

**Welcome! We join in the sanctuary and online to worship God in the Name  
of Jesus Christ. Our worship together is led today by Donald Meek**

**Order of Service – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

Scripture reading: Ephesians 3: 1-13 (Page 1174)

There will be groups available for children and young people today,  
and a creche room with live-streaming of the service is also offered.

*We offer ourselves to God in worship*

Welcome, Notices and Gathering Moment

Judith Norton

Choir Introit - Breathe on me, breath of God

**Hymn MP 20 - All people that on earth do dwell**

**Hymn MP 170 - Give thanks with a grateful heart**

All Together Time

**Chorus - Jesus' love is very wonderful**

Prayer

**MP 278 - I know that my Redeemer lives**

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3, vv. 1-13.

Lesley Mann

Prayer for Others

Eric Smith

**MP 784 - Ye servants of God**

Message

**MP 640 - The Church's one foundation**

Benediction and Threefold Amen

## **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 revisiting previous sermon videos and texts.

## **This Morning**

While Scott is away with some of our young people in Israel and Palestine, we welcome Donald Meek to lead our service this morning.

## **Sunday Morning Prayer and Thursday Evening Live Prayer**

Join us for a time of prayer on Sunday mornings 10.15 to 10.30am in the small hall, or Thursday evenings at 8.15pm on Facebook, You Tube and Zoom. (email [info@brightonschurch.org.uk](mailto:info@brightonschurch.org.uk) for Zoom login details if you would like to join).

## **Thursday Service**

The next half-hour service will be this Thursday 23rd at 11.30, led by Rev Sandra Mathers and including communion.

## **Evening Service**

The next Evening Service will be on Sunday 26th February at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

## **World Day of Prayer**

This year’s World Day of Prayer will be held at Laurieston Parish Church on Friday 3rd March 2023 and will be led by Rev. Debbie van Welie and the Rev. Jim Cowan. The theme this year is “I have heard about your faith” and was written by the Christian Women of Taiwan. All are welcome to join us in this annual support of the “WDP” which is a worldwide movement of Christian women of all traditions symbolised by an annual day of prayer and celebration.

## **Invitation to Communion**

The cards with Communion details and the Minister's letter are now available for Elders and Pastoral Grouping Leaders to collect and deliver. There are also a number of bundles for members not in a Pastoral Grouping and we are looking for volunteers to deliver these - a small number of cards in a geographical area. If you are able to help, please see Jean Meek in the first instance. Thank you.

## **Thank You**

Eric would like to say thank you for the gift he received, on behalf of the congregation, on the occasion of his retiral as Session Clerk. Pat also wishes to say thank you for the beautiful flowers she was given. These are very much appreciated.

### **Evening Service – Tea and Coffee**

We are restarting a monthly evening service and would like to offer after service refreshments, therefore we are looking for volunteers to prepare and serve this. If you are able to help, please pass your name to James Falconer who will pull together a rota.

### **BELONG - can you share your wisdom?**

Have you been following Jesus for many years? Are there particular habits or routines that have helped you and your family to build strong Christian foundations (Matt 7:24-27)? If you would be willing to share your wisdom to help others, then please add your ideas to the display at the back door.

### **Support for Foodbanks**

At the last Kirk Session meeting it was decided that, as a congregation going forward, we wished to support both Falkirk Foodbank and Martha's Pantry at Slamannan. The Community Outreach Team will be working out the best way of doing this. In the meantime, please continue to bring donations of food week by week – they are hugely appreciated and very necessary. Thank you.

### **Items for Newsheet**

Please note that the deadline for items for the newsheet is 12 noon on Thursday.

### **Flowers in Church**

Flowers are provided this week by Rev Sandra Mathers.

Delivering the flowers after today's service will be Cathy Playfair.

Delivery next week will be Jean Callahan.

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

Linda Clarke, James Falconer, Lesley Mann, Neil Matheson, Richard McManus, Donald Meek, Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, Andrew Philp, Eric Smith, the Choir.

## The Week Ahead at Brightons

| Date                                | Time     | Activity                           |
|-------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February    | 2.00 pm  | Art Group                          |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February   | 9.30 am  | Pre 5s                             |
|                                     | 1.00 pm  | Pre 5s                             |
|                                     | 6.15 pm  | BB Anchor Boys                     |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February | 6.15 pm  | GB Juniors                         |
|                                     | 7.30 pm  | GB Brigaders                       |
|                                     | 7.30 pm  | Band Practice                      |
|                                     | 7.30 pm  | Discipleship Team Meeting          |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February  | 10.00 am | Coffee Morning                     |
|                                     | 10.15 am | Wallacestone Primary Nursery Visit |
|                                     | 11.30 am | Thursday Service (Communion)       |
|                                     | 6.15 pm  | GB Explorers                       |
|                                     | 7.45 pm  | Choir                              |
|                                     | 8.15 pm  | Thursday Evening Live Prayer       |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February    | 6.15 pm  | BB Juniors                         |
|                                     | 7.30 pm  | BB Company                         |
| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> February    | 10.15 am | Congregational Prayer Time         |
|                                     | 11.00 am | Morning Service (Live Streamed)    |
|                                     | 11.00 am | Sunday School Groups               |
|                                     | 6.30 pm  | Evening Service                    |

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