

**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 1st September 2024 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment

The Choir: ‘As we are Gathered’

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-631 Tell out my soul

All Together Time: Prayer*

Hymn – It’s an adventure

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

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:23-35 (page 1096)

(Judith Norton)

Message

Prayer for Others

We respond to God

Hymn MP-1004 Send the fire

Words of Invitation

The Sacrament of Holy Communion during which we sing

Hymn MP-50 Be still for the presence

Hymn MP-951 To be in Your presence

Sharing the Peace and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn – Where feet may fail

Benediction and Threefold Amen

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. 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 for Zoom login details.

This Morning’s Service

This morning, we celebrate the Sacrament of Communion. There will also be a retiring offering which will be in aid of our Missionary Partners, the Duncans in South Africa.

Upper Braes Churches Joint Service – 8th September

Our next joint service of the four congregations will be held at Slamannan Community Centre next Sunday 8th September at 11am. This will be an all-age service, and everyone is invited to attend. **There will be no service at Brightons that Sunday.** If anyone would like a lift, then please give your name to Jean Meek **as soon as possible**.

Kirk Session and Deacons Court Meeting

Please note that the next Meeting of the Kirk Session and Deacons Court will take place on Tuesday 10th September at 7.45pm.

James Stewart

It is with real regret that we intimate the death of **James Stewart** - Jimmy to all who knew him, formerly of Polwarth Avenue. He passed away very unexpectedly on Sunday 25th August. Jimmy was an Elder at Brightons for many years, moving in with his daughter during the Covid years. He celebrated his 96th birthday on 29th June this year. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Congregational Vote

Last Sunday the four congregations for the Upper Braes Churches voted in favour of moving into Union. The results were:

On the Basis of Union	On the Basis of Local Mission Church	On Rev Scott Burton being Minister
187 for and 9 against	181 for and 9 against	60 for and 2 against

Please note that only the other 3 congregations took part in the vote for Scott being Minister of the Union. The Kirk Sessions will now work with Presbytery and congregations to prepare for the Union, which the Elders would like to begin on 1st November 2024. Please keep this work in your prayers as we move forward.

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.

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.

Alpha Course

Our Alpha Course is scheduled to begin on Wednesday 11th of September and will run for around 10 weeks. Due to the church halls being fully booked, this course will be held in The Cross – the Coffee Shop/Charity Shop at Brightons Cross – and where we have run Alpha Courses previously. Parking is either on the Wagon Road or in the church car park. Alpha is suitable for those seeking the Christian faith or for those who are already Christians and seek a "refresher". There is an A4 sheet at the front entrance of the church and another at the rear entrance. Please add your name if you are interested.

Fellowship Groups

Our Fellowship Groups/Book Groups are either about to begin after the summer break – or have already begun. These groups – generally less than 10 people - help us to get to know each other – and to encourage each other in our Christian walk. In a small group environment, everyone can have an input – as Paul said in his letter to the Corinthian Church (1 Cor 14:26) – something that's not so easy in a larger congregation. Anyone wishing to join a Fellowship Group or Book Group please contact Tom Nimmo who will direct you to the relevant Group leaders.

The Guild

Please note that the first meeting of the new Guild Session will be on Monday 9th September at 2.00pm. All are welcome.

The Choir

The choir would be delighted to welcome new members. We meet on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm. We're a friendly group and enjoy our tea and cakes at the end of our rehearsal. Please speak to Morag Lang or anyone in the choir for more information.

Golf Outing

The next golf outing is planned for Friday 20th 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 or 07860527899) by Sunday 8th September.

Prospects Across Scotland have some helpful training events coming up

September 2nd 7-9pm **'Building Communities of Belonging – Worship for All'**
September 10th 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'.

Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning - Fundraiser

There will be a Coffee Morning Fundraiser on Saturday 28th September at 10.30am to 1.00pm in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support in the Rankine and Heriot Halls. Any donations would be gratefully received, preferably the night before to minimise any waste. Please speak to Maralyn Stirling for further information.

Tea and Coffee

1st September – Eileen Hope, Jim Hope and Ian Lawson.

Flowers in Church

The flowers in Church today have been provided by Heather O'Neill. Delivering the flowers after today's service will be Jane Bell.

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

Linda Clarke, Jill Dickson, James Falconer, Kaiden Falconer, Jamie McIntosh, Susan McIntosh, Ewan McManus, Richard McManus, Jean Meek, Judith Norton, Heather O'Neill, Andrew Philp, the Choir and the Welcome Team.

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

***We have Sunday groups for all ages of children up to S4,
as well as a creche room available for those under 3.***

The Week Ahead at Brightons

Date	Time	Activity
TODAY	9.45 am	Communion Rehearsal
Sunday 1 st September	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed
	11.00 am	Sunday Club Groups
	7.00 pm	Ian Lawson Bible Study Group
	7.45 pm	Sunday Youth Fellowship
Monday 2 nd September	7.45 pm	Fellowship Group "K"
Tuesday 3 rd September	9.30 am	Pre 5s Group
	6.15 pm	BB Anchor Boys
Wednesday 4 th September	6.15 pm	GB Explorers
	6.15 pm	GB Juniors
	7.30 pm	GB Brigaders
	7.30 pm	Band Practice
Thursday 5 th September	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
	7.30 pm	Choir
	8.15 pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer
Friday 6 th September	1.00 pm	ASN Support
	6.15 pm	BB Junior Section
	7.30 pm	BB Company Section
Sunday 8 th September	11.00 am	Joint Morning Service at Slamannan

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