



**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 Service to God is led today by Brent Haywood.**

**Order of Service – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (11.00 am)**

*We offer ourselves to God in worship*

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment

The Choir: 'Jesus saves'

Call to Worship

**Hymn MP-1141 You're the Word of God the Father**

**Hymn MP-1227 The splendour of the King**

All Together Time

**Hymn MP-88 Come bless the Lord**

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer\*

Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:1-16 (page 987)

(Margo Graham)

Prayer for Others

(Annabella Nimmo)

**Hymn MP-295 I serve a risen Saviour**

Message

*We respond to God*

**Hymn MP-602 Sing we the King who is coming to reign**

Benediction and Threefold Amen

*\*The Lord's Prayer will appear on screen, if this is of use.*

*We have groups today for Beginners' and Juniors' children,  
as well as a creche room*

## **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, X, 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, see the calendar and news, as well as revisit previous sermons.

## **This Morning's Service**

We welcome Brent Heywood this morning to lead our Service while Scott is on holiday.

## **Minister's Holidays**

Please note that Scott will be on holiday from 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April inclusive. Please contact Judith Norton for any pastoral needs.

## **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 Facebook, YouTube and Zoom. Please email [info@brightonschurch.org.uk](mailto:info@brightonschurch.org.uk) for Zoom login details if you would like to join. Please note that the Prayer Meeting this week will be on Zoom only.

## **Update on Leave of Absence for Ian Baillie – Pastoral Assistant**

Ian will continue to be off for a while longer, at least until week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> April, but we will confirm when he starts back and ask you to continue to give Ian space and prayerful support during this leave for recovery. He is very thankful for your cards, phone calls and prayers. In the meantime, for any pastoral updates or needs please contact Scott, Sandra Anderson or Judith Norton.

## **Update on Presbytery Mission Plan**

The Mission Plan Action Group (MPAG) have released the updated draft Presbytery Mission Plan and this will be discussed on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April in Motherwell. The meeting will be live-streamed on the Presbytery website but since it is a whole day meeting we do not plan to make this available locally. However, copies of the proposal for the Upper Braes cluster are available at the front and rear doors; there are no changes to what the Kirk Sessions proposed to MPAG. If the draft plan is accepted at the meeting, it still has various steps to go through before being full adopted. We'll keep you posted. If you have questions, please speak with Scott or Judith.

## **Please Remember In Your Prayers**

Please remember Sharon and Jason Glass and the wider family in your prayers, following the passing of Sharon's Dad.

## **Jill Hall Funeral Arrangements**

The funeral arrangements for Jill Hall, Wendy Dick's mum are as follows:

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April, there will be a Committal Service at Falkirk Crematorium at 12.15pm followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at Brightons Church at 1.45pm. We will have refreshments after the Service of Thanksgiving in the church hall. Everyone is welcome. We, as a family, would like to thank our church family for all their love, prayers, cards, flowers, food and kind messages at this sad time.

## **St Margaret's Service**

The next service at St Margaret's will be this afternoon at 2.00 pm.

## **Connect Summer Edition**

The deadline for articles for the Summer edition of Connect Magazine should be with Margaret Sim at [connect@brightonschurch.org.uk](mailto:connect@brightonschurch.org.uk) by 21st April 2024, or you can leave them in the Church Office. Many thanks.

## **Do you have a heart for worship? Then join the team!**

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April, Scott will be hosting the first yearly "conference" of the Worship Team 9.30am-12noon in the Rankine Hall, with the option to stay on for lunch. The team is principally made up of those who are already involved in shaping our shared worship times: worship leaders, preachers, prayer leaders, Scripture readers, musicians, choir, A/V operators, prayer ministry volunteers, welcome team, hospitality team and others! We hope as many of these folks can join us for a time of reflecting, discussing and looking ahead. But we also invite anyone to join us who has a heart for worship, whether to simply listen in or actively contribute. Please use the sign-up sheets at the front/rear door if you are interested in attending.

## **Launch of CAP Money Course in Brightons**

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) are a charity that Brightons supports in fighting debt and poverty in the Forth Valley area. This is done in partnership with local churches, working to see lives transformed. In addition to their debt advice service, they now run Money Management courses in cooperation with churches. Since its launch nationally they have helped thousands of people to budget, spend and save better. They believe that when people feel confident and equipped to manage their money well, they have greater financial resilience, healthier relationships and more opportunities to thrive. Money coaching is designed to help people from all walks of life and income to: 1) Build a successful budget and stick to it. 2) Discover easy ways to keep track of your money. 3) Avoid overspend and unmanageable debt. Sometime in May, CAP will be running a Money course in Brightons and if you're interested, please provide your name and details to Roy Graham or Maralyn Stirling. The course runs over 9 modules and is usually 2 hours a week over a 4-week period. It is entirely free and all materials are provided as well as online access to budgeting tools and benefits calculator. You will find flyers in the pews giving more information.

## **Guild – Easter Plants**

Members of the Guild would like to say a big thank you to all who participated in our Easter Plants fundraiser. The window ledges were decorated with plants and everyone in the church enjoyed the Easter celebrations. We were able to donate £333 to Guild funds and plants were delivered to 30 members of the church who can no longer attend. The congregation are always very supportive of the Guild, and we thank you once again for your help.

### **Martha's Pantry**

Martha's Pantry in Slamannan is looking for volunteers to work in the pantry on Wednesdays from 1pm to 3.30pm. Most volunteers cover one shift between once a month to once every 6 weeks, it's very flexible. There is also a chance to volunteer on a Monday morning to set up the pantry for the Wednesday. If you are interested, please talk to Lesley Mann.

### **Golf Outing**

We are proposing a Golf Outing with our friends at Polmont Old. This will take place in late May. The final date is to be confirmed. If you are interested then please contact Billy Rankine on 07860527899 or e mail Billy at [billyrankine@btinternet.com](mailto:billyrankine@btinternet.com).

### **Open Meeting: Additional Support Needs - Sunday 28th April 12.30pm - 1.30pm**

For a few years we've been talking about how to lower the barriers within the life of our congregation for those with Additional Support Needs (ASN). Whilst we do not want to overpromise, we do wish to continue the conversation by inviting any member or family to a meeting in the Herriot Hall after morning worship on Sunday 28th April, with the option for you to bring a picnic lunch. You might have an ASN, or have a child who does, or simply have experience in this area - all are welcome. This event is not only for those affected by neurodiversities like autism. If you would like any more information, or if you can't make the date but would like to add your thoughts, then please speak to Scott.

### **Tea and Coffee**

7<sup>th</sup> April – Iris O'Neill, Heather O'Neill and Margaret Sim.

14<sup>th</sup> April – Sandra and Bill Smillie and Norma and Alan Thompson.

### **Flowers in Church**

Flowers are provided this week by Robert and Margot Wilson in loving memory of their Son, Scott.

Delivering the flowers after today's service will be Lesley Baillie.

Delivery next week will be Jane Bell.

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

Margo Graham, Brent Haywood, Jon-Luke Kirton, Susan McIntosh, Ewan McManus, Judith Richard McManus, Adam Matheson, Neil Matheson, Jean Meek, Annabella Nimmo, Norton, Heather O'Neill, The Choir, The Welcome Team.

## The Week Ahead at Brightons

Date	Time	Activity
TODAY	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed
	11.00 am	Sunday Club Groups (Beginners and Juniors Only)
	2.00 pm	St Margaret's Service
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	6.30 pm	Finance Team Meeting
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00 am	Wednesday Book Group
	7.30 pm	Band Practice
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	8.15 pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer (Zoom only)
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed
	11.00 am	Sunday School Groups (Beginners and Juniors groups only)

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