

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

Order of Service – Sunday 7th May 2023 (11.00 am)

Scripture Reading: Joel 2:12-17 (NIVUK) (page 913-914)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome, Notices and Gathering Moment

The Choir: 'I stand amazed'

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-1009 The King of Love is my delight

Hymn MP-921 Purify my heart

All Together Time

Hymn MP-99 Come on and celebrate

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Joel 2:12-17

Sharon Glass

Prayer for Others

James Falconer

Hymn MP-109 Crown Him with many crowns

Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP-1151 Amazing grace (My chains are gone)

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. You can download material from the website as well as revisiting previous sermon videos and texts.

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 Zoom, You Tube and Facebook this week. Please email info@brightonschurch.org.uk for Zoom login details if you would like to join.

This Morning’s Service

We welcome Brent Haywood to lead our service this morning.

Tea and Coffee

7th May – Janet Crosthwaite, Christine Hastings and Jennifer Gallivan.

14th May – Heather McManus, Roy Graham, and Marion Graham.

Margaret Henderson - Funeral

The funeral of Margaret Henderson will be held on Monday 15th May at Falkirk Crematorium at 3.15pm. Please remember Margaret’s family in your prayers at this time.

Brightons Parish Church Bereavement / Memorial Service

We invite you, your family and friends to join us at Brightons Parish Church next **Sunday, 14th May, 2023 at 3pm** when we will be holding a Bereavement Memorial Service. It will be a time of Remembrance and Reflection for all of us, and for those we have loved and lost. We do hope to see you there. Tea/Coffee will be served in the Rankine Hall after the Service.

Safeguarding

Following guidelines issued by the Church of Scotland’s Safeguarding Service, we have adopted a Whistleblowing Policy. The purpose of this policy is to provide a procedure which enables concerns to be raised if there are reasonable grounds for believing there is serious malpractice occurring or likely to occur. We have done this because as a congregation we are committed to the principles of openness, probity and accountability. In line with that commitment, we expect anyone who has a serious concern about any aspect of our congregational life to voice those concerns in good faith and in line with the policy without fear of victimisation, subsequent discrimination or disadvantage. Further details can be found on the website at <https://www.brightonschurch.org.uk/contact/> There is a copy on the notice board at the back door and Irene Stewart has some paper copies too.

Golf Outing

The next golf outing to the 12-hole course at Gogarburn golf club will be held on Friday 23rd June 2023. In recent years this has usually involved players from Polmont Old and Brightons but we would like to open it up to anyone with a connection to any of the local churches who fancies a game of golf. We usually play in teams of 3 or 4 and there are prizes for the best team stableford score, best individual net score, nearest the pin and longest drive. The cost will be around £32 including coffee and a filled roll before play and a 2-course lunch served after the golf. Please contact Billy Rankine by Sunday 4th June if you're interested in playing or just looking for more information about the golf. E mail billyrankine@btinternet.com or 07860 527899.

Church Family BBQ.

Saturday 20th May 10am-2pm. Beecraigs Country Park. Come along & join us. Please return forms by Sunday 14th May for catering numbers. These can be given to SS leaders or placed in box at front & back of church.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

This is our main fund raiser for Christian Aid this year. As a Church we have a long history of supporting Christian Aid and invite you all to a Coffee Morning on Thursday 18th May at 10.30am. This is being held as a joint venture with the Thursday Coffee Morning. Donations of baking will be very welcome and these can be handed in on the Wednesday evening between 7.30 and 8pm. Can't come? No problem you can make a donation in other ways, direct to Maralyn Stirling / Roy Graham or through the Just Giving Page that Maralyn has set up.

Concert in Laurieston Church

On Friday 26th May at 7.30pm, local singer Cheryl Forbes and her husband (the popular entertainer-Gordon Cree) are appearing in concert in Laurieston Church. Tickets may be reserved by calling 01324 620178 or you can pay at the door. Coffee/Tea and biscuits are included in the £10 ticket price.

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 Anne Tomlinson.
Delivering the flowers after today's service will be Sheila Colebrook.
Delivery next week will be Carol Callahan.

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

Laura Eckles, James Falconer, Sharon Glass, Brent Haywood, Jon Luke Kirton, Neil Matheson, Jean Meek, Judith Norton, Heather O'Neill, Andrew Philp, Eric Smith and the Choir.

The Week Ahead at Brightons

Date	Time	Activity
Tuesday 9 th May	9.30 am	Pre 5s
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	7.45 pm	Communications Team Meeting
Wednesday 10 th May	10.00 am	Wednesday Book Group
	10.15 am	Braes Ministry Team Meeting
	7.30 pm	Praise Band Practice
Thursday 11 th May	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
	7.45 pm	Choir
	8.15 pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer
Friday 12 th May	7.30 pm	BB Company
Sunday 14 th May	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed
	11.00 am	Sunday School Groups
	3.00 pm	Bereavement Service
	7.30 pm	Gender Based Violence Team Meeting

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