**EFFRA ROAD CHAPEL, BRIXTON**

[www.brixtonunitarians.org](http://www.brixtonunitarians.org)

*Founded 1839*

*Honorary Minister:*

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*Chairman:* Andrew Leonard

*Warden:* Stephen Cowley

[*Distinguished Gardener*: David Medhurst (Late Inner Temple)]

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John Bradford (Meditation & Mindfulness Consultant)

Edwin Lerner (Local Affairs & History)

Cynthia McPherson (Local Mother & Grandmother)

*Incorporating & Providing:*

**Effra Road Chapel Community Hall**

[www.brixtonunitarians.org](http://www.brixtonunitarians.org)

**Brixton Legal Centre**

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

**Brixton Counselling**

[www.brixtoncounselling.org](http://www.brixtoncounselling.org)

**Unity Child Contact Centre**

[www.brixtonunitarians.org](http://www.brixtonunitarians.org)

**The Chapel Close (Residential Accommodation)**

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

**Community Carparking SW2 1BZ**

[www.yourparkingspace.com](http://www.youngparkingspace.com) [www.justpark.com](http://www.justpark.com)

*Churches Together in Brixton. Lambeth Faiths Forum*

*Unitarian Christian Association. General Assembly of Unitarian & Free Christian Churches*

**BRIXTON UNITARIANS’ NEWSLETTER**

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**Summer 2019: *All Welcome!***

**JUNE**

Sun 02 10:30 HUMANISTIC MINDFULNESS SERVICE Minister

 Monthly Foodbank Collection

 *Brunch Club* Walk / Ride & Pub Lunch \* From Next Month

Sun 09 10:30 PENTECOST with COMMUNION Minister

Sun 16 10:30 TRINITY Marking FATHER’S DAY Rev P Timperley

Sun 23 10:30 1st Sunday after Trinity Minister

Sun 30 10:30 2nd Sunday after Trinity Minister

**JULY**

Sun 07 10:30 3rd Sunday after Trinity Rev J Corrigall

Sun 14 10:30 HUMANISTIC MINDFULNESS SERVICE Minister

 Monthly Foodbank Collection

 *Brunch Club* Short Walk & Pub Lunch\*

Sun 21 10:30 With COMMUNION Minister

Sun 28 10:30 6th Sunday after Trinity Minister

**AUGUST**

Sun 04 10:30 HUMANISTIC MINDFULNESS SERVICE Minister

 Monthly Foodbank Collection

Sun 11 10:30 DAY TRIP TO HASTINGS£10pp\*\* No Service

 Service at Trinity Chapel, SW2 1NF All Welcome

Sun 18 10:30 9th Sunday after Trinity Minister

Sun 25 10:30 180th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE & AGM Minister

*Brunch Club* Short Walk & Pub Lunch\*

\* At the Black Prince, Kennington. Free (including first drink), but £10+ pp if you can afford it. Booking required via Minister Julian: julianrs68@btinternet.com

\*\* Booking required via Minister as above.

**OTHER KNOWN DATES FOR OUR DIARIES IN 2019**

01.06.19 Waterloo Seniors’ Day Out to Rochester AM & PM

02.06.19 Garden Centre Trip & Lunch with David PM

Sam Holdsworth’s 30th Birthday Party PM

08.06.19 Christian & Sorcha’s Engagement Party PM

16.06.19 Rev Patrick Timperley 10:30 Minister leads retreat at Brantwood Back 17.06.19

25.06.19 Silver Crest Seniors’ Health Screenings PM

07.07.19 Rev Jim Corrigall 10:30

27.07.19 Dr Tony Cross’s Birthday Party, Oxford PM

25.08.19 Minister at Underbank, Sheffield AM

 J & A at lunch with Rev Maud Robinson PM

08.09.19 Rev Patrick Timperley 10:30

15.09.19 Bruce Bebington 10:30

29.09.19 Minister at Fulwood, Sheffield AM

01.10.19 Had Your Flu Jab Yet? N/A

24.10.19 District Pastoral Leaders’ Group AM / PM

10.11.19 Full Remembrance Service 10:30

 All Saints, All Souls & War Dead With Soprano

24.11.19 Bruce Bebington 10:30

 Minister at Upper Chapel, Sheffield AM & PM

01.12.19 Minister also at Watford Fellowship PM

22.12.19 CAROLS SERVICE & XMAS PARTY 18:30

 With Soprano & Live Entertainment

29.12.19 Bruce Bebington 10:30

**MINISTER’S LETTER**

The **Spring Quarter** was quietly eventful. **Lent** concluded with the traditional Maundy Thursday Communion and Agape Meal. Thanks to Andrew for his generous and first-rate hospitality. My beloved and I celebrated 30 years together with a lovely **low-key party** at the *King’s Arms* in our Waterloo Preservation Area. Thanks to all those who could make it at such short notice, to Jodie for providing and decorating the beautiful Roupell Room, to Paul Snook for the Metheusalem of Taittinger Champagne, to Alex Gordon for the delicious food from Kanchana’s Kitchen, and to all who gave presents. I had a lovely day off all duties on my **55th birthday**, Andrew and I dusting down the old Rover and taking **Chloe** (now 9!) to the Blue Anchor area of Bermondsey for a very-likey old-fashioned *Wimpey* with all the extras. And so to losing weight and getting fit again; I’ve had a good run and I’d better not push it! **John** has finally moved-in to his own flat, and is much enjoying it and his new found love for his birthplace, Tooting. **Cynthia** has some more health challenges, sadly, but is close to and well-supported by Tracey and her other daughters, her granddaughter Mia continues to delight her, and there’s plenty of life left in her yet, as her unique smile and twinkle of the eye reveal. **Andrew’s** back and sciatica are causing him agony, but like Cynthia he soldiers on remarkably and he’s being looked after. **Chris** is due to leave us again sadly, hoping to have a break from London and even move to France. We’ll no-doubt see and hear him from time to time whatever the future holds for him. Both **Stephen** and **Inge** were in Canada seeing folks recently, with Inge also spending time in Chile with her partner Enrique. Our ***Midweek Mindfulness***, which proved more popular with members and friends than the general public, moves experimentally and hopefully on a permanent basis to our first Sunday service slot. It will include a relatively lengthy mindful meditation, with a couple of appropriate readings and fine pieces of music taken from a variety of sources. A great way to start the month for us all. Amen to that.

**EFFRA ROAD CHAPEL & UNITARIANISM**

Today the Chapel houses **London’s most central Unitarian congregation.** Our first chapel on this site was opened in 1839 to provide **a place of worship and fellowship for South London’s religious liberals and freethinkers.** We are still rooted in the living and forward-looking radical Judeo-Christian and Humanist traditions and also share our forbears interest in world religions, mysticism, spirituality generally, the arts and sciences, scholarship, and what life has to teach us next. **Our worship is inclusive and outward looking.** We cherish all persons and ask them to join us in our quest to enhance humility, the appreciation that one has much more to learn than to teach, and a gratitude to and love for something within, between and over and around us which gives comfort, reassurance, inspiration and true fullness of life, and which has traditionally been called ‘God’. **We also offer professionally conducted Christenings, Namings, Weddings and Funerals for *all* in the community**, which can be multi-faith or humanistic rather than Christian where appropriate. W**e have a history of which to be a little proud.** Before state education was introduced, we ran an elementary school for many years; we were behind the forming of what are now Churches Together in Brixton and Faiths Together in Brixton; and, more recently with the Effra Trust, we were pioneers in the provision of care in the community for ex-offenders with learning difficulties. Famous members have included a former Lord Chief Justice of Australia, the Mappin and Webb silversmithing families, and our major initial benefactor, Elnahan Bicknell, merchant, patron of the arts and of Turner especially, and neighbour and friend of the Ruskins in Denmark Hill.