



**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 Service to God is led today by Jim Hope.**

**Order of Service – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (10.30am)**

*We offer ourselves to God in worship*

Welcome, Notices and Gathering Moment (Judith Norton)

Call to Worship

**Hymn – MP 1040 Come, Now is the Time to worship**

**Hymn - MP 1116 There is a Higher Throne**

All Together Time (Summer Kids Club)

**Hymn – MP 167 Give Me Oil in my lamp**

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer\*

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:1-9 (NIVUK) (page 1019-20) (Lesley Mann)

Prayer for Others (Richard McManus)

**Hymn – MP 646 The Greatest Thing in all My Life**

Message

*We respond to God*

**Hymn – MP51 Be Thou My Vision**

Benediction and Threefold Amen

*\* The words for the Lord's Prayer will appear on screen, if you find these helpful.*

*\*\*We have a Summer Kids Club for all children up to those leaving Primary School  
as well as a crèche room available for children under 3 years.*

## **Welcome to Worship at Brightons**

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. \*\*If you are here with children, they are welcome to stay in the service and/or visiting families can go with their children to Summer Kids Club.

## **Keep in Touch and Informed**

We are on Facebook, X, 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, 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 10.00 to 10.15 am in the small hall, or on Thursday evenings at 8.15 pm on Zoom only over the summer. Please email: [info@brightonschurch.org.uk](mailto:info@brightonschurch.org.uk) for Zoom login details if you would like to join.

## **Early Summer Service Time and Summer Kids’ Club**

Over the weeks when the school doors are shut, Summer Kids Club will be ON for all children up to those leaving Primary School. Any children can come along – occasionally or every time. We will gather in the hall from 10.15am with an activity and then go into the **earlier summer** church service for a short time at 10.30am. We will finish up at the same time as the service. If you would like any more information, then please contact Heather Haywood at: [summerkidsclub@brightonschurch.org.uk](mailto:summerkidsclub@brightonschurch.org.uk).

## **Scott’s and Ian’s Summer Leave**

Scott will be on holiday until 4th August. Up until the 2<sup>nd</sup> August, please contact our Pastoral Assistant, Ian Baillie, for pastoral support. Ian will be on holiday from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> August, so please contact Judith Norton (our Session Clerk) for any pastoral matters on 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> August. For any other church queries, please contact Judith.

## **Kirk Session Meeting**

Please note that there will be a meeting of the Kirk Session on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August at 12.00 pm. This is to add any new adherents or members to the congregational roll ahead of the Congregational vote on 25<sup>th</sup> August.

## **Thanks**

May Young and her family would like to thank everyone most sincerely for their calls, cards, flowers, prayers and best wishes. They have been a source of much pleasure and encouragement.

## **Volunteers for Post-Summer ASN Sunday Morning Group**

One of the ideas to come out of the ASN discussions around Sunday worship is to have a monthly Sunday morning group to cater for those with learning differences. This would happen in the halls at the same time as, but separate to, Sunday School groups. It would probably finish by noon and initially include an activity sheet, songs, refreshments, light conversation. We would like to start the group in September, with new or some existing volunteers on a rota basis. If you have questions, or would be willing to be on the team, then please speak with Scott or Alie Drackford.

## **ASN Activity Sheet**

Over the summer weeks, we are trialling an ASN-friendly activity sheet. These are available at the front and rear doors, as well as packs of pens. This might be useful for young people and/or adults who wish an activity during the sermon, for example. Please return the pens to the front or rear door before going home.

## **Additional Support Needs Survey Form**

As part of our wider work on Additional Support Needs, we would like feedback from the congregation on a range of ASNs. Survey forms can be found at the front and rear doors. Please complete and return, with your name. Whilst we cannot promise an immediate resolution to all issues, we are keen to hear what needs there actually are and seek ways forward.

## **Logo Designing for Upper Braes Parish Church**

Ahead of the anticipated Union, it would aid the Communications Team if we began exploring possible logo ideas over the summer. To that end, please send to James Falconer by the 11<sup>th</sup> August any ideas for symbols, icons or images that tie in with the Upper Braes or our shared faith which you think could work well in a logo. We hope to utilise these ideas to draft some proposals for the autumn. Ideas to [communications@brightonschurch.org.uk](mailto:communications@brightonschurch.org.uk).

## **The Youth Development Worker application deadline is almost here**

Thank you for generously supporting young people in and around Brightons. The vacancy deadline is 2 August. Find out more at: [brightonschurch.org.uk](http://brightonschurch.org.uk) Can you help with two more things? 1. Spread the word: Share one of our social media posts. Email someone. Share the ad in a Facebook group or WhatsApp group chat. 2. Pray God calls the right person to lead our youth development project.

## **Membership Classes**

Scott has received notice of interest in membership and is looking to run membership classes after the summer break, where over 2-3 evenings folks can explore the meaning and steps of being a formal part of our church family. If you are interested in finding out more, or being part of these classes, then please speak with Scott or Judith.

## **Tea and Coffee**

28<sup>th</sup> July – Heather McManus, Marion Graham and Roy Graham.

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

## **Flowers in Church**

Flowers are provided this week by Ann McFarlane.

Delivering the flowers after today's service will be Jessie Wallace.

Delivering the flowers next week will be Maralyn Stirling.

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

Jill Dickson, James Falconer, Kaiden Falconer, Heather Haywood, Richard McManus, Lesley Mann, Neil Matheson, Jean Meek, Judith Norton, Heather O'Neill, Andrew Philp, Summer Kids Club and the Welcome Team.

## Congregational vote and Electoral Register

Congregational votes on the proposed adjustment<sup>1</sup> to the congregations for the Upper Braes Churches, comprising Blackbraes and Shieldhill, Brightons, Muiravonside and Slamannan Parish Churches will be held on Sunday 25th August 2024, with each congregation voting after morning worship at their place of worship. Ahead of this, each Kirk Session will be forming an Electoral Register (a list of those entitled to vote).

### Action you may need to take:

- If your name and current address are **already on our Communion Roll**, then you will automatically be placed on the Electoral Register. You need **take no further action**.
- If you are a regular worshipper here, but are still a **member of another congregation**, and you wish to participate in the vote of adjustment, then you should arrange to hand in to our Session Clerk, Judith Norton, a valid Certificate of Transference to **transfer your membership or “lines”** from your previous church before 4th August.
- If you are a regular worshipper here, and **not a member** of this or any other congregation, then the Kirk Session can add your name to the Electoral Register as an “adherent”. If you wish the Kirk Session to consider this, you should **obtain a form from Judith, complete and return it** (even via e mail) before 4<sup>th</sup> August. E mail address: [sessionclerk@brightonschurch.org.uk](mailto:sessionclerk@brightonschurch.org.uk).

Copies of the proposed adjustment to the four congregations are available at the front and rear doors of the church and on the homepage of our website. These two Bases<sup>2</sup>, one for the Union of the four churches and one for the Local Mission Church will be what we all vote upon. For Blackbraes and Shieldhill, Muiravonside and Slamannan they will also vote on whether to accept Rev Scott Burton as their minister. Individuals must be present on the day of the vote to be able to take part so, unlike political election votes, we do not offer postal or proxy votes; as such, we hope to see you present on 25th August if possible.

Please share news of this with others and continue to pray for our unity and path forward. More detail on the vote will be shared over the coming weeks. Meantime, if you have questions about any of the above, please do see Judith.

### Explanation of some terms used above:

<sup>1</sup>When we say the proposed ‘adjustment’, this just means the ‘change’ to the four congregations that will be made.

<sup>2</sup>The ‘Bases’ are the documents that describe how the churches will come together. There are two – the first is the Basis of Union for the Upper Braes Parish Church and is essentially what it will look like when the four churches come together. This church, currently occupied by Brightons Church will be the place of worship for the united charge.

As part of the Mission Plan for the Upper Braes it was also agreed that Slamannan would become a Local Mission Church. The second basis is the terms on which this will be established.

## The Week Ahead at Brightons

Date	Time	Activity
TODAY	10.00 am	Congregational Prayer Time
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	10.15 am	Summer Kids' Club
	10.30 am	Summer Morning Service Live Streamed
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	7.30 pm	Band Practice
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	8.15 pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00 am	Congregational Prayer Time
	10.15 am	Summer Kids' Club
	10.30 am	Summer Morning Service Live Streamed

<b>Minister</b>	Rev Scott Burton	<b>On leave from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August</b>
<b>Pastoral Assistant</b>	Ian Baillie	☎: 719641 or 07795 034728 ianb@brightonschurch.org.uk <b>Days Off: variable at present</b> <b>Upcoming leave: 3<sup>rd</sup> August to 20<sup>th</sup> August</b>
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