

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

BRIXTON UNITARIANS

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NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2023 – DECEMBER 2023

SEPTEMBER

03	10:30	New Month Rededication Service (Com'n)	Minister
-	-	Monthly Foodbank Collection	(1)
10	10:30	District Minister	Rev Jim Corrigan
-	-	Deadline for Harvest Lunch Booking	Stephen
17	10:30	Sunday Service	Minister
24	10:30	Mindfulness Service	Minister
-	12:15	<i>BU Concert Series - Kenny Keppel & Evi Wang</i>	(2)
-	-	<i>Musical Treasures for Clarinet & Piano</i>	-

OCTOBER

01	10:30	HARVEST FESTIVAL	Minister
-	-	With Sam Leggett (Tenor)	-
-	-	New Month Rededication (Com'n)	-
-	-	Extra Effort Monthly Foodbank Collection	(1)
-	13:00	Harvest Lunch, Café Van Gogh, Oval	-
-	-	Via No 3 Bus across the road. £25 / Donation	Stephen
-	-	Some availability for guests attending service	-
08	10:30	Sunday Service	Minister
-	-	Deadline for Christmas Lunch Booking	Stephen
15	10:30	Sunday Service	Minister
22	10:30	Sunday Service	Minister
29	10:30	Mindfulness Service (BST Ends)	Minister
-	12:15	<i>BU Concert Series: Heliconia Duo</i>	(2)
-	-	<i>Worldwide Classics & Folk on Flute and Guitar</i>	-

NOVEMBER

05	10:30	HALLOWTIDE SUNDAY	Minister
-	-	Remembering Spiritual Leaders (All Saints)	-
-	-	& Loved Ones (All Souls)	-
-	-	New Month Rededication (Com'n)	-
-	-	Foodbank Collection	(1)

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NOVEMBER (CONT.)

12	10:30	INCLUSIVE REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	Minister
-	-	Remembering All War Dead & Upholding Peace	-
19	10:30	Mindfulness Service	Minister
26	10:30	Congregation Led Service	Iain and Ricky Etc
-	12:15	<i>BU Concert Series: Brixton Soloists' Debut</i>	(2)
-	-	<i>Mahler's Fourth Symphony</i>	-
-	-	<i>With Soprano Hannah Dienes-Williams & Our MD Jason</i>	-

DECEMBER

3	10:30	ADVENT SERVICE	Minister
-	-	With Ricky Taing (Flute)	-
-	-	New Month Rededication (Com'n)	-
-	-	Foodbank Collection	(1)
-	13:30	Christmas Lunch, <u>Prix Fixe, Soho</u>	-
-	-	Via No 3 Bus across the road. £25 / Donation	Stephen
-	-	Some availability for guests attending service	-
10	10:30	Sunday Service	Minister
17	11:45	BRING A GUEST GOODBYE 2023 CAROLS	Minister
-	-	With Clara Orif (Soprano) & Jack Redman (Bass)	(2)
-	-	Festive Food & Drinks (No 10:30am Service)	-
24	-	Midwinter Break: Closed	-
31	-	Midwinter Break: Closed	-

(1) **Foodbank Collection Guidance:** <https://norwoodbrixton.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

(2) **BU Concert Series Tickets:** music.brixtonunitarians.org

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN 2024

7 January 2024	Chapel Services Recommence: Hello 2024 Service
28 January 2024	BU Concert Series: Yoon Seok Shin, pianist
25 February 2024	BU Concert Series
17 March 2024	Brixton Unitarians AGM
24 March 2024	Palm Sunday followed by BU Concert Series
31 March 2024	Easter Sunday with Tenor / Soprano TBA followed by Chapel Lunch
28th April 2024	BU Concert Series

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MINISTER'S LETTER



BY JULIAN SMITH, HONORARY MINISTER

In May: we marked the **Coronation** of King Charles III and Queen Consort Camilla with the help of Republican Tom Paine, Soprano Samantha Hopkins, and Andrew's delicious hot BLTS, vegan SLTS and refreshments; Pianist Aidan Chan mesmerised us in the Brixton Unitarians' (BU) Concert Series; and we had a successful **184th Anniversary** Service and AGM, with two trustees unavoidably out of town kindly joining us by Zoom with Jason's assistance. In June through August, the pace slackened pleasantly, but we ensured Father's Day (as well as Mothering Sunday) was marked this year, welcomed Rev Jim Corrigan (our District Minister) to our pulpit, and Ricky to our organ and grand piano on a number of Sundays when he deputised for Jason. Many of us were fortunate to get breaks over the **holidays**, with Amanda and Julian joining Hastings Unitarians again, and Iain and his wife Elizabeth joining Sevenoaks Unitarians. I was joined on **retreat** to Ruskin's Brantwood, Coniston Water, Lake District this year by others, including Andrew, Sue and Ali, with our old Rover serving us well on transport (involving 6 hour journeys there and back, packed full). We had some good walking on the estate and some journeys out: the steam gondola around the lake; Cartmell Priory and Grange Over Sands in very fine weather; and Keswick and the Langdale Valley. At the opening of a new exhibition at Brantwood it was nice to bump into Amanda (Minister) and John from Kendal Unitarians. The hols now over, we put our foot on the gas a fair bit again. Particular thanks to Jason and Ricky for yet more first-rate music to look forward to in Chapel, both during and after Service (in the **Concert Series**), adding much to what is on offer culturally to the community in Brixton, and to London as a whole Sunday lunchtimes as those travelling-in from far and wide show. We are delighted to announce that **Jason** has a new post as music teacher at a music specialist school in South East London. Congratulations also to Richard's wife **Heidi**, who picks up her on the job PGCE in Modern Languages from Roehampton. All the best also to our enthusiast **Iain**, who we have successfully persuaded to undertake the Conduct of Worship Course (including Unitarian Studies) with Unitarian College; and to Jason and Ricky who return to their p/t postgraduate and f/t undergraduate studies with Trinity Laban and at KCL / RAM respectively. And so to a rich Michaelmas ...

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