



**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 joint Upper Braes Churches' Service to God is led today by Rev Scott Burton, Rev Monica MacDonald and Rev Sandra Mathers.

Order of Service – Sunday 11th February (11.00 am)

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment

The Choir: 'For God so loved the world'

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-1072 In Christ alone

Hymn MP-1000 King of kings, majesty

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-4

Short All-Age Reflection and Prayer

Hymn – God's love is the best love

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:5-7

Short All-Age Reflection and Prayer

(Monica MacDonald)

Hymn MP-275 I heard the voice of Jesus say

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:8-11

Short All-Age Reflection and Prayer

(Sandra Mathers)

Hymn MP-991 I will worship

Hymn MP-1221 Praise is rising

Benediction and Threefold Amen

This Morning's Service

This morning we welcome our friends from the Upper Braes Churches for a joint Service.

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 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 for Zoom login details if you would like to join.

Please Remember in your Prayers

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Jeanette Inglis on 5th February. Please remember her husband John and the wider family in your prayers at this time.

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.

Men's Book Group

The Men's Book Group will meet, tomorrow, 12th 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.

Would you like to help serve Communion?

Our next time of sharing Communion together will be on Sunday 3rd March. Once again, we are inviting people to put forward your name if you wish to help serve the bread or wine and haven't been involved before, whether in March (which will be all-age) or on another occasion – anyone is invited, you do not need to be an Elder. If you are interested, please let Scott know by next Sunday (18th Feb).

World Day of Prayer

This year's World Day of Prayer service will be held on Friday the 1st 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 25th 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 in person or on 07845426655.

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>

Newsheet for Next Week

Please could any notices for the Newsheet next week be sent to the newsheet@brightons.org.uk e mail address or please contact Neil Matheson.

Do you have a heart for worship? Then join the team!

On Saturday 20th April, Scott will be hosting the first yearly “conference” of the Worship Team 9.30am-12noon in the Rankine Hall, with the option to stay on for lunch. The team is principally made up of those who are already involved in shaping our shared worship times: worship leaders, preachers, prayer leaders, Scripture readers, musicians, choir, A/V operators, prayer ministry volunteers and others! We hope as many of these folks can join us for a time of reflecting, discussing and looking ahead. But we also invite anyone to join us who has a heart for worship, whether to simply listen in or actively contribute. Please let Scott know if you are interested in attending.

Tea and Coffee

11th February – McManus Family.

18th February – Alison Cassells, Lesley Mann and Maralyn Stirling.

Flowers in Church

Flowers are provided this week by Lesley Mann.

Delivering the flowers after today’s service will be Shona Forrest.

Delivery next week will be Kathleen Frew.

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

Laura Eckles, James Falconer, Morag Lang, Rev Monica MacDonald, Rev Sandra Mathers, Neil Matheson, Susan McIntosh, Richard McManus, Jean Meek, Heather O’Neill, Andrew Philp, all the young people and the Choir.

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The Week Ahead at Brightons

Date	Time	Activity
TODAY		Joint Upper Braes Service
Sunday 11 th February	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed
	7.45 pm	Gender Based Violence Team Meeting
Monday 12 th February	2.00 pm	Art Group
	6.30 pm	Long Covid Group
	7.30 pm	Men's Book Group
Tuesday 13 th February	6.15 pm	BB Anchor Boys
	6.30 pm	Youth Worker Committee Meeting
	8.00 pm	Preaching Team Meeting
Wednesday 14 th February	10.00 am	Wednesday Book Group
	6.15 pm	GB Explorers
	6.15 pm	GB Juniors
	7.30 pm	Band Practice
	7.30 pm	GB Brigaders
Thursday 15 th February	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
	7.30 pm	Choir
	8.15 pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer
Friday 16 th February	6.15 pm	BB Junior Section
	7.30 pm	BB Company Section
Sunday 18 th February	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed
	11.00 am	Sunday School Groups
	7.45 pm	Sunday Youth Fellowship