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# BRIXTON UNITARIAN CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

MAY 2023 – AUGUST 2023

### MAY

|    |       |   |          |
|----|-------|---|----------|
| 07 | 10:30 | Rededication Service (Com'n)                          | Minister |
| -  |       | Light Coronation Theme with Samantha Hopkins, Soprano | -        |
| -  |       | Monthly Foodbank Collection                           | -        |
| -  |       | Coronation Hot BLT / SLT (Vgn) Brunch                 | -        |
| 14 | 10:30 | Sunday Service  | Minister |
| 21 | 10:30 | Sunday Service  | Minister |
| -  | 12:15 | Chapel Concert Series - Aidan Chan (Pianist)          | -        |
| 28 | 10:30 | 184th Anniversary Service (Mindfulness)               | Minister |
| -  | 11:40 | Brief AGM & Hot BLT / SLT (Vgn) Brunch                | -        |

### JUNE

|    |       |                              |          |
|----|-------|------------------------------|----------|
| 04 | 10:30 | Rededication Service (Com'n) | Minister |
| -  |       | Foodbank Collection          | -        |
| 11 | 10:30 | Sunday Service               | -        |
| 18 | 10:30 | Father's Day                 | Minister |
| 25 | 10:30 | Mindfulness Service          | Minister |

### JULY

|    |       |                              |                  |
|----|-------|------------------------------|------------------|
| 02 | 10:30 | District Minister            | Rev Jim Corrigan |
| 09 | 10:30 | Rededication Service (Com'n) | Minister         |
| -  |       | Foodbank Collection          | -                |
| 16 | 10:30 | Sunday Service               | Minister         |
| 23 | 10:30 | Sunday Service               | Minister         |
| 30 | 10:30 | Mindfulness Service          | Minister         |

### AUGUST

|    |       |                              |          |
|----|-------|------------------------------|----------|
| 06 | 10:30 | Rededication Service (Com'n) | Minister |
| -  |       | Foodbank Collection          | -        |
| 13 | 10:30 | Sunday Service               | Minister |

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## AUGUST (CONT.)

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|----|-------|---------------------|----------|
| 20 | 10:30 | Sunday Service      | Minister |
| 27 | 10:30 | Mindfulness Service | Minister |

## OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN 2023

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 10 September 2023               | District Minister   |
| 24 September 2023               | Chapel Concert Series   |
| 1 October 2023                  | Harvest Festival with Sam Leggett<br>Harvest Walk & Chapel Lunch, Effra Social * **                                     |
| 29 October 2023                 | Chapel Concert Series   |
| 5 November 2023                 | Hallowtide Sunday<br>Remembering Spiritual Leaders & Our Loved Ones   |
| 12 November 2023                | Inclusive Remembrance Sunday<br>Remembering All War Dead & Calling for Peace  |
| 19 November 2023                | District Minister   |
| 26 November 2023                | Chapel Concert Series   |
| 3 December 2023                 | Advent Service with Tenor / Soprano TBA<br>Advent / Christmas Walk & Meal, West End * **                                |
| 17 December 2023<br><b>12pm</b> | Ticketed Charity Carols Service <b>(No 10:30am Service)</b><br>Jason, Ricky & Friends TBA<br>Mulled Wine & Mince Pies * |
| 24 December 2023                | Christmas Break: Closed   |
| 31 December 2023                | Christmas Break: Closed   |

\* Vegan options.

\*\* £25 cash / £00 unwaged pp for 2 course meal with drinks.  
Bookings via Stephen in-person ASAP

## CHAPEL CONCERT SERIES

For further Concert Series details and tickets, see the following link:

<https://brixtonunitarians.org/sunday-concerts/>

## GUIDANCE ON ITEMS FOR FOODBANK COLLECTION

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



## MINISTER'S LETTER



BY JULIAN SMITH, HONORARY MINISTER

A big thanks: to those who joined our rewarding **Lent** readings and discussions of *The Imitation of Christ*, which was much more hard going intellectually and spiritually than I had imagined; for the gorgeous **Russian icon** of Jesus you gave me to mark my 30 years with you, which lives on my desk at home, next to a small framed copy of Blato Angelico's *The Resurrection*, and helps remind me of you all; for a tremendous **St George's Day** to Jason, Caroline Loane (Soprano), and Ricky (flute) on the music front (including *The Diggers' Song* and *Thames Flow Softly*), Edwin for reading from his book *Jerusalem*, and Andrew for a delicious brunch including homemade leek and potato soup. In the last quarter plus we were also blessed to have services taken by **Visiting Ministers** Revs Patrick Timperley (Boston, Lincs) and Jim Corrigan (District Minister). It has been **a challenging time** for several of us, due to the loss of family and friends, and illness, but rainbows have followed storms and life has refused to be overshadowed. It seems to me **our spirituality** has been much enhanced by a more explicit mindfulness and determination to make the best of life for ourselves and others. I daresay this helped us to quickly raise £608 for **Syria** (White Helmets); an impressive achievement for our small church. Impressive also has been Jason's and Ricky's support on **music**, helping us to introduce new hymns and folk music, use professional singers, and of course put on the first-rate Chapel Concert Series which goes from strength to strength. 7th May sees us mark the **Coronation**, bringing in a new era whatever our thoughts on monarchy. We should all make the most of it. The spiritual life is much about challenge, overcoming, acceptance, and moving forward. The King and Queen Consort know a thing or two about these things. Bless them both!

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*Musical Director:* Jason Taing, MusB, PGCE, LTCL, MISM  
*Assistant Musical Director:* Ricky Taing

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

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*Warden (Services):* Stephen Cowley

*Warden (Maintenance):* Richard Malaure

*Foodbank Collection:* Bruce Bebington

*Other Trustees:* Edwin Lerner, & Jason Taing

*Incorporating:*

Effra Road Chapel Community Hall

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