

**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  
and God's Word is preached by Jim Hope.**

**Order of Service – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024 (6.30pm)**

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment and Call to Worship

**Hymn MP-1334 My hope is built**

**Hymn MP-825 Faithful One**

**Hymn MP-59 Blessed assurance**

Prayer and Lord's Prayer (Jim Hope)

Scripture Reading: John 16:12-33 (NIVUK) (page 1084-1085) (Jean Meek)

Message (Jim Hope)

**Time of Prayer**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion during which we sing

**Hymn MP-1087 What a faithful God**

Sharing the Peace and Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Hymn MP-704 Through the love of God our Saviour**

Benediction and The Grace

## **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 the Sunday groups.

## **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 10.15 to 10.30 am in the small hall, or on Thursday evenings at 8.15 pm. You can join on Zoom, Facebook and YouTube. Please email: [info@brightonschurch.org.uk](mailto:info@brightonschurch.org.uk) for Zoom login details.

## **Welcome to our Evening Service**

Our evening service is deliberately different in many ways to our morning service, allowing for space to linger in God’s presence and respond to His preached Word. You will see in the order of service that we have a block of worship at the start – it’s good to all stand together for the first hymn, if you can, but afterwards, please feel free to sit, dance, kneel, etc at any point; you don’t need to stand for the whole time of praise. During the ‘Time of Prayer’ there is the opportunity to move around the sanctuary and engage with ‘prayer stations’, which will be explained at the time. During Communion, we will be inviting everyone to come forward to receive at the front, if you are able, and we will serve in the pew anyone who cannot manage; again, instructions will be given. At the end, we’ll all say The Grace together, which will appear on screen, as will the words for the Lord’s Prayer.

## **Communion Service – Retiring Collection**

There will be a retireal collection next Sunday in aid of our Missionary Partners, the Duncans in South Africa.

## **Keeping Brightons Secure and Safe**

Following the tragic events in Southport, we’re tightening up our security policy and ensuring that doors to the church buildings are locked or supervised. The Sanctuary door will remain open and supervised during services, so you’ll not notice much change there. The rear foyer door will be supervised before and after services, groups, and some meetings. However, as it’s not always possible to supervise the door, you may find the door locked when you arrive. In this case, please ring the bell outside the door and someone will let you in. We trust you’ll understand these measures are for the safety of all using our church buildings, but if you have questions, please see Gordon Scott, Scott or Judith. You can find paper copies of the Security and Health & Safety policies for Brightons in the front and rear vestibules and also on the Governance page of our website.

## **Youth Development Worker Update**

Thank you for your continued prayers. Unfortunately, the shortlisted candidates either didn't meet the criteria or withdrew (e.g. due to receiving another offer). We have therefore readvertised the position and hope to interview at the end of September. We still feel the peace of God's hand in this – He knows the right person for us and the right time for their appointment. Pray for God's ongoing leading and call, pray for continued wisdom and discernment for the interview panel and committee, and God's blessing on those unsuccessful in this first round.

## **Coffee Morning and Thursday Morning Service**

The Thursday Morning Coffee Morning resumes this Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August and this week there will also be the half hour service at 11.30am with Communion. All welcome.

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

We are still seeking volunteers for a rota from September for a monthly Sunday morning group to cater for those with learning differences. This would run at the same time as, but separate to, Sunday School groups. It will probably finish by noon and include an activity sheet, songs, refreshments, light conversation. If you have questions, or are willing to be on the team, speak with Scott or Alie Drackford.

## **Men's Book Group**

The group will start up again on **Monday 26 August at 7.30pm in the Minister's Vestry**. Our new book is "**Listening to the Jewish Jesus**" and promises new insights into Jesus's teaching by looking at the culture into which Jesus was speaking, and how his words would be understood.

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

Our enrolment evening will take place on Wednesday 21 August between 6.15pm - 7.30pm. Please email [gb@brightonschurch.org.uk](mailto:gb@brightonschurch.org.uk) for an enrolment form.

All sections will start back on 28 August:

<b>Explorers (P1-P3)</b> 6.15 – 7.30 p.m.	<b>Juniors (P4-P7)</b> 6.15pm - 7.30pm	<b>Brigaders (S1-S6)</b> 7.30pm - 8.45pm
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We look forward to welcoming back girls from last session and to welcoming any new girls who would like to join us.

## **Pizza and Praise**

We are having a Pizza and Praise evening on Saturday 31 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. For catering purposes, please sign up on the sheets at the doors **by TODAY** and let us know of any dietary requirements. For more information, speak to Cammy Dick.

## **Golf Outing**

The next golf outing is planned for Friday 20 September at Dundas Park Golf Club. The cost will be £28 including a buffet lunch. If you are interested, contact Billy Rankine ([billyrankine@btinternet.com](mailto:billyrankine@btinternet.com) or 07860527899) by Sunday 15 September.

**Prospects Across Scotland have some helpful training events coming up**  
September 2<sup>nd</sup> 7-9pm **'Building Communities of Belonging – Worship for All'**  
September 10<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm **'Autism in the Church Family'**

Booking is essential. For more information or to book, go to the 'Prospects Across Scotland' website and click on 'events'.

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

Linda Clarke, Cammy Dick, Laura Eckles, Jim Hope, Richard McManus, Neil Matheson, Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, Andrew Philp, and the Prayer Stations Team.

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## The Week Ahead at Brightons

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
TODAY	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed
	11.00 am	Sunday Club Groups
	12.30 pm	Congregational Vote
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	7.00 pm	Men's Book Group
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30 am	Pre 5s Group
	6.15 pm	BB Anchor Boys
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	6.15 pm	GB Explorers
	6.15 pm	GB Juniors
	7.30 pm	GB Brigaders
	7.30 pm	Band Practice
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
	11.30 am	Thursday Morning Service
	7.00 pm	Friends of Jesus Planning Meeting
	7.45 pm	Choir
	8.15 pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	6.15 pm	BB Junior Section
	7.30 pm	BB Company Section
	11.00 am	Sunday Club Groups
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	5.00 pm	Pizza and Praise
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	9.45 am	Communion Rehearsal
	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