

## EFFRA ROAD CHAPEL, BRIXTON

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*Here for the Broadly Spiritual & All Since 1839*

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Incorporating:

*Effra Road Chapel Community Hall*

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

*Brixton Legal Centre*

[www.brixtonlegalcentre.com](http://www.brixtonlegalcentre.com)

*Unity Child Contact Centre:*

<http://www.supervisedchildcontact.org/site/home.html>

*Chapel Close Residential Accommodation:*

[www.grapevineletting.com](http://www.grapevineletting.com)

*Chapel Community Carparking SW2 1BZ*

<https://www.justpark.com/uk/parking/london/s/effra-road-london-sw2/>

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## BRIXTON UNITARIANS' NEWSLETTER

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### JAN 24

07 10:30	HELLO 2024 SERVICE	Minister
- -	With Elizabeth Green (Soprano)	-
- -	New Month Rededication Communion	-
- -	Truth - Beauty - Goodness	-
- -	Monthly Foodbank Collection (1)	-
- -	Hotdog / Vegan Sausage Brunch	Andrew
14 10:30	Guest Preacher	TBA
21 10:30	Sunday Service	Minister
28 10:30	Mindfulness Service	Minister
- 12:15	Concert Series: Yoon Seok Shin (Piano) (2)	-

### FEB

04 10:30	New Month Rededication Communion	Minister
- -	Truth - Beauty - Goodness	-
- -	Monthly Foodbank Collection (1)	-
11 10:30	Sunday Service	Minister
14 -	ASH WEDNESDAY: LENT BEGINS	-
18 10:30	Lent 1: Sunday Service	Minister
25 10:30	Lent 2: Mindfulness Service	Minister
- 12:15	Concert Series: Nazca Duo (Guitar & Harp) (2)	-

### MARCH

03 10:30	New Month Rededication Communion	Minister
- -	Truth - Beauty - Goodness	-
- -	Monthly Foodbank Collection (1)	-
10 10:30	MOTHERING SUNDAY	Minister
- -	Honoring All Our Mothers	-
17 10:30	<b>185<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY SERVICE &amp; AGM</b>	Minister
- -	With Sue (Accounts); & Hot Brunch	Andrew
24 10:30	Palm Sunday	Minister

-	-	Mindfulness Service	-
-	12:15	Concert Series: Bastion Brass (Brass Quintet) (2)	
31	10.30	EASTER SUNDAY	Minister

#### APRIL

07	10:30	New Month Rededication Communion	Minister
-	-	Truth - Beauty - Goodness	-
-	-	Foodbank Collection (1)	-
14	10:30	Sunday Service	Minister
21	10:30	Sunday Service	Minister
28	10:30	Mindfulness Service	Minister
-	12:15	Concert Series: TBA (2)	

#### (1) Foodbank Collection Guidance:

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

(2) BU Concert Series Tickets: <https://music.brixtonunitarians.org/>

#### NOTICE OF OTHER DATES IN 2024. **Most for your diary too!**

07.01.24	Minister also at Watford Unitarians (3pm)
13.02.24	Shrove Tuesday: Pancake Day!
12.05.24	Guest Preacher: Minister in Former Yugoslavia
19.05.24	Guest Preacher: Minister in Former Yugoslavia
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16.06.24	FATHER'S DAY
29.09.24	HARVEST FESTIVAL, WALK & LUNCH IN CHAPEL
03.11.24	ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS
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-	Remembering Spiritual Heroes & Loved Ones Departed
10.11.24	OUR WORLDWIDE REMEMBRANCE / PEACE SUNDAY
01.12.24	FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT, & CHRISTMAS MEAL SOHO
15.12.24	CAROLS' SERVICE WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS

#### MINISTER'S LETTER

The last four months of 2023 were pleasantly busy and included: our District Minister, Jim Corrigan, taking a service; Kenny Keppel and Evi

Wang playing *Musical Treasures for Clarinet & Piano*; our Harvest Festival, involving extra effort foodbank collection, Ricky on the flute, and a delightful veggie meal at Café Van Gogh, Stockwell (using the no 3 bus over the road); the Heliconia Duo playing *Worldwide Classics on Flute and Guitar*; an All Saints' (remembering Unitarian martyrs) and All Souls' (remembering our loved ones departed) Service; the Brixton Soloists' debut, performing *Mahler's Fourth*, no less; an Advent Service, with Ricky on the flute, followed by our Christmas Feast at Prix Fixe, Soho; and a very well-attended and delightful Bring a Guest **Carols' Service**, featuring Zoe Bonner (Soprano) and Jack Redman (Bass), accompanied by Jason. My thanks also to all our readers, all of whom were well rehearsed and most clear in their delivery - no easy feat in such a large gathering. Our family and guests came from far and wide. My 'niece' Lucy (I was at school with her mum) and her chap Michael, staying the night before with us (and out on the town all day Saturday), joined us from Leeds, along with our long-distance member Ali; and I was very pleased to see Ant and Julia (whom I married), particularly as Ant is still in recovery, their recently graduated son Alfie (whom I Christened) and his girlfriend Lila, and Julia's friend Sally and her daughter Lillia (whom I named), now at university. Alfie was wearing one of Andrew's vintage sweatshirts and my old suede jacket from Barney's, and Lila was wearing my old leather jacket which I bought from American Classics with my first student grant at the LSE, where Ant and I met all those years ago. And I very much enjoyed meeting your guests and catching-up with my lovely friends from Morley College Ramblers, who have been so appreciative of our Concert Series generally throughout the year, bless them. Many thanks also to Andrew for the excellent festive nibbles and mulled wine. Thus our chapel year closed on the highest of notes, with Jason and I receiving lovely thank you e-mails. And now to a **New Year**. Julia and my other friend Alex were particularly taken with the strong sunlight that lit up and warmed us during the carols service. A harbinger of more good things for us all in 2024, I pray.

Much love, Julian.