



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

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**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 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023 (11.00 am)**

*We offer ourselves to God in worship*

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment

Call to Worship

**Hymn MP-496 O for a thousand tongues (v1,3,4,6)**

**Hymn – Yet not I but through Christ in me**

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 8:40-48 (NIVUK) (page 1038)

**Hymn MP-1201 Christ be our light (v1-2,5)**

All Age Message

*We respond to God*

**Hymn – Deep down**

Prayer of Response

**Hymn MP-957 We want to see Jesus lifted high**

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 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 Zoom only this week. Please email [info@brightonschurch.org.uk](mailto:info@brightonschurch.org.uk) for Zoom login details if you would like to join.

## **The Alpha Course**

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

## **Invitation to Communion**

The cards with Communion details for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and the Minister's letter are now available for Elders and Pastoral Grouping Leaders to collect from the Crèche Room 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. These are available from the rear vestibule. If you are able to help, please see Jean Meek, who will be in the rear vestibule after the service.

## **Preparing For Communion**

The Kirk Session has decided to hold all-age Communion services in September and March this session. As such, we look forward to sharing with our children and young people around the Lord's Table in a few Sundays' time. As with previous occasions, we encourage all parents and guardians to talk with our young people about the meaning of Communion - information can be found in the section on "Sunday Groups" of our "Get Involved" page of the website, including the letters and emails that went out ahead of our first all-age communion in December 2022. This can be accessed at: [www.brightonschurch.org.uk/get-involved](http://www.brightonschurch.org.uk/get-involved).

## **Volunteers For Serving Bread and Wine**

The rules around serving bread have changed, allowing us to go back to serving bread on plates, as before Covid. We will pursue this, however, there will also be bread in cups at the doors for any who would prefer that option. Consequently, we will require more volunteers to help serve the bread and wine. If you would be willing to do so, please contact Scott by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August, either in person or by email.

## **Upper Braes Churches Joint Service – 10<sup>th</sup> September**

Our next joint service of the four congregations will be held at Slamannan Community Centre on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 11am. This will be an all-age service, and everyone is invited to attend. There will be no service at Brightons that Sunday. If anyone would like a lift, then please give your name to Jean Meek by 27<sup>th</sup> August – if enough names are received, we will organise a minibus.

## **Summer Pictures**

If you would like to share any of your summer pictures, please can you send these to Scott by 24<sup>th</sup> August and these will be shown at the service on 27<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Thursday Morning Coffee Morning**

The Coffee Mornings will resume on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

### **Thursday Morning Half Hour Service**

The Thursday Morning Half Hour Service will resume on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **1st Polmont Girls' Brigade**

Our new session will recommence w/c 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Groups are Explorers: P1-P3; Juniors: P4-P7; Brigaders: S1-S6. For any new members wishing to join please email the address below and an enrolment form will be emailed to you for completing. A warm welcome will be given to old and new members wishing to join us for another fun packed session. If you require any further information please contact Sandra Blair, Captain on 712533 or gb@brightonschurch.org.uk

### **Summer Pastoral Visits – Sign Up Sheets**

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. There are still daytime and evening options, up until the end of August. Visits can be to your home or in the vestry, whichever you prefer.

### **Deacons, Elders, Sunday School and Group Leaders**

The remaining date for this training (refresher for many) on fire evacuation procedures is **next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Aug** from 10:15-10:45 in the Rankine Hall. If you have not yet attended a session, please ensure you attend this final opportunity.

### **Tea and Coffee**

20<sup>th</sup> August – Iris O'Neill, Heather O'Neill and Margaret Sim.

27<sup>th</sup> August – Janet Crosthwaite, Christine Hastings and Jennifer Gallivan.

### **Flowers in Church**

Flowers are provided this week by May Young and John Kerr.

Delivering the flowers after today's service will be May Kennedy.

Delivery next week will be Alison Cassells.

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

Linda Clarke, Laura Eckles, James Falconer, Richard McManus, Neil Matheson, Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, Andrew Philp, Charles Sim, Eric Smith, young people.

## The Week Ahead at Brightons

Date	Time	Activity
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	9.30 am	Pre 5s
	10.45 am	Stuart Sellar Crematorium Service
	1.00 pm	Pre 5s
	6.15 pm	BB Anchor Boys
	7.30 pm	Community Outreach Team Meeting
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	1.30 pm	Friendship Plus Committee Meeting
	6.30 pm	GB Juniors
	7.30 pm	GB Brigaders
	7.30 pm	Band Practice
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	6.15 pm	GB Explorers
	7.45 pm	Choir
	8.15 pm	Prayer Time (via Zoom only)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	7.30 pm	BB Company
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	4.00 pm	Wedding
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	10.15 am	Fire Evacuation Training
	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
	11.00 am	Morning Worship Live Streamed
	11.00 am	Sunday School Groups
	2.00 pm	St Margaret's Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Service

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