



**We seek to invite, encourage
and enable all ages to
follow Jesus Christ.**

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

Order of Service – Sunday 13th August 2023 (11.00 am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome, Notices and Gathering Moment

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-835 Great is the darkness

Hymn MP-1025 All who are thirsty

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:1-13 (NIVUK) (page 994)

(Alistair McDonald)

Hymn – I will wait for You (Psalm 130)

Prayer for Others

(Richard McManus)

Hymn MP-493 O come O come Emmanuel

Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP-167 Give me oil in my lamp

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

Summer Services

These will run from 2nd July to 13th August inclusive. Each Sunday there will be services at 9.30 am (this will be a half-hour, family-friendly service in the sanctuary) and then 11.00 am – (this will be a more regular service but with no all-age section or Sunday School groups).

Tea and Coffee

Tea and Coffee will be served at 10.30 am during the Summer before the 11.00 am service.

For your Prayers

We note with sadness the passing of Stuart Sellar, the husband of Annet, one of our members, John Wilcox, husband of our member Mrs Ann Wilcox, and Ellis Kirkham, the grandson of another member, Mrs Ann Erskine. Please keep these families in your prayers at this sad time. The funeral for John Wilcox will take place on Tuesday 15th August at 10.00 am at Falkirk Crematorium. The funeral for Stuart Sellar will take place on Tuesday 22nd August at 10.45 am also at Falkirk Crematorium.

The Alpha Course

We will be running an Alpha Course starting on Wednesday 13th September. Those interested should add their name to the sheet at the front or back door of the church.

Thursday Morning Coffee Morning

The Coffee Mornings will resume on Thursday 31st August.

Thursday Morning Half Hour Service

The Thursday Morning Half Hour Service will resume on Thursday 31st August at 11.30am.

Christian Books Library

We now have a library of Christian children's and adult books on the shelves to the right before you go into the Rankine Hall. All are welcome to borrow these books and grow in your faith through reading. Have a browse at the selection that's available. The aim is to have more books added to this library as time goes on. If you have any Christian books for children and teens that you have in the house and don't want any more, they would be more than welcome to join the library! See Cammy Dick for more information.

Summer Pastoral Visits – Sign Up Sheets

With a change of activities over the summer, Scott is making some diary space to offer pastoral visits to those who would wish a visit – sign-up sheets are in the front vestibule. If you know of someone who might like a visit, then please ask them first before reserving a time on their behalf. There are daytime and evening options, beginning from the first week of July ‘til the end of August. Visits can be to your home or in the vestry, whichever you prefer.

Deacons, Elders, Sunday School and Group Leaders

There is training (refresher for many) on fire evacuation procedures arranged in the Rankine Hall for the following dates: Sun 13th, 20th and 27th Aug 10:15-10:45; Mon 14th Aug 19:30-20:00. Please ensure you attend on ONE of these dates.

Outreach for Quarry Park Fun Day, Saturday 19th August

The “Friends of Quarry Park” group are running a fun day in the park next to the church. The outreach committee would like to open the church for free tea, toilets and prayer, to serve and reach out to the local community. If you can help any time from 10-4pm then please contact Rachel at rachel@thegilmours.co.uk or 07931 170127

Prayer Ministry Training – open invite

Being able to pray openly with and for another person is such a blessing, whether that’s within church events or out in the community. So, a two-night training course will be run on 13th and 20th August, 6.30-9 pm. If you are interested, please confirm your attendance with Scott.

Gender Based Stereotyping and Men in the Church

“I don’t stereotype anyone. It’s nothing to do with me!” would likely be the response of most men in the church. Scott and James Falconer would like to explore that discussion with men in the congregation at an informal session on Friday 18th August from 7pm – food and refreshments included. Speak to Scott or James if you would like to sign-up or receive more information.

Tea and Coffee

13th August – Alison Cassells, Lesley Mann and Maralyn Stirling.
20th August – Iris O’Neill, Heather O’Neill and Margaret Sim.

Flowers in Church

Flowers are provided this week by Helen Brodie.
Delivering the flowers after today’s service will be Denise Beggs.
Delivery next week will be May Kennedy.

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

Linda Clarke, James Falconer, Alistair McDonald, Richard McManus, Jean Meek, Andrew Philp, Eric Smith and Aidan Wansbrough.

The Week Ahead at Brightons

Date	Time	Activity
Monday 14 th August	1.30 pm	Guild Committee Meeting
	7.30 pm	Fire Evacuation Training
	8.00 pm	Finance Team Meeting
Tuesday 15 th August	9.30 am	Pre 5s Toy Clean
	10.00 am	John Wilcox Crematorium Service
	7.00 pm	Safeguarding Panel Meeting
Wednesday 16 th August	7.30 pm	Preaching Workshops (Scott)
	7.30 pm	Girls' Brigade
	7.30 pm	Band Practice
Thursday 17 th August	8.15 pm	Prayer Time (Facebook, You Tube, Zoom)
Friday 18 th August	2.00 pm	Long Covid Group
	6.15 pm	BB Juniors
	7.00 pm	Gender Based Stereotype Workshop
	7.30 pm	BB Company
Saturday 19 th August	9.00 am	Community Outreach
Sunday 20 th August	10.15 am	Fire Evacuation Training
	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
	11.00 am	Morning Worship Live Streamed
	6.30 pm	Prayer Ministry Training

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