The Week Ahead at Brightons

Date	Time	Activity
Wednesday 19th July	7.30 pm	Band Practice
Thursday 20th July	8.15 pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer (Zoom)
Friday 21st July	2.00 pm	Long Covid Group
Sunday 23rd July	9.30 am	All Age Summer Service
	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
	10.30 am	Morning Refreshments
	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed
	2.00 pm	St Margaret's Service

Minister	Rev Scott Burton	☎: 341590 scott.burton@churchofscotland.org.uk **Unavailable on a Friday from 14:30 - Saturday 14:30**
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BRIGHTONS CHURCH

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 worship together is led today by Rev Scott Burton.

Order of Service – Sunday 16th July 2023 (11.00 am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome, Notices and Gathering Moment

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-656 The Lord is King (v1, 4-5)

Hymn MP-757 When peace like a river (v1-3)

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:17-27 (NIVUK) (page 1014-1015) Norma Thompson

Hymn MP-995 Jesus Christ

Prayer for Others James Falconer

Hymn MP-619 Such love

Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP-975 Before the throne of God above

Benediction and Threefold Amen

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, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube as well as our church website www.brightonschurch.org.uk. You can download material from the website as well as revisit previous sermon videos and texts.

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 Zoom only this week and throughout the summer holiday period. Please email info@brightonschurch.org.uk for Zoom login details if you would like to join.

Summer Services and Scott's and Ian's Summer Leave

These will run from 2nd July to 13th August inclusive. Each Sunday there will be services at 9.30 am (this will be a half-hour, family-friendly service in the sanctuary) and then 11.00 am – (this will be a more regular service but with no all-age section or Sunday School groups). Scott will be on holiday from Friday 21st July to Monday 7th August inclusive, and Ian is on leave 21st July to 5th August inclusive. We look forward to Donald Meek and Brent Haywood leading our services, as well as two teams for two of the early services. Pastoral support can be found from Rev Monica MacDonald on 01324 832782 or monica.macdonald@churchofscotland.org.uk

Tea and Coffee

During the Summer, Tea and Coffee will be served at 10.30 am before the 11.00 am Service.

Letter from Kirk Session (updated)

As part of the preparatory work for the future Union of the Upper Braes Churches, the Kirk Sessions are required to update the Communion Rolls. In light of this, we've sent a letter to members we haven't seen so often to encourage them back to worship, and to understand if there's any help we can offer them. We have also asked people to confirm their wishes and intention regarding church membership. This letter hasn't gone out to everyone, but we wanted to let you know in case you speak to anyone who has received one. *If you haven't received a letter then there is nothing you need to do as your name will remain on the communion roll.* If you have any questions, please speak with Scott or Judith.

New Name for Upper Braes Churches

We invite anyone from the Upper Braes congregations to submit ideas to their representative Elders by Sunday 6th August for a new name for the Upper Braes congregation. Details of what must be included in the name are noted in print outs available at the church door; please pick up a copy on your way out today. Your representative Elders for Brightons Parish Church are Jessie Wallace and James Falconer. Please speak with them or Scott if you have any questions.

Sunday School Leader

Following on from Scott's message at the end of June, if you are wondering where you can help within the church, we are seeking to recruit another leader for Triple S to assist Dixcee in the running of the group. If you think you might be interested in helping, please email sundayschool@brightonschurch.org.uk

Summer Pastoral Visits – Sign Up Sheets

With a change of activities over the summer, Scott is making some diary space to offer pastoral visits to those who would wish a visit – sign-up sheets are in the front vestibule. If you know of someone who might like a visit, then please ask them first before reserving a time on their behalf. There are daytime and evening options, beginning from the first week of July 'til the end of August. Visits can be to your home or in the vestry, whichever you prefer.

Deacons, Elders, Sunday School and Group Leaders

There is training (refresher for many) on fire evacuation procedures arranged in the Rankine Hall for the following dates: Sun 13th, 20th and 27th Aug 10:15-10:45; Mon 14th Aug 19:30-20:00. Please ensure you attend on ONE of these dates.

Prayer Ministry Training – open invite

Being able to pray openly with and for another person is such a blessing, whether that's within church events or out in the community. So, a two-night training course will be run on 13th and 20th August, 6.30-9 pm. If you are interested, please confirm your attendance with Scott.

Gender Based Stereotyping and Men in the Church

"I don't stereotype anyone. It's nothing to do with me!" would likely be the response of most men in the church. Scott and James Falconer would like to explore that discussion with men in the congregation at an informal session on Friday 18th August from 7pm – food and refreshments included. Speak to Scott or James if you would like to sign-up or receive more information.

Tea and Coffee

16th July – Roy Graham, Marion Graham and Heather McManus.
23rd July – Eileen McArdle, Alex Davis and Jackie Sihota.

Flowers in Church

Flowers are provided this week by Rena Kennedy in loving memory of Roy.
Delivering the flowers after today's service will be Cathy Playfair.
Delivery next week will be Jean Callahan.

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

James Falconer, Adam Matheson, Neil Matheson, Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, Charles Sim and Norma Thompson.