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# BRIXTON UNITARIAN CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

MAY – AUGUST 2022

### MAY

01 10:30	Communion Service	Minister
08 10:30	Mindful Service	Minister
15 10:30	Sunday Service	Minister
22 10:30	Sunday Service	Minister
29 10:30	Foodbank Collection Service	Minister

### JUNE

05 10:30	Pentecost Communion Service	Minister
- 12:00	<b>Queen's Platinum Jubilee BBQ Brunch</b>	-
12 10:30	Trinity/Unity Mindful Service	Minister
19 10:30	<b>Fathers &amp; Special Menfolk Day</b>	Minister
26 10:30	Foodbank Collection Service	Minister

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## MONTHLY SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES

Having a proud history of featuring some of London's best musicians in our special services, we look forward to launching our monthly Sunday Concert Series with our first concert on 25th September 2022 at 12pm. Tickets are £8 for adults, and £4 for concessions. Doors open to public at 11:45am.

For more information, please visit our website and social media accounts.

## OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN 2022/23

5 September 2022	Minister Departs Overseas
11 September 2022	Minister Away – Visiting Minister TBC
17 September 2022	Minister Returns from Overseas
25 September 2022	<b>Harvest Festival with Visiting Musician &amp; BBQ</b> & Sunday Concert Series
23 October 2022	Sunday Concert Series
30 October 2022	Minister at Sheffield Underbank
13 November 2022	<b>Full Remembrance:</b> Loved Ones Departed Those Lost in Conflict
20 November 2022	Sunday Concert Series
27 November 2022	<b>Advent Sunday Service with Visiting Musician</b> <b>West End Walk &amp; Lunch</b> (Prix Fixe, Soho) Including Regent's Street Xmas Lights £20pp (£0 unwaged)
4 December 2022	Sunday Concert Series
11 December 2022	<b>Carols Service</b> with Vocal Quartet (12 Noon) & Festive Buffet Lunch Bring 2x guests each!
18 December 2022	Goodbye 2022 Service
25 December 2022	Midwinter Brief Closure
1 January 2023	Midwinter Brief Closure
29 January 2023	Sunday Concert Series

## GUIDANCE ON ITEMS FOR FOODBANK COLLECTION

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

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## MINISTER'S LETTER



BY JULIAN SMITH, HONORARY MINISTER

As I write, we have the electrician in at the chapel, sorting out old wiring and installing new sockets and light fittings. A few weeks ago, it was the plumber. It's good to be in a position to get these things done. A great help has been our carparking revenue and I've enjoyed having an opportunity to tell some of our carparking customers what we've been doing with their money and to thank them. In the course of our conversations, I've learned why they are with us. There are a lot of tradesmen working in the area midweek. Weekends its usually tourists to Brixton and those attending events at the O<sub>2</sub>. They all have their stories and I have received a lovely postcard from a gallery manager in Barnsley who particularly appreciated our location and welcome to Brixton. I'm also getting to know some of our regular users who, I trust, are beginning to feel somewhat part of the place like our hall users. Even more satisfying, of course, has been a steady trickle of Chapel visitors post Covid-19 lockdown when we have been somewhat weak in numbers, some of whom have returned regularly and two of whom we welcomed into membership at our AGM (Andrew and Iain).

When I had to be up North seeing my folks recently and we had no ministerial cover, our new members and friends (Lauren and Jacob) helped take the service. I so wished I'd been there. A newcomer said how impressed she'd been in the visitors' book. I had felt the old familiar spirit come among us at Easter; that sudden, deep-down joy. I could have lingered over our Easter lunch at Argan in Clapham all afternoon had Cynthia not needed to get home. Just as well she did, however. The red wine was going down all too easily! I had been readied for Holy Week by our District Minister's (Jim's) Palm Sunday Service and, that evening, by the Choir of King's College London (CKCL) at St John's Smith Square thanks to an invite from choir member Ricky who does our IT and is Jason's younger brother. CKCL performed Rachmaninoff's All-Night Vigil. With all that's going on in Ukraine, it was most affecting to listen to sublime holy music in Russian sung so well by Ricky and his fellow students in those magnificent surroundings. My heart reached out to all those many Russians who do not support Putin's war against Ukraine, and especially to those who've been so brave in their opposition, before I thought of what an awful Easter it would be for so many Ukrainians.

On TV recently I saw an elderly Ukrainian lady lighting a candle in a cold, damp, dark basement, praying that God would protect her and her neighbours and their family pets sheltering there. Her modest plea moved me greatly. I thought of her and her guinea pig chewing obliviously on his rubbery bit of cauliflower as I made your payment of £1000 to the British Red Cross Ukrainian Appeal. Thank you for that.

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