

# BRIXTON UNITARIAN CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2022 – JANUARY 2023

### SEPTEMBER

|    |       |  |          |
|----|-------|--|----------|
| 04 | 10:30 | New Month Communion/Rededication Service   | Minister |
| 11 | 10:30 | Congregationally Led Service   | -        |
| 18 | 10:30 | Sunday All Faiths/Humanist Service   | Minister |
| 25 | 10:30 | Mindfulness Service  | Minister |
| -  | 12:00 | <b>Scintille Quartet: Summer's End</b>   | -        |
| -  | 13:00 | <b>Concert Series Launch Drink &amp; Nibbles</b>   | -        |
|    |       | Free to members and friends on this occasion. Hereafter tickets via Eventbrite at £8/£4 concessions (inc. drinks & nibbles, still a fantastic bargain) |          |

### OCTOBER

|    |       |  |          |
|----|-------|--|----------|
| 02 | 10:30 | New Month Communion/Rededication Service   | Minister |
| 09 | 12:00 | <b>Harvest Festival &amp; Major Foodbank Collection with Mezzo-Soprano Ellen Pearson</b> | Minister |
| -  | -     |  |          |
| -  | 11:45 | Brockwell Park Walk  | -        |
| -  | 13:00 | Harvest Lunch  | -        |
| 16 | 10:30 | Sunday All Faiths/Humanist Service   | Minister |
| 23 | 10:30 | Mindfulness Service  | Minister |
| -  | 12:00 | <b>Brixton Wind Ensemble followed by Drinks &amp; Nibbles</b>                            | -        |
| 30 | 10:30 | Led / Congregational Service   | TBA      |
| -  |       | Foodbank Collection. Minister, Sheff'd (F'wood)  | -        |

### NOVEMBER

|    |       |  |          |
|----|-------|--|----------|
| 06 | 10:30 | New Month Communion/Rededication Service           | Minister |
| 13 | 10:30 | <b>Full Remembrance Service:</b>                   | Minister |
| -  |       | All Saints, All Souls (inc. our loved ones passed) | -        |
| -  |       | British & All War Dead                             | -        |

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## NOVEMBER (CONT.)

|    |       |   |                  |
|----|-------|---|------------------|
| 20 | 10:30 | <b>District Minister</b>                                  | Rev Jim Corrigan |
| -  | 12:00 | <b>Bryony Lloyd (Folk singer-songwriter)</b>              | -                |
| -  | 13:00 | <b>Drinks &amp; Nibbles</b>                               | -                |
| 27 | 10:30 | <b>Advent Sunday with Flautist Ricky Taing</b>            | Minister         |
| -  |       | & Foodbank Collection                                     | -                |
| 25 | 10:30 | <b>Advent West End Walk &amp; Lunch</b> (Prix Fixe, Soho) | -                |
| -  |       | Including Regent's Street Xmas Lights                     | -                |
| -  |       | £20pp (£0 Unwaged). 1 guest each welcome                  | -                |

## DECEMBER

|    |       |  |          |
|----|-------|--|----------|
| 04 | 10:30 | New Month Communion/Rededication Service                     | Minister |
| -  | 12:00 | <b>Jason's Friends, Messiah Part 1</b>                       | -        |
| -  | 13:00 | Drinks & Nibbles   | -        |
| 11 | 12:00 | <b>Carols Service with Singer TBA</b>                        | Minister |
| -  |       | <b>Celebrating 60 years in this building and 30 years of</b> | -        |
| -  |       | <b>Julian's and Andrew's Ministry with us</b>                | -        |
| -  |       | Bring at least 2 guests each!                                | -        |
| -  | 13:00 | Christmas Drinks & Nibbles                                   | -        |
| 18 | 10:30 | Goodbye 2022 Service   | Minister |
| 25 | 10:30 | No Service: Christmas/New Year Break                         | -        |

## JANUARY

|    |       |                                      |          |
|----|-------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 01 | 10:30 | No Service: Christmas/New Year Break | -        |
| 08 | 10:30 | <b>Hello 2023 Service</b>            | Minister |

## **GUIDANCE ON ITEMS FOR FOODBANK COLLECTION**

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

## MINISTER'S LETTER



BY JULIAN SMITH, HONORARY MINISTER

I'm glad Andrew's good with anniversaries. Were he not, I'd have overlooked that we've been in our current buildings (erected in 1962) for 60 years this year, the two of us have been with you for exactly half that time (30 years), and by some years I'm now the Chapel's longest standing pastor since the Chapel's congregation came together in our old building in 1839 (which was destroyed by enemy bombing 101 years later in 1940). It's also likely Andrew is our longest-serving Chair of Trustees, but there is no Chapel roll of our officers' service. There should be and, if there was, Andrew's name would be joined by Edwin's, Bruce's, Stephen's and Sue's. God bless these good companions whose service I am sure, as an old-fashioned theist, is recorded for eternity in a much higher place. I pray our saints of old, who built and preserved our first chapel, who erected and maintained our present premises until my generation took over the reins, and those who have served us well since, will be joined by yet others. I think of David quietly tending and beautifying our grounds week in week out. I think also of Richard. Having quite literally overseen the renewal of our flat roofs in 2021 (in rain of biblical proportions), he has just similarly overseen the unavoidable cutting down and trimming of several of our substantial trees. Again his tendering and oversight has saved us a fortune and ensured a job very well done. Then there's Jason, a Trustee notwithstanding his comparatively recent association with us and youth, adding to our community outreach and service with his monthly concert series based at the Chapel. And speaking of tendering, Andrew and I finally put our relationship on an even surer footing with a Civil Partnership at Lambeth Town Hall on 28th September. This is just a simple two plus two service. Sue and Ant Sidford represent our families, our chapel and wider group of friends, and you've not been forgotten. You're in our thoughts and prayers constantly and you'll receive an invite to something soon.

JOIN US 10:30 AM THIS SUNDAY @ EFFRA ROAD CHAPEL

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*Honorary Minister & CEO:* Julian Smith  
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*Musical Director:* Jason Taing, MusB (Manchester), PGCE, LTCL, MISM

*Chairman & Administrator:* Andrew Leonard  
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[youngsue102@gmail.com](mailto:youngsue102@gmail.com)

*Warden (Services):* Stephen Cowley

*Warden (Maintenance):* Richard Malaure

*Foodbank Collection:* Bruce Bebington

*Other Trustees:* Edwin Lerner; Susan Young; & Jason Taing

*Incorporating:*

Effra Road Chapel Community Hall

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