

Brightons Parish Church

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Welcome to All

We join together to worship God in the Name of Jesus Christ.

We are especially delighted to have you with us and if you are visiting we would be glad to have you sign our visitors' book in the Church vestibule.



*“We seek to show Christ’s love to all
and to be a blessing to the wider world”*

Worship 11.00 a.m. 12th May 2019

- Welcome and Announcements
- Gathering Moment
- Introit ***‘The Lord’s My Shepherd’***
 - ***We offer Ourselves and Children to God in Worship***
- Call to Worship
- Mission Praise **506 *O Lord my God! (v 1, 3, 4)***
- Young People’s Message
- Praise ***Jesus, I need You, deep down in my heart***
- **Offering Uplifted** – we remain seated to sing
- Mission Praise **133 *Father, I place into Your hands***
- **Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer**
 - ***We listen for God speaking to us***
- Scripture Reading **Luke 15 v 1 - 10 page 1048/49** **Margo Graham**
Romans 8 v 18 - 39 page 1135
- **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession** **David MacAskill**
- Anthem ***‘To be in Your presence’***
- **Sermon**
 - ***We respond to God***
- Mission Praise **1217 *Oh, to see the dawn***
- Benediction and Threefold Amen

If you wish to contact anyone, or follow up anything mentioned in the newssheet, please email info@brightonschurch.org.uk

Today: The special **Annual Bereavement Service**, conducted by Rev Scott Burton 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.

Please remember in your prayers Maralyn Stirling, sons Fraser and Craig, Fraser's wife Claire and their children, Harley and Sienna and all other family members and friends following the passing of Jim last Monday morning. The funeral arrangements on Friday 17th May are as follows - a private cremation, family only, at Falkirk Crematorium at 9.30 a.m. followed by a service of Thanksgiving in the church at 10.30 a.m.

Pastoral Assistant: Ian Baillie will be on holiday from tomorrow, Monday until and including Friday 24th May. During this time please contact the minister.

Kirk Session: The Kirk Session will meet on **Tuesday, 14th May at 7.45 p.m.** 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.

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

Christian Aid Week 12th - 18th May - Door to Door Drop: It is hard to believe that CAW is here and this year we are going to try something different! This year we require our volunteers to **deliver only** - the 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 and envelopes are now available in the hall vestibule.** Envelopes are also available today 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.

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.

Fire Drill Training: There will be another training and refresher opportunity for trustees and all the organisation/group leaders and helpers on **Sunday 19th May at 10.00 a.m.** for around half an hour. This will be led by Gordon Scott, Property Convenor and Fire Safety Officer. Your attendance would be much appreciated at this session if you missed the one this morning.

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.

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.

All Age Fun Day Sunday School and Youth BBQ: Saturday 25th May from 11.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.: Our annual BBQ and Fun Day for the young people will take place on Saturday 25th May from 11.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. in the church halls. There will be games, a bouncy castle and great food. The cost will be £3 for adults and £2 for children 3 and over. Note this isn't limited just to our young people, so we'd love to see you there, whatever age you are! Please see Maggy Dick or Judith Norton if you'd like to come, to give us an idea of numbers for catering.

The Next Film Night will be on **Saturday 25th May at 7.00 p.m.** The film we are showing is "Same kind of different as me".

A true life story of kindness and transformation. A moving story with a life changing message that transformed a community and a forgiveness that healed a heart. It challenges you to change the world around you to act in kindness motivated by grace. Tea, coffee and fellowship after the movie. All welcome.

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.

Weekend of Invitation: Last year we initiated a national Church scheme to invite a friend or family member or even both to join with us on what was a specially designated Sunday in June. Over 10 days I took an invitation letter to around 120 of our members who for one reason or another may have been missing from our pews and tried to speak to most of them for a few minutes to explain the reason for my brief visit.

I am delighted to say that some of those members, your friends and family, have since been sharing more time with us on a Sunday. Scott has begun to look at the parable of the Prodigal Son and introduced this to us with the parable of the Lost Coin and the Lost Sheep and the great rejoicing there was when one was found and returned to the fold. We now rejoice in several again in our "fold" here in Brightons Church and look forward to perhaps a few more returning as we begin to prepare for another Weekend of Invitation on **Sunday 9th June 2019**.

Please begin to pray about this upcoming initiative and start to think of and pray for who you might invite and perhaps contact me if you think you may be able to help in some way. I know Scott and I are planning to again visit some households and maybe you could find time to join us in this task during the period **26th May till around 6th June**.

Many thanks, Ian Baillie

Dates for your Diary

Date	Time	Activity
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
Tue 14 th May	9.45 a.m.	Pre Fives
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	6.15 p.m.	Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys
	7.45 p.m.	Kirk Session
Wed 15 th May	7.30 p.m.	Open Door - Vestry
Thu 16 th May	10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.	Church open - Prayer & Meditation
	10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.	Coffee Morning
	7.00 p.m.	Friends of Jesus - external location
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	4.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.	Belong

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