

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”*
Service 11.00 a.m. 8th March 2020

- Welcome and Notices
 - ***We offer ourselves with our children to God in worship***
- Gathering Moment
- Introit “*Precious promise*”
- Call to Worship
- Praise ***Jesus, Redeemer***
- **Offering Uplifted** - we SIT to sing
- Mission Praise ***50 Be still***
- Young People’s Message
- Praise ***It’s an adventure***
 - ***We ask for God’s help and listen for Him speaking to us***
- **Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer**
- Scripture Reading James 5 v 10 - 20 page 1216
- **Prayer of Thanksgiving** and for Others
- Mission Praise ***746 What a friend we have in Jesus***
- **Sermon**
 - ***We respond to God***
- Mission Praise ***109 Crown Him with many crowns***
- Benediction and Threefold Amen

Helen Brodie
Jason Glass

Pastoral Care Survey: Thank you to the many people who have already returned their survey forms. Your prompt response is appreciated. If you have not already completed and returned the form, we would find it really helpful if you did so as soon as possible. Completed forms can be placed in the post box on the outside wall near the Halls entrance.

The Retiring Offering at both Communion Services last Sunday raised £172.53 for our Missionary Partners, the Duncans, in South Africa. Many thanks to all who contributed.

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

Congratulations to the Boys' Brigade Company Section who won the Battalion Pulpit Fall Competition for Christian Knowledge last Sunday. The team was Aidan Wansbrough, Ewan Sneddon, Owen Gough and Alastair Gough. Well done boys.

Church Conference: Prof. June Andrews who led the session on Dementia gifted a number of her books 'Dementia - The One-Stop Guide'. for Church Funds at a cost of £10. These are available from the door duty team.

Mission Jar donations in respect of Amazon Hope to date are £57.85. Thanks to all those who collect their loose change for this worthwhile charity.

Healing the Wounds of Trauma - A Course for Lent 2020: This continues tomorrow, **Monday 9th March**, in the Small Hall from **1.00 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.**

The Guild: The next meeting of the Guild will be tomorrow, **Monday 9th March at the earlier time of 7.00 p.m.** for the Annual Business Meeting. Following this there will be a guest speaker from the Quakers. All will be made most welcome.

The next afternoon meeting of the Guild is on **Monday 16th March at 2.00 p.m.** The topic will be on one of this year's projects, 'The Free to Live Trust' and its Seema's Project - Rescuing victims of modern slavery and their innocent children from the 'Red Light' District in the city of Pune, India. This is the rearranged topic as the original visit on Monday 10th February was cancelled as result of the bad weather. All are welcome.

The Guild would like to thank everyone who donated items for the recent Silent Auction fundraiser and all of you who attended. £454 was raised for Guild funds. Unsold items were handed on to Charity Shops, with most going to Marie Curie. Thank you for your support.

Kirk Session: The Kirk Session will meet this **Tuesday, 10th March at 7.45 p.m.** There will be the regular Prayer time prior to the 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.

Breathing In: It's not long now until our next Breathing In event taking place next **Saturday 14th March from 9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.** The theme of this year's event is 'How do we disciple our young people?' We'll start with coffee and a time to relax. Over the morning we'll have the opportunity to praise, pray, listen and discuss as well as spend time connecting with each other. If you are planning to come along, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back door or front of the church. You can also let us know you are attending through the event on the Church Facebook group.

Friends of Jesus: You are warmly invited to come along to support the Friends of Jesus group's Scottish themed coffee morning in Brightons Church hall on **Saturday 21st March 10 a.m. - 12 noon.** There is no set charge - entry is by donation. Money raised will be split equally between Friends of Jesus Group and Prospects Across Scotland. If you would like to contribute some scones, pancakes or tray bakes please could you bring them to the hall between **9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. on the Saturday.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

Open Door Course: This course is for those interested in exploring the Christian Faith with a view to church membership, or wishing to revisit the basics of the faith, and will commence **week beginning 27th April** and include four meetings. The day and time is to be confirmed, depending upon who is interested. Everyone is welcome. Anyone interested please speak to the Minister or Eric Smith, Session Clerk as soon as possible.

Faith Mission Bookstall: Cammy and Wendy Dick would like to thank all for supporting the Bookstall. In 2019, the total commission from the bookstalls to the church was almost £100. The next bookstall will be on Sunday 17th May.

Refresher Training for Volunteers: There is a Protection of Vulnerable Groups Refresher training course for Volunteers this **Wednesday 11th March** at Blackbraes and Shieldhill Parish Church, Main Street, Shieldhill, FK1 2EA. Registration and refreshments from 6.15 p.m. Training from 6.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. As places are limited, please contact Pat Paterson, Deputy Safeguarding Co-ordinator tel. 411915. The details are also on the hall vestibule and corridor noticeboards.

Young People's Library: We are in the process of setting up a young people's library for children and young people aged 0-18. The library can be used by any children in our church and those who attend the many groups in our church. If you have any Christian children's books you would be willing to donate, please pass them to Cameron Dick.

If you would like to assist in the running of this library once it's set up, please speak to Cameron Dick.

Christian views in today's society: On Sunday 16th February Scott preached from James chapter 3 on the topic of "false wisdom" including how, in an increasingly secular society, expressing traditional and orthodox Christian beliefs drawn from the Bible can result in churches and individuals

being criticised and even denied the right to express these views by those in authority. One example highlighted was the case of Destiny Church in Edinburgh whose contract with the Usher Hall was terminated by City of Edinburgh Council. Destiny are currently seeking to have this decision reversed and have had to resort to costly legal means to do this. More detail and how they hope to fund this can be found at

www.gofundme.com/f/DestinyvCEC

Dates for your Diary

| Date | Time | Activity |
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| Sun 8 th Mar | 10.15 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. | Prayer Meeting (Vestry) |
| | 10.50 a.m. | Crèche |
| | 10.50 a.m. | Sunday Schools, Triple S and Flaim |
| | 11.00 a.m. | Morning Worship |
| | 4.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. | BELONG |
| | 7.00 p.m. | Fellowship Group T |
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| Mon 9 th Mar | 1.00 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. | Healing the Wounds of Trauma |
| | 2.00 p.m. | Art Group |
| | 7.00 p.m. | The Guild A.B.M. and meeting |
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| Tues 10 th Mar | 9.30 a.m. | Pre Fives |
| | 1.00 p.m. | Pre Fives |
| | 6.15 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. | Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys |
| | 7.45 p.m. | Kirk Session |
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| Wed 11 th Mar | 6.15 p.m. - 7.45 p.m. | Girls' Brigade Juniors |
| | 7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. | Girls' Brigade Brigaders |
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| Thu 12 th Mar | 10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. | Coffee Morning |
| | 10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. | Church open - Prayer & Meditation |
| | 6.15 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. | Girls' Brigade Explorers |
| | 7.30 p.m. | Choir |
| | 7.45 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. | Congregational Prayer Time |
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| Fri 13 th Mar | 6.15 p.m. - 7.45 p.m. | Boys' Brigade Juniors |
| | 7.30 p.m. - 9.45 p.m. | Boys' Brigade Company and Seniors |
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| Sat 14 th Mar | 9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. | Breathing In |
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| Sun 15 th Mar | 10.15 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. | Prayer Meeting (Vestry) |
| | 10.50 a.m. | Crèche |
| | 10.50 a.m. | Sunday Schools, Triple S and Flaim |
| | 11.00 a.m. | Morning Worship |

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