



**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 Service to God is led today by Rev Scott Burton.**

Order of Service – Sunday 14th April 2024 (11.00 am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment

The Choir: 'Oh happy day'

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-307 I will enter His gates

Hymn MP-995 Jesus Christ (once again)

Hymn MP-782 Worthy, O worthy are You Lord

All Together Time: Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

Hymn – God's love is the best love

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

Scripture Reading: Matthew 19:13-30 (pages 986-987) (Marion Zacks)

Prayer for Others (Richard McManus)

Hymn MP-649 The King of love (v1-3, 6)

Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP-760 When we walk with the Lord (v1, 3-5)

Benediction and Threefold Amen

**The Lord's Prayer will appear on screen, if this is of use.*

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, X, Instagram and YouTube as well as our church website www.brightonschurch.org.uk. You can download material from the website, see the calendar and news, 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 note that the Prayer Meeting this week will be on Zoom only.

Update on Leave of Absence for Ian Baillie – Pastoral Assistant

Ian will continue to be off for a while longer, at least until the end of April, but we will confirm when he starts back and ask you to continue to give Ian space and prayerful support during this leave for recovery. He is very thankful for your cards, phone calls and prayers. In the meantime, for any pastoral updates or needs please contact Scott, Sandra Anderson or Judith Norton.

Update on Presbytery Mission Plan

The Mission Plan Action Group (MPAG) has released the updated draft Presbytery Mission Plan and this will be discussed on Saturday 27th April in Motherwell. The meeting will be live-streamed on the Presbytery website but since it is a whole day meeting we do not plan to make this available locally. However, copies of the proposal for the Upper Braes cluster are available at the front and rear doors; there are no changes to what the Kirk Sessions proposed to MPAG. If the draft plan is accepted at the meeting, it still has various steps to go through before being fully adopted. We'll keep you posted. If you have questions, please speak with Scott or Judith.

Jill Hall Funeral Arrangements

The funeral arrangements for Jill Hall, Wendy Dick's mum are as follows:
On Tuesday 16th April, there will be a Committal Service at Falkirk Crematorium at 12.15pm followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at Brightons Church at 1.45pm. We will have refreshments after the Service of Thanksgiving in the church hall. Everyone is welcome. Both services will be live-streamed and links for these can be found on thomascuthellandsons.co.uk. We, as a family, would like to thank our church family for all their love, prayers, cards, flowers, food and kind messages at this sad time.

Please Remember In Your Prayers

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Bob Adam. Please remember his daughter Karen and the family in your prayers at this time. Bob's Funeral will take place on Friday 19th April at Falkirk Crematorium at 3.15 pm. Please also continue to remember Sharon and Jason Glass and the family at this time, following the passing of Sharon's Dad.

Connect Summer Edition

The deadline for articles for the Summer edition of Connect Magazine is 21st April 2024. Articles can be submitted to Margaret Sim via connect@brightonschurch.org.uk or you can leave them in the Church Office. Many thanks.

Men's Book Group

The next meeting of the Men's Book Group will be held on Monday 22nd April at 7.30 pm in the Vestry.

Friendship Plus

The next Friendship Plus meeting will be on Wednesday 17th April at 2.00 pm. The speaker will be Philip Dodsworth from Blood Bikes.

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, welcome team, hospitality team 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 use the sign-up sheets at the front/rear door if you are interested in attending.

Launch of CAP Money Course in Brightons

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a charity that Brightons supports in fighting debt and poverty in the Forth Valley area. This is done in partnership with local churches, working to see lives transformed. In addition to their debt advice service, they now run Money Management courses in cooperation with churches. Since its launch nationally they have helped thousands of people to budget, spend and save better. They believe that when people feel confident and equipped to manage their money well, they have greater financial resilience, healthier relationships and more opportunities to thrive. Money coaching is designed to help people from all walks of life and income to: 1) Build a successful budget and stick to it. 2) Discover easy ways to keep track of your money. 3) Avoid overspend and unmanageable debt. Sometime in May, CAP will be running a Money course in Brightons and if you're interested, please provide your name and details to Roy Graham or Maralyn Stirling. The course runs over 9 modules and is usually 2 hours a week over a 4-week period. It is entirely free and all materials are provided as well as online access to budgeting tools and benefits calculator. You will find flyers in the pews giving more information.

Martha's Pantry

Martha's Pantry in Slamannan is looking for volunteers to work in the pantry on Wednesdays from 1pm to 3.30pm. Most volunteers cover one shift between once a month to once every 6 weeks, it's very flexible. There is also a chance to volunteer on a Monday morning to set up the pantry for the Wednesday. If you are interested, please talk to Lesley Mann.

Open Meeting: Additional Support Needs - Sunday 28th April 12.30pm - 1.30pm

For a few years we've been talking about how to lower the barriers within the life of our congregation for those with Additional Support Needs (ASN). Whilst we do not want to overpromise, we do wish to continue the conversation by inviting any member or family to a meeting in the Herriot Hall after morning worship on Sunday 28th April, with the option for you to bring a picnic lunch. You might have an ASN, or have a child who does, or simply have experience in this area - all are welcome. This event is not only for those affected by neurodiversities like autism. If you would like any more information, or if you can't make the date but would like to add your thoughts, then please speak to Scott.

Tea and Coffee

14th April – Sandra and Bill Smillie and Norma and Alan Thompson.

21st April – Janet Crossthwaite, Christine Hastings and Jennifer Gallivan.

Flowers in Church

Flowers are provided this week by Lesley and Ian Baillie.

Delivering the flowers after today's service will be Jane Bell.

Delivery next week will be Ann Swinney.

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

Linda Clarke, Jill Dickson, Susan McIntosh, Richard McManus, Neil Matheson, Jean Meek, Ewan Norton, Heather O'Neill, Andrew Philp, Marion Zacks, The Choir, The Welcome Team.

The Week Ahead at Brightons

Date	Time	Activity
TODAY	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
Sunday 14 th April	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed
	11.00 am	Sunday Club Groups
Tuesday 16 th April	9.30 pm	Pre 5s Group
	1.45 pm	Jill Hall Thanksgiving Service/Funeral Tea
	7.30 pm	Community Outreach Team Meeting
Wednesday 17 th April	2.00 pm	Friendship Plus
	7.30 pm	Band Practice
Thursday 18 th April	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
	6.45 pm	Friends of Jesus
	8.15 pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer (Zoom only)
Friday 19 th April	2.00 pm	Long Covid Group
Saturday 20 th April	9.00 am	Worship Team Conference
Sunday 21 st April	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed
	11.00 am	Sunday Club Groups
	7.45 pm	Sunday Youth Fellowship

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