

**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 4<sup>th</sup> February (11.00 am)**

*We offer ourselves to God in worship*

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment

Call to Worship

**Hymn – Hymn of the Saviour**

**Hymn MP-809 Blessed be the name of the Lord**

All Together Time

**Hymn – I'm following the King**

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer\*

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:13-21 (NIVUK) (page 981) (Isobel Scougal)

The Choir: 'O let the Son of God enfold you'

Prayer for Others (Jason Glass)

**Hymn MP-463 May the mind of Christ (v1-2, 4)**

Message (John Russell)

*We respond to God*

**Hymn MP-806 God of the poor (v1-2, 5)**

Benediction and Threefold Amen

\* The words for the Lord's Prayer will appear on screen

## **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, Twitter, 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 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.

## **This Morning's Service**

This morning we welcome John Russell from Christians Against Poverty (CAP) to speak to us about the work of CAP.

## **The Guild**

The next Guild Meeting will be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00 pm. There will be a Musical Interlude by Braes High School.

## **Men's Book Group**

The Men's Book Group will meet on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Vestry. If you haven't yet been, it's not too late to come along and see whether you might be interested.

## **Life and Work**

The February edition of Life and Work is now available to be uplifted as you leave Church this morning.

## **World Day of Prayer**

This year's World Day of Prayer service will be held on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024, at 7.00 pm at Polmont Old Parish Church. The theme this year is "I Beg You....Bear With One Another in Love" written by the women of Palestine. The service will be conducted by the Rev. Debbie van Welie. Please show your support for this worldwide movement of Christian women of all traditions by joining them. Feel free to bring a friend or two.

## **Accounts from Organisations**

It's that annual time of year when organisations who keep financial records need to send the details for 2023 over to Sharon Glass, our Treasurer, for checking as part of our own preparation of accounts. Please send these records to Sharon by Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February and if you have any issues or queries, please be in contact with her well ahead of that date.

## **Policies for Brightons Parish Church**

We'd like to draw your attention to new and updated policies we have in place for Brightons Parish Church covering Bribery & Procurement; Conflict of Interest; General & Employer Privacy Notices; Data Protection and Data Retention. More information will be given on these soon. In the meantime, if you wish to read them please go to the Contact page of the website. There are also paper copies available at the front and back doors. Any questions, please see Judith Norton.

## **Stick Drama**

Would you like to be part of this drama team in our church? We are looking for people to form a stick drama team on an ongoing basis. We will be doing another stick drama performance for Easter and we are looking for people who are willing to join our team and take part. No drama or artistic skills required! If you would like to be part of the stick drama team or would even just like to try it out at our next performance, please speak to Cammy Dick.

## **Christmas Outreach – Polmont Prison**

The Outreach Team received an e mail from Rev Dr Hillary Nykia who is the Chaplain at Polmont prison expressing sincere gratitude for the cards and chocolates that they received at Christmas. There was a total of 370 bars of chocolate gifted to the inmates together with our Church Christmas Card. Thank you all for your kind generosity.

## **Flower Calendar**

The Flower Calendar for 2024 is now displayed on the notice board in the front vestibule of the church. Would flower providers please check their allocated date and confirm if this is suitable. If not, please try to arrange a swap or contact Alison Cassells (714550) to rearrange. We always need more willing people to provide flowers on a weekly basis and there are a number of 'free' dates available for anyone to add their name to. The flowers are delivered after the service to church members who are unwell /grieving/ infirm and are very much appreciated by those who receive them.

## **Logos Scotland**

Logos Scotland is delighted to announce our first Faith in the Public Square Conference, to be held on 22 March 2024, in Stirling. Speakers include Kate Forbes MSP, Murdo Fraser MSP, Dan Strange, James Eglinton and Lois McLatchie. It is a varied programme with plenty of time to meet and chat with other Christians interested in how Christians intersect with politics, culture, locality and science. Tickets are £38, or thanks to funding from the Haldane Trust we are able to those under the age of 26 or in full time Christian work a heavily discounted rate of £5 for the day, which includes coffee and lunch. Just enter code **Haldane** at the checkout. You can see the full agenda and book here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/744090202827>

## **Youth Worker Project**

Great News! We are now at 92% of the amount that needs to be raised. We are still needing to raise extra pledges totalling £110 per month or £1300 per annum which would be equivalent to pledges from another 9 people. Thank you for the generosity from all the people who have made pledges to this project so far.

### **The Praise Band**

We would like to expand our range of musicians and vocalists to allow for absences and holidays, and to allow band members some time off to worship as part of the congregation. If you play an instrument or like to sing and would consider being part of this valuable worship team, please speak to Scott or one of the band members. There is plenty of opportunity to practise with the band before deciding if it is for you. 'Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.' (Psalm 150)

### **Tea and Coffee**

4<sup>th</sup> February – Peter Arkless, June Arkless and Maralyn Stirling.

11<sup>th</sup> February – Heather McManus, Roy Graham and Marion Graham.

### **Flowers in Church**

Flowers are provided this week by Ann Tomlinson.

Delivering the flowers after today's service will be Pat Paterson.

Delivery next week will be Shona Forrest.

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

Linda Clarke, Jill Dickson, Laura Eckles, Jason Glass, Richard McManus, Neil Matheson, Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, Andrew Philp, John Russell, Isabel Scougal and the Choir.

## The Week Ahead at Brightons

Date	Time	Activity
TODAY	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed
	11.00 am	Sunday School Groups
	7.45 pm	Sunday Youth Fellowship
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	2.00 pm	Guild
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 am	Pre 5s
	1.00 pm	Pre 5s
	6.15 pm	BB Anchor Boys
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	6.15 pm	GB Explorers
	6.15 pm	GB Juniors
	7.30 pm	Band Practice
	7.30 pm	GB Brigaders
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
	6.45 pm	Friends of Jesus
	7.30 pm	Choir
	8.15 pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	6.15 pm	BB Junior Section
	7.30 pm	BB Company Section
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February		Joint Upper Braes Service (Brightons)
	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed
	11.00 am	Sunday School Groups
	7.45 pm	Gender Based Violence Team Meeting

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