



**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 Rev. Scott Burton.**

**Order of Service – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (11.00 am)**

*We offer ourselves to God in worship*

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment

The Choir: 'All things bright and beautiful'

Call to Worship

**Hymn – Old 100<sup>th</sup> (All people that on earth)**

**Hymn – A thousand hallelujahs**

All Together Time: Moving Up Presentations

(Sunday School)

**JP 0252 – The wise man built his house**

(children leave)

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer\*

Introduction to new teaching series

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:1-18 (NIVUK) (page 670) (Sharon Glass)

Prayer for Others

(Jim Hope)

**Hymn MP-626 Teach me Thy way**

Message

*We respond to God*

**Hymn MP-1346 One more step along the world I go (v. 1-3)**

Benediction and Threefold Amen

*\* The words for the Lord's Prayer will appear on screen, if you find these helpful.*

*We have Sunday groups for all ages of children up to S3,  
as well as a creche room available*



### **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.

### **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.

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

Ian has started a phased return to work and is now contactable for pastoral needs. Thank you for everyone's prayerful and encouraging support.

### **New Safeguarding Coordinator**

We are delighted to welcome Eileen Hope as our new Safeguarding Coordinator. Her phone number and email address can be found on posters throughout the building as well as our website, if you need to contact Eileen with any concerns or queries.

### **Welcome Team**

The Welcome team is meeting in church after the service today. Anyone interested in joining the team is also invited.

### **Bereavement Service**

Our annual Bereavement Service will be held **today at 3.00 pm** in Brightons Parish Church, led by our Pastoral Assistant, Ian Baillie. All are welcome to come along to this Service, whether your loss is recent or some time ago. Refreshments will be served in the Rankine Hall after the Service. We do hope to see you there.

### **Christian Aid Week 2024**

Our church will be supporting the work of Christian Aid Week 2024. A donation envelope will be included in our Order of Service on 12th May which will offer an opportunity to support the sterling work of Christian Aid. Please see the charity's excellent website for comprehensive details of their work. Thank you.

### **Youth worker update**

Since the last update, we have made excellent progress. The committee has prepared the job description, contract, parish profile, advertisement, and detailed budget projection, and drafted additional church policies. The position is officially a "Youth Development Leader", which more accurately communicates the scope of the role. We've appointed and briefed the interview panel and agreed the project management structure. Before we can advertise, Forth Valley and Clydesdale Presbytery need to approve the above materials. Unfortunately, this has been held up behind other business. As soon as this approval is received, we will advertise in a number of key locations and on our own church website. We still hope to have time to appoint before summer, but time is tight. Please continue to pray for the process to go smoothly, and that God would be preparing the person He has planned for us



### **Friendship Plus – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

The Friendship Plus Lunch will be at the Dutch Inn at 12.00 pm for 12.30 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Safar Get Together Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

We are organising a get together for anyone who has been using the Safar materials over the last few months. This meet up will take place after church on the 19<sup>th</sup> May, and will be an informal gathering to allow everyone to share their experiences so far. There is no need to have completed the full ten weeks before the get together. You are also welcome to attend if you are interested in finding out more about Safar or if you have already taken part previously. Please bring along a picnic lunch- tea and coffee will be provided. Please add your name to the sign up sheet on the way out if you are planning to attend.

### **St Margaret's Service**

The next Service at St Margaret's will be on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00 pm.

### **Men's Book Group – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

The next meeting will be on 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7.45 pm in the Vestry.

### **Church BBQ**

We will be having a church BBQ on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May in Quarry Park, 11 a.m. - approx. 2pm. Everyone is invited to join us for food and fellowship! For the day to be fun for everyone, we need people to help us, including cooks, servers, setting up and tidying up at the end and people to collect the food. If you plan on coming, please fill in the form in the newssheet so we can cater for everyone. If you have questions, ask Alie Drackford or Maggy Dick or email Alie at [sundayschool@brightonschurch.org.uk](mailto:sundayschool@brightonschurch.org.uk)

### **Additional Support Needs Meeting – Sunday Worship**

Following on from a beneficial first meeting, we are now pursuing work along two strands – Sunday Worship and Sunday School. The meeting to explore how to develop Sunday Worship in light of ASN will be held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June after the morning service, roughly 12.30-2pm, in the small hall. If you can attend, please bring a lunch with your ideas! If you can't make it, then please share ideas with Scott.

### **Forth Valley CAP Service**

Forth Valley CAP Steering Group invites Partner Church members, CAP volunteers and supporters to a service of Celebration to mark the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its inception. The service will be held in Larbert Baptist Church on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00 pm. FVCAP has dealt with over half a million pounds worth of debt in the last 5 years. The service will include a testimony by one of the debt free clients and, of course, birthday cake. If interested, please speak to Roy Graham for transport arrangements.

### **Transform (Scottish Bible Society)**

The latest edition of Transform, the magazine of the Scottish Bible Society, is available at the front of the church. It is full of interesting and encouraging articles - please take a copy, read - and maybe pass it on. A copy is also available in the creche room.



### **Community Centre**

A body of local people are hoping to take over the running of the Brightons' Village/Community Hall next door to our building. To meet the various requirements from the council to take this on, they need members to join the committee. As we ourselves are users of the hall we have a vested interest and it is important that we continue to work in harmony with the rest of the community. Should anyone feel they could offer their support by becoming a member please contact Moira Heeps at [mheeps@gmail.com](mailto:mheeps@gmail.com) and also speak to Alie Drackford for more information.

### **Next week's newssheet**

Please send items for next week's newssheet to Neil Matheson at [newssheet@brightonschurch.org.uk](mailto:newssheet@brightonschurch.org.uk) or contact him on 07742 604247. The deadline for submissions remains 12 noon on Thursday.

### **Tea and Coffee**

12<sup>th</sup> May – Alison Cassells, Lesley Mann and

19<sup>th</sup> May – Alex Davis, Eileen McArdle and Maralyn Stirling.

### **Flowers in Church**

Flowers are provided this week by Maralyn Stirling.

Delivering the flowers after today's service will be Ray Heeps.

Delivering the flowers next week will be Sandra Anderson.

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

Jill Dickson, Laura Eckles, James Falconer, Sharon Glass, Jim Hope, Morag Lang, Neil Matheson, Susan McIntosh, Ewan McManus, Richard McManus, Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, Andrew Philp, the Choir, the Welcome Team.



## The Week Ahead at Brightons

Date	Time	Activity
TODAY	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed
	11.00 am	Sunday Club Groups
	12.30 pm	Welcome Team meeting
	3.00 pm	Bereavement Service
	7.45 pm	Gender Based Violence Team Meeting
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	2.00 pm	Art Group
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30 am	Pre 5s Group
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	12.00 pm	Friendship Plus Lunch
	7.00 pm	CAP Training
	7.30 pm	Band Practice
	7.30 pm	Preaching Team Meeting
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
	6.45 pm	Friends of Jesus
	7.30 pm	Choir
	8.15 pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	2.00 pm	Long Covid Group
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed
	11.00 am	Sunday Club Groups
	12.30 pm	Safar Picnic Get Together
	2.00 pm	St Margaret's Care Home Service
	7.45 pm	Sunday Youth Fellowship

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