

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

Sunday 15th May 2022

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#### 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 <a href="https://www.brightonschurch.org.uk">www.brightonschurch.org.uk</a>. You can download material from the website as well as revisiting previous sermon videos and texts.

#### This Morning's Service

Scott is on holiday this weekend and we welcome one of our Elders, Brent Haywood, to lead us in worship today.

## Thy Kingdom Come Prayer – 15th to 28th May

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

#### **Faye Scott**

It is with sadness that we announce the death of one of our members, Faye Scott of Douglas Avenue. We will communicate funeral arrangements when we know them. Please keep the family in your prayers at this time.

### **Bereavement Service**

This is being held **today at 3pm** in the church and will be led by Ian Baillie. It will be a time of Remembrance and Reflection for all of us, and for those we have loved and lost, especially during the last two years. Tea/coffee will be served after the Service.

## Christian Aid Week 15th to 21st May

The red envelopes are available this morning and can be placed in the offering plates today or next Sunday. You can also give electronically through the Christian Aid website if preferred. Quiz sheets where the theme is Food and Drink continue to be available for purchase from the Outreach Team for £1 each.

## Joint Upper Braes Service - Sunday 29th May

The Kirk Sessions of the Upper Braes Churches have agreed to hold a joint service in Slamannan Community Centre on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 11am. There will be no other services across the Upper Braes that Sunday. We would encourage as many as possible to come and support this service and we are offering mini-bus transport if you do not have your own – please give your name to the Pastoral Care Team as you leave after the service this morning.

#### **Wednesday Book Club**

Are you interested in digging deeper in your faith by reading a Faith Book? Do you enjoy meeting with like-minded folk to talk about faith? Are you seeking fellowship and friendship? Are you free on a Wednesday morning once a month? Are you free on Wednesday 8th June at 10am to meet up for a cuppa and chat about it? If so contact Nadia Cowan on 07757 941034 or Marion Graham on 07501 057871.

#### **Workshop on Gender Based Violence**

What is stereotyping? How does it affect our lives? How does it affect the way we behave as Christians? How does it impact in matters of faith? Come and find out at our Workshop event on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 10am till 12 noon. More information to follow.

<u>Date for your Diary – Church Family Fun Day – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May at Beecraigs</u>

It's back! We're excited to be organising our Church Family Fun Day again at Beecraigs on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Join us from 11am. BBQ lunch around 12pm then lots of time afterwards to play games, sports, chat and explore the Beecraigs walking paths and adventure park! More information coming soon. Meantime, pop this date in your diary. We'd love if you can join us - there's no need to have young people to come along - we're all part of our church family!

#### **Sunday Morning Teas and Coffees**

These are restarting after the morning service today. If you would like to consider helping out with this going forward, please speak to Heather O'Neill.

#### **Card Stall**

The card stand is now through in the Rankine Hall. Why not bless your friends and family with Christian cards as a way of gently sharing your faith and showing God's love to those around us? There will be a range of designs of different categories with an honesty box to cover the costs.

## **Golf Outing**

An enjoyable, if blustery, golf outing was held on Friday with our friends from Polmont Church. The only Brightons winners were Billy Rankine and Eileen McArdle, who, between them, won most of the prizes.

## Falkirk Foodbank

Do you know where your next meal is coming from? If the answer is "Yes" then you are very blessed. Falkirk Foodbank requires more donations of tinned and packet food. Donations can be brought to the Church and left inside the entrances.

## **Sunday Morning Prayer and Thursday Evening Live Prayer**

Join us for a time of prayer on Sunday mornings 10.15am to 10.30am in the sanctuary, or Thursday evenings from 8.15pm on YouTube, Facebook and Zoom (email <a href="mailto:info@brightonschurch.org.uk">info@brightonschurch.org.uk</a> for Zoom login details if you would like to join).

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

Linda Clarke, Jill Dickson, Laura Eckles, Brent Haywood, George Mann, Neil Matheson, Richard McManus, Jean Meek, Annabella Nimmo, Andrew Philp, Eric Smith, and the Choir.