

EFFRA ROAD CHAPEL, BRIXTON
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Founded 1839

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Incorporating & Providing:

Effra Road Chapel Community Hall

www.brixtonunitarians.org

Brixton Legal Centre

www.brixtonlegalcentre.com

Brixton Counselling

www.brixtoncounselling.org

Unity Child Contact Centre

www.brixtonunitarians.org

The Chapel Close (Residential Accommodation)

www.grapevineletting.com

Community Carparking SW2 1BZ

www.yourparkingspace.com www.justpark.com

BRIXTON UNITARIANS' NEWSLETTER
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Lent, Easter & Spring Quarter 2019: All Welcome!

MARCH

Sun 03 10:30	COMMUNION & Foodbank Coll'n	Minister
We 05 18:00	Home Lentern Reflections (0) & Supper*	Ash Wednesday
...	7 Windmill House, Windmill Walk	Lent Begins
...	Waterloo, London SE1 8LX	Minister
Sun 10 10:30	1st Sunday in Lent	Minister
We 13 18:00	Home Lentern Reflections (1) & Supper*	Minister
Sun 17 10:30	2 nd Sunday in Lent	Minister
We 20 18:00	Home Lentern Reflections (2) & Supper*	Minister
Sun 24 10:30	3 rd Sunday in Lent	Minister
We 27 18:00	Home Lentern Reflections (3) & Supper*	Minister
Sun 31 10:30	Mothering Sunday	Minister

APRIL

We 03 18:00	Home Lentern Reflections (4) & Supper*	Minister
Sun 07 10:30	5 th Sunday in Lent (Foodbank Coll'n)	Minister
We 10 18:00	Lentern Reflections (5) & Supper*	Minister
Sun 14 10:30	Palm Sunday / Holy Week	Minister
Thu 17 18:00	Home Maundy Thursday	Minister
...	Home Lentern Reflections (6)*	Minister
...	& Traditional Agape Special Meal *	Address as above
Sun 21 10:30	EASTER SUNDAY with Mystery Soprano	Minister
...	Congregational Walk & Lunch (£10pp)*	Venue TBA
Sun 28 10:30	Visiting Preacher	TBA

* Booking Required: minister@brixtonunitarians.org

MAY

Sun 05	10:30	Bruce Bebington	Member & Trustee
Sun 12	10:30	Communion & Foodbank Collection	Julian Smith
Sun 19	10:30	Julian Smith	Minister
Sun 26	10:30	Julian Smith	Minister

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES IN 2019 SO FAR

...		Communion & Foodbank Collection	Usually 1st Sunday
28.04.19		<i>Minister at Fulwood, Sheffield</i>	AM
05.05.19		Bruce Bebington	10:30
16.06.19		Rev Patrick Timperley	10:30
...		<i>Minister leads retreat at Brantwood</i>	...
07.07.19		Rev Jim Corrigan	10:30
08.09.19		Rev Patrick Timperley	10:30
15.09.19		Bruce Bebington	10:30
10.11.19		FULL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE	10:30
...		All Saints, All Souls & War Dead	...
24.11.19		Alan Ruston	10:30
...		<i>Minister at Upper Chapel, Sheffield</i>	AM & PM
01.12.19		<i>Minister also at Watford Fellowship</i>	15:00
22.12.19		CAROLS SERVICE & XMAS PARTY	18:30
29.12.19		Bruce Bebington	10:30

MINISTER'S LETTER

I hope this finds you and yours well. Me and mine are pretty good. **My father** Alan finally passed away in early January, which was a blessing on him and on all of the family really. There is a time for everything, as the Bible says, and his time was not only due, but overdue. The service my brother and I put together (held at Fulwood Old Chapel, Sheffield) with Rev Andy Phillips (Upper Chapel, Sheffield) was very successful, not least because Andy, who had visited my father in his final days, did the eulogy, which drew on many recollections, and told most of us things we had never known. I was surprised to learn, amongst other things, how good a footballer he'd been. There was almost a party atmosphere outside the Chapel, with family and old friends meeting-up, and I cannot remember such a good wake. He is, I am sure, well laid to rest after a long and full life

which, if not altogether without sadness, was quite something. I feel somewhat honoured to be his son. And so to **Lent**. What will you give-up and take-up? I've given-up Facebook (on which I spend far too much time), turned the heating down (as recommended by the RC Bishop of Salford), am watching my plastic intake (as recommended by Churches Together in Britain & Ireland), and am trying to take more recreational walks for the sake of body and mind. I'm also meeting at mine each week with members and friends of the Chapel for Lenten Reflections, which got off to a great start on Ash Wednesday (the Newsletter's late again!). Try to join us in marking Lent, so that Holy Week might be holy for you, Good Friday a death to all you need to let go of, and Easter a resurrection of Jesus and his New Life in you. Every blessing, *Julian*.

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 forebears 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 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, save for Christenings, 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 our major initial benefactor, Elnahan Bicknell, merchant, patron of the arts and of Turner especially, and neighbour and friend of the Ruskins in Denmark Hill.

