Terri has now bought a new house and I send her our good wishes. May it prove a restful, peaceful and inspiring place for Terri. Our own-grown preacher Holly leaves us shortly for support work in Malawi for several months. She will be saying goodbye for now with a cake sale in aid of her charity on one Sunday after worship. The helicopters have been hovering over my place all day this election day and will continue until a new government is settled-in. The sound produces a particular uneasiness amongst all of those who work and or live in Zone 1. It's like there is something particularly hanging over us ... I continue this a day later with the outcome now certain. For many this will be a relief. For others a disappointment. For those MPs and their supporters who've worked well locally but been swept away by national issues, I have a particular sympathy. My thoughts and prayers are especially with the Liberal Democrats who put the nation before party when they joined and sustained the last government in coalition with the Conservatives. Indeed, I shall be writing to Simon Hughes, formerly MP for Old Brompton, later today to thank him for his years' of effective service in South London. I join Ed Milliband in congratulating David Cameron on his remarkable victory and pray he will keep to his word to work for One Nation in the coming years. Amen.