



**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 Linzi Matheson.**

Order of Service – Sunday 4th August 2024 (10.30am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome, Notices and Gathering Moment (Judith Norton)

Call to Worship (Linzi Matheson)

Hymn – MP 936 Teach Me to Dance

Hymn - MP 857 I the Lord of Sea and Sky

All Together Time (Summer Kids Club)

Hymn – MP 881 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

Scripture Reading: John 13:1-17 (NIVUK) (page 1081) (Maralyn Stirling)

Prayer for Others (David MacAskill)

Hymn – MP 1168 Saviour, He can Move the Mountains

Message

We respond to God

Hymn – MP 162 The Servant King

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. 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 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.

Ian Baillie’s Summer Leave

Our Pastoral Assistant, Ian Baillie, will be on holiday from 3rd to 20th August. Please contact Scott for any pastoral support.

Kirk Session Meeting - TODAY

Please note that there will be a meeting of the Kirk Session after the Service today. This is to add any new adherents or members to the congregational roll ahead of the Congregational vote on 25th August.

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.

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.

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.

Thank you for your continued prayers for the Youth Development Worker

The job vacancy closed on Friday 2 August. Give thanks for the people God called to apply. The interview panel meets on Tuesday to review applications and decide who to invite to interview. Pray that God blesses the interview panel with wisdom and discernment.

Prospects Across Scotland (PAS) have some helpful training events coming up September 2nd 7-9pm, 'Building Communities of Belonging–Worship for All'

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-communities-of-belonging-worship-for-all-tickets-950776898297>. This focuses on people with & without learning disabilities worshipping together but may be of benefit to a wide range of people at all ages and stages of life. This draws on the richness and joy of our experiences in PAS groups. There will be many creative ideas that you can add to existing services or create new ones – do come along!

September 10th 7-9pm 'Autism in the Church Family' -

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/autism-in-the-church-family-tickets-957131866177>

The cost is £12 per person and a discretionary discount may be available.

All attendees for both courses, will receive a full set of training resources/notes by email afterwards.

Booking is essential for both. Go to 'Prospects Across Scotland' website, click on 'events' to follow the booking link to find further information.

Church Calendar

As we are about to start a new session for groups in the church, it would be very helpful if all the groups dates and times were on the church calendar. Some groups have already passed on their details but if you want your group timings noted please advise me at lets@brightonschurch.org or phone Jim Dick on 01324 714417.

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 11th 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.

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.

Pizza and Praise

We will be having a Pizza and Praise evening on Saturday 31st August, 5-7pm. Join us for an evening of worship, connecting with God, fellowship and pizza from Domino's. Suggested donation of £10 for adults, £5 for those under 12. Sign up to let us know you'll be there using the sign up sheets at front door and back door of the church. For catering purposes, please let us know of any dietary requirements. For more information, please speak to Cammy Dick.

Tea and Coffee

4th August – Heather O'Neill, Iris O'Neill and Margaret Sim.

11th August – Tom Nimmo, Edna Oliver and Alan Oliver.

Flowers in Church

Flowers are provided this week by Annet Sellar.

Delivering the flowers after today's service will be Maralyn Stirling.

Delivering the flowers next week will be Carol Callahan.

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

Stuart Beaton, James Falconer, Kaiden Falconer, Jon-Luke Kirton, David MacAskill, Susan McIntosh, Ewan McManus, Richard McManus, Linzi Matheson, Neil Matheson, Jean Meek, Judith Norton, Heather O'Neill, Maralyn Stirling, Summer Kids Club and the Welcome Team.

Congregational Vote – Sunday 25 August 2024

Congregational votes on the proposed adjustment¹ 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.

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 Bases², 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:

¹When we say the proposed 'adjustment', this just means the 'change' to the four congregations that will be made.

²The '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 4 th August	10.15 am	Summer Kids' Club
	10.30 am	Summer Morning Service Live Streamed
	12.00 pm	Kirk Session Meeting
Tuesday 6 th August	10.00 am	Braes Ministry Get Together
	6.00 pm	SU Team Meeting
	7.30 pm	Youth Worker Panel Meeting
Wednesday 7 th August	7.30 pm	Band Practice
Thursday 8 th August	8.15 pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer
Sunday 11 th August	10.00 am	Congregational Prayer Time
	10.15 am	Summer Kids' Club
	10.30 am	Summer Morning Service Live Streamed
	2.00 pm	St Margaret's Care Home Service

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