

EFFRA ROAD CHAPEL, BRIXTON

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Effra Road Chapel Community Hall

www.brixtonunitarians.org

Brixton Legal Centre

www.brixtonlegalcentre.com

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www.brixtoncounselling.org

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www.brixtonunitarians.org

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www.grapevineletting.com

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BRIXTON UNITARIANS' NEWSLETTER

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CHRISTMAS 2018 & NEW YEAR 2019

DECEMBER

Sun 02	10:30	1 ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT	Minister
We 05	19:00	Midweek Mindfulness	Minister
Sun 09	10:30	2 ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT	Minister
We 12	19:00	Midweek Mindfulness	John Bradford
Sun 16	18:30	CAROLS SERVICE & XMAS BUFFET	Minister
...	...	Kathleen Anne Green (Soprano)	...
...	...	Thrale English Sword Dancers	...
We 19	19:00	Midweek Mindfulness	Minister
Sun 23	10:30	Visiting Preacher	Wade Miller Knight
Sun 30	10:30	GOODBYE 2018 SERVICE	Minister

JANUARY

Sun 06	10:30	WELCOME 2019 SERVICE / EPIPHANY	Minister
...	12:30	New Year's Drinks & Lunch	...
...	...	Trinity Arms. £10 pp. Guests welcome	...
...	...	Book ASAP: julianrs68@btinternet.com	...
We 09	19:00	Midweek Mindfulness	Minister
Sun 13	10:30	COMMUNION	Minister
We 16	19:00	Midweek Mindfulness	John Bradford
Sun 20	10:30	3 rd Sunday of Epiphany	Minister
We 23	19:00	Midweek Mindfulness	John Bradford
Sun 27	10:30	4 th Sunday of Epiphany	Minister
We 30	19:00	Midweek Mindfulness	John Bradford

FEBRUARY

Sun 03	10:30	COMMUNION	Minister
We 06	19:00	Midweek Mindfulness	John Bradford
Sun 10	10:30	4 th Sunday Before Lent	Minister

We 13 19:00	Midweek Mindfulness	Minister
Sun 17 10:30	3 rd Sunday Before Lent	Minister
We 20 19:00	Midweek Mindfulness	John Bradford
Sun 24 10:30	2 nd Sunday Before Lent	Minister
We 27 19:00	1 st Sunday Before Lent	Minister

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES IN 2019 SO FAR

14.02.19	Valentine's Day	Don't Forget!
05.03.19	Shrove Tuesday (Pancakes!)	Don't Forget!
06.03.19	ASH WEDNESDAY (LENT BEGINS)	19:00
	Midweek Mindfulness and	...
	Imposition of Ashes Service	...
30.03.10	BST Begins (Clocks 1 hour forward)	00:00
31.03.19	MOTHERING SUNDAY	10:30
14.04.18	PALM SUNDAY	10:30
18.04.19	MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION & Agape Meal	19:00 ...
21.04.19	EASTER SUNDAY (LENT ENDS)	10:30
	Congregational Lunch	12:30
28.04.10	Rev Patrick Timperley	10:30
05.05.19	Bruce Bebington	10:30
16.06.19	Rev Patrick Timperley	10:30
	Minister leads retreat at Brantwood	...
07.07.19	Rev Jim Corrigall	10:30
08.09.19	Rev Patrick Timperley	10:30
15.09.19	Bruce Bebington	10:30
13.10.19	Rev Patrick Timperley	10:30
	Minister at Upper Chapel, Sheffield	...
10.11.19	Full Remembrance Service	10:30
	All Saints, All Souls & War Dead	...
24.11.19	Alan Ruston	10:30
22.12.19	CAROLS SERVICE & RECEPTION	18:30
29.12.19	Bruce Bebington	10:30

MINISTER'S LETTER

I hope this finds you and yours well. It's been another eventful year. I've spent a lot of time with my folks in Sheffield, my Father being in his terminal

decline, and I'm grateful to Wade, Patrick and Bruce for their generous support in providing service cover. After literally years of discussions about positive redevelopment, red-line guidance was given to Inge Laursen's firm, Panter Hudspith, viz any potential moving forward, which they are happy to oversee for the time being to allow us to re-focus on our congregational life. Our thanks also to Inge for assistance in upgrading our existing premises, in designing discrete new surface gas routing to replace the old leaking underfloor pipes and resolving issues with the contractor, which has also assisted our re-focus on congregational life. We were beginning to be distracted in worship by the cold! That's all now behind us and I look forward to us all moving on, assisted by the spiritual opportunities of the Festive Season. Please ensure you keep your Advent, Christmas and New Year celebrations within reasonable limits, you put everything in place as early as possible, and you take a step back to be with Him who ever seeks re-birth in you and yours so that this may be a truly Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Amen.

EFFRA ROAD CHAPEL & UNITARIANISM

Today the Chapel houses **London's most central Unitarian congregation**. Our first chapel on this site was opened in 1839 to provide **a place of worship and fellowship for South London's religious liberals and freethinkers**. We are still rooted in the living and forward-looking radical Judeo-Christian and Humanist traditions and also share our forbears interest in world religions, mysticism, spirituality generally, the arts and sciences, scholarship, and what life has to teach us next. **Our worship is inclusive and outward looking**. We cherish all persons and ask them to join us in the our quest to enhance humility, the appreciation that one has much more to learn than to teach, and a gratitude to and love for something within, between and over and around us which gives comfort, reassurance, inspiration and true fullness of life, and which has traditionally been called 'God'. **We also offer professionally conducted Christenings, Namings, Weddings and Funerals for all in the community**, which can be multi-faith or humanistic rather than Christian where appropriate. **We have a history of which to be a little proud**. Before state education was introduced, we ran an elementary school for many years; we were behind the forming of what are now Churches Together in Brixton and Faiths Together in Brixton; and, more recently with the Effra Trust, we were pioneers in the provision of care in the community for ex-offenders with learning difficulties. Famous members have included a former Lord Chief Justice of Australia, the Mappin and Webb silversmithing families, and Elnahan Bicknell, whale oil magnate, patron of the arts and Turner especially, and friend of the Ruskins.

