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**Sunday 18th September 2022**

**Scripture reading: 1 Samuel 17**

**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](http://www.brightonschurch.org.uk). You can download material from the website as well as revisiting previous sermon videos and texts.

**Sunday Morning Prayer and Thursday Evening Live Prayer:** Join us for a time of prayer on Sunday mornings 10.15 to 10.30am in the small hall, or Thursday evenings at 8.15pm on Zoom only this week. (email [info@brightonschurch.org.uk](mailto:info@brightonschurch.org.uk) for Zoom login details if you would like to join).

**Joint Service at Muiravonside – 25<sup>th</sup> September 11am:** We look forward to our next joint Upper Braes Churches service at Muiravonside on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 11am. There will be no morning worship at Brightons. A minibus is being organised for those who need/wish a lift. To book a place please speak with the Pastoral Care Team or email [pastoral@brightonschurch.org.uk](mailto:pastoral@brightonschurch.org.uk)

**Church Picnic at Muiravonside:** After the joint service on 25<sup>th</sup> September, if the weather is fine, a number of families will be getting together at Muiravonside Country Park for a picnic. Bring your own food and rug. Meet at the flat grass to the west of the courtyard, behind the café. Phone Rachel (07931 170127) for queries or directions.

**Recent Sermon Series:** Video DVDs, audio CDs and paper transcripts for the Covenants and Sacraments series are available at the entrance if you wish. Additional copies can be obtained from James Falconer.

**Friendship Plus** will hold their first meeting of the new session on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 2pm in the Rankine Hall. We look forward to welcoming existing and new members. Should you require any further information please contact: Jessie Wallace 01324 712740 or Jean Meek 01324 711162.

**Friends of Jesus Group:** The Friends of Jesus Group will start back on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at Redding Church Hall from 6.45 - 8pm. If you know anyone who would like to come along or want more details, contact Wendy Dick tel. 714417.

**Open meeting about all-age communion:** Following on from the recent sermon series, and ahead of all-age communion in December, Scott is holding an open meeting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 7.30pm where you can ask questions and together we can make plans for welcoming our children to share in communion.

**Annual Business Meeting:** Our annual business meeting is now scheduled for after morning worship on Sunday 2nd October. All members are invited to attend. This is an opportunity to hear from our Office Bearers on the Deacons' Court about various aspects of our congregation's life and well-being.

**Alpha Course:** This will begin on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, running each Wednesday evening until the end of November. Anyone wishing to attend should add their name and telephone number to the sheet at the front or rear entrance of the church. Alternatively, contact Ian Lawson, Jessie Wallace or Tom or Annabella Nimmo for further details.

**Forth Valley Keswick:** This year's Forth Valley Keswick will be held from 30 September to 2 October in Olivet Evangelical Church in Falkirk. The speaker will be Jim Turrent from Dundee who will be looking at John 2 under the title "Pictures of God's Purpose." For further information go to [www.forthvalleykeswick.co.uk](http://www.forthvalleykeswick.co.uk).

**Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal 2022:** The latest copy of the Blythswood News highlights stories of the amazing transformation that last year's Shoebox Appeal had on so many different people. Copies are available at the front of the church. Let's see how many lives we can transform this year! Please can you fill a shoebox? Leaflets with suggested items to include are at the front of the church. Can we all make a difference to someone's life? For more info please contact Jim Dick 714417

**CrossReach:** It is only September, but Maralyn Stirling has taken delivery of the latest CrossReach News together with details of the Christmas Card and Calendar Collection for 2022. All profits CrossReach receives from the sale of cards, calendars, and gifts shown in the catalogue go towards the caring work of CrossReach in Scotland. Maralyn collates orders for Christmas Cards and Calendars, to save postage. It is good to place orders early as popular choices of cards sometimes run out! Please contact Maralyn – 712682 or 07999 861290.

**Help our local primary school:** Wallacestone Primary School have planned a School Grounds Volunteer morning where they invite the community to come along and help maintain the grounds around our local school building. This is always a fun morning and is a great way to get involved with the community. It will be running 9.30-11.30am on Saturday 24th September.

**Flowers in Church:** Flowers are provided this week by Morag Lang. Delivering the flowers after today's service will be Anne Smith. Delivery next week will be Maralyn Stirling.

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

Jill Dickson, Laura Eckles, James Falconer, Morag Lang, Adam Matheson, Neil Matheson, Richard McManus, Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, Andrew Philp, Eric Smith, Choir and Young People of Organisations.



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**Order of Service – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

*We offer ourselves to God in worship*

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment

Introit: 'Give me oil in my lamp'

Call to Worship

**Hymn MP-1021 You're the Lion of Judah**

Prayer with The Lord's Prayer

Acts of Dedication by leaders, young people and congregation

**Praise – Be bold, be strong**

(Beginners leave)

*We ask for God's help and listen for Him speaking to us*

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 17 (selected verses)

All Age Message

**Stick Drama: 'Every giant will fall'**

*We respond to God*

Prayer of Response

**Hymn MP-770 Will your anchor hold**

Benediction & Threefold Amen

National Anthem