



**We seek to invite, encourage
and enable all ages to
follow Jesus Christ.**

Sunday 13th March 2022

Scripture readings: Psalm 40:1-10, John 3:1-17

Changes and Updates are highlighted in bold

Welcome to Worship, keep in touch and informed

Church is not a building – it is the family of God's people, and we are delighted that you are able to join us today. We are on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube as well as our church website www.brightonschurch.org.uk. You can download material from the website as well as revisiting previous sermon videos and texts.

Worship this morning

As the churches in the Upper Braes work more closely together, we are pleased to welcome Rev Monica MacDonald, Janette Craig and Mike Kapusniak from Slamannan to participate in our worship.

Thy Kingdom Come Prayer – 6th to 19th March

Christians across the UK have been setting time aside for prayer at 7pm on a Sunday and we would like to encourage this. Prayer points are on the web prayer page.

Attending Church

Formal social distancing is no longer required while attending church. Please do continue to be sensitive to others and respect distancing as appropriate. We continue to take names and contact numbers for Test & Protect. If possible, please take a Lateral Flow Test before attending church.

For your prayers

It is with sadness that we intimate the death of one of our members, Elizabeth (Betty) Wardlaw at the start of the week. Please remember Elizabeth's daughters Karen, Jane and Michelle and the wider family in your prayers at this time. Elizabeth's funeral will be held on Tuesday 22nd March at 1.30pm and thereafter at Falkirk Crematorium at 2.30.

Kirk Session

The Kirk Session will meet in person on Tuesday 15th March at 7.45pm in the Rankine Hall for ordinary business.

Grace Course

The Grace Course has just started last Wednesday and will be running at 10.00 in the Small Hall each Wednesday. If you are interested in finding out more, please speak with Tom or Annabella Nimmo.

Prospects Across Scotland

Prospects Across Scotland is opening a 'Pop Up' Charity Shop in Redding and Westquarter Church Hall in Falkirk, to be held on the last Saturday of every month. The first sale will take place on Saturday 26th March from 2-4 pm. Please note, the sale will be on a cash basis only. We urgently need donations of good quality clothing (not infant or toddler); boots; shoes; handbags; bric-a-brac; books; dvd's; cd's; etc. Donations (suitably bagged/boxed) can be left behind the piano in the Heriot Hall at the church. We also need volunteers to help with the upcoming shop activities. If you would like to help us, please contact Iris O'Neill (01324) 711677 or iamoneill@btinternet.com

Falkirk Foodbank

The foodbank continues to provide a vital service. Due to retirees, they have an urgent need for volunteers to carry out deliveries, either using the Foodbank van or their own car. This would be for 3 hours, once a week. For more information contact info@falkirk.foodbank.org.uk or call 01324 630366 or 07809 340919

Israel/Palestine Trip – Recipe Book

A group of young people from the Church are raising funds for a trip to Israel and Palestine this October. We are putting together a recipe book to sell to family, friends and the church family. We are looking for you to send in one of your favourite recipes that we can use in our book, along with your name and why the recipe is special to you. Please send your recipes to info@brightonschurch.org.uk or a written copy to the church office. Closing date for recipes is **this Sunday** 13th March.

Church Golf Outing

The next joint golf outing with Polmont Church will be on 13th May at Gogarburn. For more information or to book your place, contact Martin Miller.

Thursday Evening Live Prayer

Join us for a time of prayer on Thursday evening from 8.15 pm – on YouTube, Facebook and Zoom – email info@brightonschurch.org.uk for login details if you would like to join.

Thanks to those who contributed in different ways to today's service

Rev Monica MacDonald, Linda Clarke, Janette Craig, Laura Eckles, James Falconer, Mike Kapusniak, Jon-Luke Kirton, Alan Macfarlane, Neil Matheson, Jean Meek, Andrew Philp, Eric Smith.