

## EFFRA ROAD CHAPEL, BRIXTON

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*Spiritual Home to Brixton's Freethinkers 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)

Chapel Community Carparking SW2 1BZ

[www.yourparkingspace.com](http://www.yourparkingspace.com) [www.justpark.com](http://www.justpark.com)

Chapel Close Residential Accommodation, 63b and 63c Effra Road

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

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## BRIXTON UNITARIANS' NEWSLETTER

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### AUGUST

22 10:30	Mindfulness Service	Minister
29 10:30	Sunday Service	Minister

### SEPTEMBER

05 10:30	Sunday Service (Communion) Foodbank Collection	Minister -
12 10:30	<b>182<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Service &amp; AGM</b>	Minister
19 10:30	Rev Jim Corrigan, District Minister	-
26 10:30	Rev Patrick Timperley, Visiting Minister	-

### OCTOBER

03 10:30	Mindfulness Service (Communion) Foodbank Collection	Minister -
10 10:30	<b>Harvest Festival*</b> Posh Bagels & Bucks Fizz Brunch Foodbank Collection	Minister - -
17 10:30	Rev Patrick Timperley, Visiting Minister	-
24 10:30	Sunday Service (UN Day)	Minister
31 10:30	Rev Jim Corrigan, District Minister	Minister

### NOVEMBER

07 10:30	Sunday Service (Communion) Foodbank Collection	Minister Minister
14 10:30	<b>Full Remembrance</b> UK & Allied Military; Victims of War;	Minister -

	Covid-19 Victims; Loved Ones	-
21 10:30	Rev Patrick Timperley	-
28 10:30	<b>Advent Sunday</b>	Minister
	Preparing for Christmas	-
	Mindfulness Service	-
	Congregational Pre Christmas Brockwell Park	-
	Walk	-
	& Lunch at The Effra Social	-
	Bargain @ £20pp & Free for Those on IS	-
	Book via Minister, Wrap-up & Bring Your Brolly!	-

## DECEMBER

05 10:30	Sunday Service (Communion)	Minister
	Foodbank Collection	Minister
12 10:30	<b>Carols Service *</b>	Minister
	Festive Brunch	Minister
19 10:30	<b>Goodbye 2021 Service</b>	Minister
26 10:30	No Service	

\* Skip breakfast or have a light one, the better to enjoy your brunch

## JANUARY 2022 SO FAR

02 10:30	No Service	Minister
08 10:30	<b>Hello 2022 Service (Communion)</b>	-
	Foodbank Collection	-

## FOODBANK NECESSITIES

\* Instant noodles, pot noodles, microwave rice; \* small bags of rice (500g/1kg); \* biscuits; \* tinned veggie & vegan meals (eg veg curry, veg chili, macaroni cheese); \* tinned meat, except pork (eg chicken and corned beef); \* long life sponge and other puddings; \* UHT whole and

semi-skimmed milk; \* rice pudding; \* custard; \* instant coffee; \* tinned fruit; cooking oil (500ml/1L); \* toothbrushes; \* deodorant; \* toilet rolls; \* washing-up liquid; \* soap bars & liquid soap; \* shampoo; \* shower gel; \* laundry pods; \* baby soap, bath and shampoo; \* cat & dog food; \* cleaning products.

## MINISTER'S LETTER

*Nine drops of water bead the jessamine,  
And nine-and-ninety smear the stones and tiles:  
- 'Twas not so in that August full-rayed, fine  
When we lived out-of-doors, sang songs, strode miles  
(From Wet August, Thomas Hardy)*

It seems rather shallow for me to complain about what a dreadful Summer we've had weather-wise. I haven't had several large flat roofs to oversee the urgent repair of before valuable hardwood floors were damaged beyond repair. Our Richard did that for us. How my heart went out to, and my prayers went up for, him, the young roofers, and that lovely early 60's floor harvested in the Amazon and literally, and rightly, irreplaceable, as day after day work had to cease and the rain came down like we'd never seen before. But I'm thinking of Richard and those young roofers and their families mostly, their journeys abroad still curtailed by Covid-19. They really could do with a break from the rain. I daresay they'll make the most of things and won't have to endure being locked out of dreary boarding houses between breakfast and tea like my parents' generation. I was at Ruskin's Brantwood on Coniston Water in the Lake District in early August with Andrew and Sue and several others, including Mark and Andrea from Leeds whom I'd not seen since conducting Mark's parents (Marie's and Brian's) funerals in Sheffield in late 2020. We discussed that time only briefly. It felt like years ago and long gone. As we drank outside a pub under umbrellas in the wettest Ambleside I'd ever experienced munching on our meat slices from Greggs, Andrea said: 'Living the life, eh?' not altogether sarcastically. I replied 'It'll do' to which even our Southerners replied 'Aye'.

Or was there then no noted radiancy  
Of summer? Were dun clouds, a dribbling bough,  
Gilt over by the light I bore in me,  
And was the waste world just the same as now?

It can have been so: yea, that threatenings  
Of coming down-drip on the sunless gray,  
By the then possibilities in things  
Were wrought more bright than brightest skies to-day.

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