

## EFFRA ROAD CHAPEL, BRIXTON

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*Spiritual Home to Brixton's Freethinkers Since 1839*

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Effra Road Chapel Community Hall

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Brixton Legal Centre

[www.brixtonlegalcentre.com](http://www.brixtonlegalcentre.com)

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Chapel Close Residential Accommodation

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## BRIXTON UNITARIANS' NEWSLETTER

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### JANUARY

09 10:30	<b>Mindful Hello 2022 Service</b>	Minister
16 10:30	Sunday Service	Minister
23 10:30	District Minister	Rev Jim Corrigan
30 10:30	Communion Service & <u>Foodbank Collection</u>	Minister

### FEBRUARY

06 10:30	Mindful Service	Minister
13 10:30	Valentine's Day Eve Service	Minister
20 10:30	Sunday Service	Minister
27.10:30	Communion Service & <u>Foodbank Collection</u>	Minister

### MARCH

06 10:30	Mindful Beginning of Lent Service	Minister
13 10:30	Sunday Service	Minister
20 10;30	<b>183<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Service</b>	Minister
-	New Members Welcomed & Short AGM	-
27.10:30	Mothering / Our Special Womenfolk Sunday	-
-	Communion Service & <u>Foodbank Collection</u>	Minister

### APRIL

03 10:30	Mindful Service	Minister
10 10:30	Palm Sunday	Rev Jim Corrigan
17 10:30	<b>Easter Sunday with Soprano</b>	Minister
-	South Bank Walk & Lunch ( <i>Cote</i> ) Trip	-
-	£20pp (£0 Unwaged)	-
-	<b>1 x guest each welcome</b>	-

- Book ASAP via: [minister@brixtonunitarians.org](mailto:minister@brixtonunitarians.org) -
- 24 10:30 Congregational Service & Foodbank Collection -
- Minister Away, Sheffield, Underbank -

#### OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN 2022 / 2023

- 05.06.22 Pentecost / Whitsuntide / Holy Spirit Sunday
- 12.06.22 Trinity / Unity Sunday
- 19.06.22 Father's Day / Our Special Menfolk Sunday
- 05.09.22 Minister Departs Overseas
- 11.09.22 Rev Jim Corrigan
- 17.09.22 Minister Returns from Overseas
- 25.09.22 Harvest Festival, Bucks Fizz & Bagels
- 13.11.22 Full Remembrance: Loved Ones Departed
- Those Lost in Conflict
- 27.11.22 West End Walk & Lunch (*Prix Fixe, Soho*) Trip
- including Regent's Street Xmas Lights
- £20pp (£0 Unwaged)
- **1 x guest each welcome**
- 11.12.22 Carols Service with Soprano (12 Noon) & Festive Buffet Lunch
- Bring 2 x guests each!**
- 18.12.22 Goodbye 2022 Service
- 25.12.22 Midwinter Brief Closure
- 01.01.23 Midwinter Brief Closure
- 08.01.23 Welcome 2023 Mindful Service

#### GUIDANCE ON ITEMS FOR FOODBANK COLLECTION

To the right of this page:

<https://norwoodbrixton.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

#### MINISTER'S LETTER

We said a firm goodbye to 2021 at our Carols Service and our Goodbye 2021 Service. We further entered into 2022 together at our recent Mindful Hello 2022 Service. The tree and most of the decorations had been carefully taken down on Twelfth Night, leaving just the nativity set and the Advent candle crown. Jesus was put in his crib (we last met on 18th December), the four Advent candles were extinguished, and the central and high fifth candle representing the Light of the World was lit. May the Light of the World illumine our way through the days ahead and help show us our shadows in Lent, before flickering out in the daylight of Easter in which greater light we can lose ourselves until repeating the cycle again next Advent. Such is the Western spiritual year in which we have our roots and being. Covid-19 will continue to haunt us physically and mentally through 2022, but even the most responsible people are now getting on with life again, taking such care as they can, and it appears this spirit has caught hold of us at Chapel. Richard spoke for all of us on Sunday when he said he was done with Covid-19. None of our regulars present wished to add anything to that. We had candles instead from two visitors living in Lewisham, one from Canada and the USA, the other from Latvia, who introduced themselves and thanked us for the service. It was lovely to be so appreciated and a reminder that one of the things we all need to do in 2022 is to show more appreciation for all those who support us. Andrew had taken down all the Christmas decorations alone on Saturday and put the heating on low for Sunday. When we arrived on Sunday, the Chapel was nicely warm and Stephen and Jason were busy getting things ready for the Service. Just before the service, Richard arrived with timber to create replacement skirting for the hall after the service. He was working on that as we left. As I write, Sue is working on our financial and other administration from Bexhill on Sea, and David will no doubt be giving some thought as to his next trip to Brixton to tidy up our grounds. Thus despite our small numbers we have a chapel all our own which truly serves the wider community. I am most proud of you all and look forward to our adventure together in 2022; the 30th year Andrew and I have been with you!