

**Welcome! We join in the sanctuary and online to worship God in the Name
of Jesus Christ. Our worship together is led today by Rev Scott Burton.**

Order of Service – Sunday 30th April 2023 (11.00 am)

Scripture Reading: Joel 2:1-11 (NIVUK) (page 913)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome, Notices and Gathering Moment

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-1259 Bless the Lord, O my soul

Hymn MP-1086 Light of the world

All Together Time: Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn MP-881 Lord, I lift Your name on high

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

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(Helen Brodie)

The Choir: 'Love lifted me'

Prayer for Others

(Irene Stewart)

Hymn MP-37 As the deer pants for the water

Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP-1019 You are my strength

Hymn MP-1087 Lord, I come before Your throne of grace

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Prayer Ministry will be available after the message today

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.

Sunday Morning Prayer and Thursday Evening Live Prayer

Join us for a time of prayer on Sunday mornings 10.15 to 10.30 am in the small hall, or on Thursday evenings at 8.15 pm on Zoom, You Tube and Facebook this week. Please email info@brightonschurch.org.uk for Zoom login details if you would like to join.

Tea and Coffee

30th April – Iris O'Neill, Heather O'Neill and Margaret Sim.

7th May – Janet Crosthwaite, Christine Hastings and Jennifer Gallivan.

Evening Service

Our next monthly evening service is tonight at 6.30 pm. A warm invite is extended to everyone and there will be tea and coffee provided after the service.

Margaret Henderson - Funeral

The funeral of Margaret Henderson will be held on Monday 15th May at Falkirk Crematorium at 3.15pm. Please remember Margaret's family in your prayers at this time.

Tartan Tea

The Friends of Jesus Group were delighted and overwhelmed by the attendance and generosity of so many for our Tartan Tea fundraiser last Saturday. We are amazed that we raised an incredible **£1,000** for the good work of Prospects Across Scotland. A huge thank you to everyone who came along, donated baking or gifts for the stall or those who generously donated. We are very thankful and blessed by you all. It was wonderful to see our 'Friends' enjoying themselves and interacting with everyone. The latest Spring Prospects Across Scotland newsletter is available to pick up at the front of the church for more information about their great work.

Brightons Parish Church Bereavement / Memorial Service

We invite you, your family and friends to join us at Brightons Parish Church on **Sunday, 14th May, 2023 at 3pm** when we will be holding a Bereavement Memorial Service. It will be a time of Remembrance and Reflection for all of us, and for those we have loved and lost. We do hope to see you there. Tea/Coffee will be served in the Rankine Hall after the Service.

Coffee Morning

The theme of the coffee morning on Thursday of this week will be centred around the Coronation. Please come along and join us for tea/coffee and goodies. Red, white and blue will be the colours - so please dress appropriately! Looking forward to seeing you there between 10am and 11.30am.

Safeguarding

Following guidelines issued by the Church of Scotland's Safeguarding Service, we have adopted a Whistleblowing Policy. The purpose of this policy is to provide a procedure which enables concerns to be raised if there are reasonable grounds for believing there is serious malpractice occurring or likely to occur. We have done this because as a congregation we are committed to the principles of openness, probity and accountability. In line with that commitment, we expect anyone who has a serious concern about any aspect of our congregational life to voice those concerns in good faith and in line with the policy without fear of victimisation, subsequent discrimination or disadvantage. Further details can be found on the website at <https://www.brightonschurch.org.uk/contact/> There is a copy on the notice board at the back door and Irene Stewart has some paper copies too.

Golf Outing

The next golf outing to the 12-hole course at Gogarburn golf club will be held on Friday 23rd June 2023. In recent years this has usually involved players from Polmont Old and Brightons but we would like to open it up to anyone with a connection to any of the local churches who fancies a game of golf. We usually play in teams of 3 or 4 and there are prizes for the best team stableford score, best individual net score, nearest the pin and longest drive. The cost will be around £32 including coffee and a filled roll before play and a 2-course lunch served after the golf. Please contact Billy Rankine by Sunday 4th June if you're interested in playing or just looking for more information about the golf. E mail billyrankine@btinternet.com or 07860 527899.

Items for Newssheet

Please note that the deadline for items for the newssheet is 12 noon on Thursday.

Flowers in Church

Flowers are provided this week by Fiona McLuckie.

Delivering the flowers after today's service will be Kathleen Frew.

Delivery next week will be Sheila Colebrook.

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

Helen Brodie, Laura Eckles, Morag Lang, Jon-Luke Kirton, Neil Matheson, Richard McManus, Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, Andrew Philp, Eric Smith, Irene Stewart and the Choir.

The Week Ahead at Brightons

Date	Time	Activity
Tuesday 2 nd May	9.30 am	Pre 5s
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	7.30 pm	Discipleship Team Meeting
Wednesday 3 rd May	7.30 pm	Praise Band Practice
	8.45 pm	Youth Worker Committee Meeting
Thursday 4 th May	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
	6.45 pm	Friends of Jesus Group
	7.45 pm	Choir
	8.15 pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer
Friday 5 th May	7.30 pm	BB Company
Sunday 7 th May	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed
	11.00 am	Sunday School Groups

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