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Life and Work for May is now available and can be uplifted as you leave church this morning.

Next Sunday: The **special Annual Bereavement Service** will take place at **3.00 p.m.** The Praise Group will also take part in the service. Many in our congregation and parish have suffered bereavement, not only during the past year but previously, and this is an open invitation for family and friends and any others who would care to come together for this service of remembering.

Joining the Congregation and Upcoming Open Door Course: On the 2nd June we hope to be welcoming at least one or two new people into membership. Anyone else who wishes to explore the meaning and means of joining the congregation in this way should speak with the Minister. If you have not been a member elsewhere, we would encourage you to attend our next Open Doors course, which will run for 6 weeks from **Wednesday 8th May in the vestry at 7.30 p.m.** It explores some of the basics of membership, but it is also helpful for any who wish to revisit the basics of the faith. Anyone interested please speak to or contact the Minister or Eric Smith, Session Clerk **today**.

Remembrance Book: This has now been placed in the church vestibule. Spare cards and envelopes for details of any insertions are now beside the book as well as on the pews. Any completed cards can be handed to any member of the door duty team or Sandra Anderson, Pastoral Care Convenor.

Bright Lights: The deadline for articles for the next issue is **today**. Articles can still be submitted by email to brightlights@brightonschurch.org.uk or handwritten or typed and passed to Alan Macfarlane or Heather O'Neill or left in the box in the church vestibule.

Newsheet Intimations for Sunday 12th May and 19th May: These should be sent to **Karen Fulton, at the latest by the Wednesday evening.**

Kirk Session: The Kirk Session will meet on **Tuesday, 14th May at 7.45 p.m.** Any items for AOCB should be advised to Eric Smith, Session Clerk, by **Tuesday, 7th May** at the latest. There will be the regular Prayer time prior to the Kirk Session at **7.15 p.m.** in the small hall, open to all Elders.

Congregational Prayer Time takes place this **Thursday from 7.45 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. in the Small Hall**, and is a time when we can all come together, for all or part of the evening, to pray for God's people across the world.

Community Outreach Team and Convener: Recently, the Kirk Session agreed to clarify and update the remit of the Community Outreach team: 'supporting the "missional life" of Brightons Parish Church'. We are now looking to invite people to be part of the team to help fulfil this task - you do not need to be an elder or deacon. Crucially, we are also seeking a Convener to lead the team - suggestions or self-referrals should be given to the Minister or Session Clerk. Copies of the team's remit can be found in the front vestibule.

Fire Drill Training: There will be two training and refresher opportunities for trustees and all the organisations/groups leaders and helpers on either **Sunday 12th May or Sunday 19th May at 10.00 a.m.** for around half an hour. These will be led by Gordon Scott, Property Convenor and Fire Safety Officer. Your attendance would be much appreciated at either of these times.

Friendship Plus: The Friendship Plus outing takes place on **Wednesday 15th May** leaving the church at **12 noon prompt** and going to the Garrion Bridge Garden Centre followed by a trip to the Bay Hotel, Pettycur Bay for High Tea and return to the church thereafter. The cost is £15. A volunteer will be in touch regarding transport arrangements. For any further information contact Jesse Wallace.

Outing to Peebles: The Guild are organising a coach trip to Peebles on **Saturday 1st June**, leaving the church at 11.00 a.m. and returning in the early evening. The cost is £27 including lunch. Everyone is welcome to join the women and men of the Guild. To reserve a place, please speak to May Kennedy.

Refresher Training for Volunteers: There is a Protection of Vulnerable Groups Refresher training course for Volunteers this **Wednesday 8th May** at Bo'ness Old Kirk Church, Panbrae Road Bo'ness EH51 0EN. Registration from 6.00 p.m. Training from 6.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. As places are limited, please contact Linda Campbell, Safeguarding Co-ordinator. The details are also on the hall corridor noticeboard.

Christian Aid Week 12th - 18th May - Door to Door Drop: It is hard to believe to believe there is only **one** more Sunday until CAW and this year we are going to try something different! This year we require our volunteers to **deliver only** – return options are on the envelopes – and we would like to augment our faithful band of volunteers with new folk in order to reach as many as possible. As a Church with a heart for those in need, we reach out to the community seeking their support for the vital, life-saving work of Christian Aid. **Please** help us to help others. Sign-up sheets will be available in the rear vestibule next Sunday. Envelopes will also be available next Sunday in the Church and Hall vestibules for visitors and members who live outwith the parish.

Christian Aid Book Sale: Falkirk Trinity Church is holding a Christian Aid book sale from **Wednesday 22nd - Saturday 25th May** at the following times Wednesday to Friday from 11.00 a.m. - 8.00 p.m. and on Saturday from 10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. Donations of Books, LP's, CD's and DVD's are wanted. Full details are on the hall vestibule, hall corridor and the general noticeboard in the Heriot Hall.

Scottish Women of the Word Day Conference: The Scottish Women of the Word Day Conference brings women together to encourage, strengthen and enrich each other through Bible teaching, prayer and fellowship. This will be on **Saturday 11th May** at Richmond Park Hotel from 10.30 a.m. The speakers are Avril Fries and Ruth Aird. Cost £20 includes a 2-course lunch. Please speak to or contact Wendy Dick for booking details.

BELONG is a new inter-generational outreach event at the church starting on **Sunday 19th May at 4.30 p.m.** It's an informal, interactive, all-age event to which you can invite your neighbours and friends to learn about Jesus in a relaxed and unstructured way. Come when you can, leave when you must. Invitations are available at the back door if you would like to bring a friend along or find out more. For the first meeting, we need your prayers and donations of egg boxes (please leave in the vestry). Please pray for those leading and those invited to attend from outside of the church. Contact Rachel Gilmour for more information.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Time	Activity
Sun 5 th May	10.15 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting (Vestry)
	10.50 a.m.	Crèche (Small Hall)
	10.50 a.m.	Sunday Schools, Triple S and Flaim
	11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship
	7.00 p.m.	Fellowship Group T
Tue 7 th May	9.45 a.m.	Pre Fives
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	6.15 p.m.	Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys
Wed 8 th May	7.30 p.m.	Open Door - Vestry
Thu 9 th May	10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.	Church open - Prayer & Meditation
	10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.	Coffee Morning
	7.30 p.m.	Choir
	7.45 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.	Congregational Prayer Time
Fri 10 th May	9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.	Fellowship Group C
Sun 12 th May	10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.	Fire Drill Refresher Training
	10.15 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting (Vestry)
	10.50 a.m.	Crèche (Small Hall)
	10.50 a.m.	Sunday Schools, Triple S and Flaim
	11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship
	2.15 p.m.	Praise Group Meeting Prior to Bereavement Service
	3.00 p.m.	Bereavement Service

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