

EFFRA ROAD CHAPEL, BRIXTON

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

Founded 1839

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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)

**Gardening & Grounds:** David Medhurst

**Community Carparking SW2 1BZ**

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

BRIXTON UNITARIANS' NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER 2019 – JANUARY 2020

SEPTEMBER

Sun 01	10:30	Humanistic Mindfulness Service <i>Monthly Foodbank Collection</i>	Minister
Sun 08	10:30	Rev Patrick Timperley	Visiting Minister
Sun 15	10:30	Member Led Service	Bruce Bebington
Sun 22	10:30	Traditional Unitarian Service	Julian Smith
Sun 29	10:30	<b>Trinity Congregational Church</b> St Matthew's Road, SW2 1NF <a href="http://www.trinitychapelbrixton.org.uk">www.trinitychapelbrixton.org.uk</a>	Rev Dr Alan Argent Old School Service in Georgian Chapel

OCTOBER

Sun 06	10:30	Humanistic Mindfulness Service <i>Monthly Foodbank Collection</i>	Minister
Sun 13	10:30	<b>Harvest Festival Service &amp; Communion</b>	Minister
	11:30	<i>Harvest Brunch with Bucks Fizz / Juice</i>	<i>Andrew Leonard</i>
Sun 20	10:30	Traditional Unitarian Service	Minister
Sun 27	10:30	Traditional Unitarian Service <i>BST ends; clocks back 1 hour (2am)</i>	Minister

NOVEMBER

Sun 03	10:30	Humanistic Mindfulness Service <i>Monthly Foodbank Collection</i>	Minister
Sun 10	10:30	<b>Full Remembrance Service</b>	Minister
Sun 17	10:30	Traditional Service & Communion	Minister
Sun 24	10:30	Distinguished Unitarian Lay Preacher	Alan Ruston

DECEMBER

Sun 01	10:30	HUMANISTIC MINDFULNESS SERVICE <i>Monthly Foodbank Collection</i>	Minister
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*Churches Together in Brixton. Lambeth Faiths Forum*

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

Sun 08	10:30	Advent Service & Communion	Minister
Sun 15	10:30	Traditional Unitarian Service <b>Short Walk &amp; Festive Lunch*</b>	Minister <i>Wrap Up!</i>
Sun 22	18:30	<b>Carols Service &amp; Christmas Party</b> <i>Please bring family &amp; friends</i>	Minister
Wed 25	10:30	<b>Christmas Day Service</b> <i>Please bring family &amp; friends, &amp; stay for a glass of port &amp; a hot minced pie!</i>	Minister
Sun 29	10:30	<b>Thanks &amp; Goodbye 2019 Service</b>	Minister

## JANUARY 2020

Sun 05	10:30	<b>Hello &amp; Welcome 2020 Service</b>	Minister
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*For details of further events, await January's newsletter out in December 2019.*

\* Free, but £10+ pp if you can afford it. Booking required via Minister Julian:  
[julians68@btinternet.com](mailto:julians68@btinternet.com)

## OTHER KNOWN DATES FOR OUR DIARIES IN 2019

29.09.19	Minister at Fulwood, Sheffield	AM
01.10.19	Had Your Flu Jab Yet?	-
	Minister at Upper Chapel, Sheffield	AM & PM
01.12.19	Minister also at Watford Fellowship	PM

## MINISTER'S LETTER

We had some lovely days this summer, but barring an Indian Summer it seems **that's it for hot days this year** and the **spiders**, who know a thing or two, are heading indoors to avoid the storms to come. They're pretty small and harmless in this country and do a lot of good in the better weather catching and eating mosquitoes and clothes moths etc, so make room where you can, and if you can't move them on being careful not to harm them and any young they may be carrying. **The Chapel is gearing-up for Winter too.** Andrew and I will be on the Hall roof tacking down loose and replacement tarpaulin (pending the new roof), and Sue has a contractor in to begin our re-roofing starting with the Chapel porch, so we can get its

light fixed the better to provide shelter on wet days and illuminate the carpark in the dark months. After several years of excellent service, our Organist / Pianist Chris Dann sadly left us as planned at the end of July to try his hand at life in France, to whom we send all our best wishes; but as of 1<sup>st</sup> September we are joined by **Lydia Lallement** who replaces Chris in that role: *welcome Lydia!* Most of us are doing reasonably fine health-wise, but **Hilda** has had a few unscheduled stays in the hospital which we pray will not be necessary again. We have had some **poignant and joyful times** together as usual and we continue to welcome **visitors** and to be enriched by their story and experience. And so to Harvest, Full Remembrance (War dead; All Saints; and All Souls), Advent, Christmas and another blessed New Year!

## 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. **We 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, members of the Martineau family, and our major benefactor, Elnahan Bicknell, merchant, patron of the arts and of Turner especially, and neighbour and friend of the Ruskins in Denmark Hill.

