



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

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**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 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (11.00 am)**

*We offer ourselves to God in worship*

Welcome, Notices and Gathering Moment

Call to Worship

**Hymn - Hallelujah**

**Hymn MP-782 Worthy, O worthy, are You Lord**

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matthew 11v28-12v14 (NIVUK) (page 977)

(Maralyn Stirling)

**Hymn – The longing of my soul**

Prayer for Others

**Hymn MP-921 Purify my heart**

Message

*We respond to God*

**Hymn MP-1105 See what a morning**

Benediction and Threefold Amen

## **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 revisit 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 only this week and throughout the summer holiday period. Please email [info@brightonschurch.org.uk](mailto:info@brightonschurch.org.uk) for Zoom login details if you would like to join.

## **Summer Services**

These will run from 2nd July to 13th August inclusive. Each Sunday there will be services at 9.30 am (this will be a half-hour, family-friendly service in the sanctuary) and then 11.00 am – (this will be a more regular service but with no all-age section or Sunday School groups).

## **Tea and Coffee**

During the Summer, Tea and Coffee will be served at 10.30 am before the 11.00 am Service.

## **Annual Business Meeting**

The Annual Business Meeting is **today** at 12.15 pm after the 11.00 am service. Copies of the ABM minute from last year and the accounts for 2022 will be available at the front door.

## **Letter from Kirk Session**

As part of the preparatory work for the future Union of the Upper Braes Churches, the Kirk Sessions are required to update the Communion Rolls. In light of this, we've sent a letter to members we haven't seen so often to encourage them back to worship, and to understand if there's any help we can offer them. We have also asked people to confirm their wishes and intention regarding church membership. This letter hasn't gone out to everyone, but we wanted to let you know in case you speak to anyone who has received one. If you have any questions, please speak with Scott or Judith.

## **New Name for Upper Braes Churches**

A small group of representative Elders from the four Kirk Sessions of the Upper Braes Churches are beginning to work on a number of tasks that are required to be thought about ahead of our anticipated Union. One of these tasks is the creation of a single new name for us all to come under. We invite anyone from the four congregations to submit ideas to their representative Elders by Sunday 6th August. Details of what must be included in the name are noted in print outs available at the church door; please pick up a copy on your way out today. Your representative Elders for Brightons Parish Church are Jessie Wallace and James Falconer. Please speak with them or Scott if you have any questions.

### **Sunday School Leader**

Following on from Scott's message at the end of June, if you are wondering where you can help within the church, we are seeking to recruit another leader for Triple S to assist Dixcee in the running of the group. If you think you might be interested in helping, please email [sundayschool@brightonschurch.org.uk](mailto:sundayschool@brightonschurch.org.uk)

### **Summer Pastoral Visits – Sign Up Sheets**

With a change of activities over the summer, Scott is making some diary space to offer pastoral visits to those who would wish a visit – sign-up sheets are in the front vestibule. If you know of someone who might like a visit, then please ask them first before reserving a time on their behalf. There are daytime and evening options, beginning from the first week of July 'til the end of August. Visits can be to your home or in the vestry, whichever you prefer.

### **Deacons, Elders, Sunday School and Group Leaders**

There is training (refresher for many) on fire evacuation procedures arranged in the Rankine Hall for the following dates: Sun 13th, 20th and 27th Aug 10:15-10:45; Mon 14th Aug 19:30-20:00. Please ensure you attend on ONE of these dates.

### **Prayer Ministry Training – open invite**

Being able to pray openly with and for another person is such a blessing, whether that's within church events or out in the community. So, a two-night training course will be run on 13th and 20th August, 6.30-9 pm. If you are interested, please confirm your attendance with Scott.

### **Daily Bread Bible Reading Notes**

These are now available at a cost of £5.49 each. There are still some available so please speak to Heather O'Neill. Email address is [heather.oneill5@btinternet.com](mailto:heather.oneill5@btinternet.com).

### **Gender Based Stereotyping and Men in the Church**

"I don't stereotype anyone. It's nothing to do with me!" would likely be the response of most men in the church. Scott and James Falconer would like to explore that discussion with men in the congregation at an informal session on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August from 7pm – food and refreshments included. Speak to Scott or James if you would like to sign-up or receive more information.

### **Tea and Coffee**

9<sup>th</sup> July – Janet Crosthwaite, Christine Hastings and Jennifer Gallivan.

16<sup>th</sup> July – Roy Graham, Marion Graham and Heather McManus.

### **Flowers in Church**

Flowers are provided this week by Sandra and Bill Smillie.

Delivering the flowers after today's service will be Anne Smith.

Delivery next week will be Cathy Playfair.

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

Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, Andrew Philp, Maralyn Stirling, Eric Smith and Aidan Wansbrough.

## The Week Ahead at Brightons

Date	Time	Activity
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00 am	Wednesday Book Group
	7.30 pm	Band Practice
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	8.15 pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer (Zoom)
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 am	All Age Summer Service
	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
	10.30 am	Morning Refreshments
	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed

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