



We seek to invite, encourage
and enable all ages to be
disciples of Jesus Christ.

Sunday 13th December 2020

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment

Call to Worship

Hymn **MP-1151 Amazing grace**

Hymn **MP-1087 Lord, I come before Your throne of grace**

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

Community Corner: welcoming of new members

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Rev Scott Burton)

Praise **MP-49 Be bold**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:7-11 (Sandra Anderson)

Prayers for Others (Eric Smith)

Hymn **MP-493 O come, O come, Emmanuel**

Message

We respond to God

Hymn **MP-109 Crown Him with many crowns**

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Changes and Updates are highlighted in blue

Welcome to Worship:

Church is not a building – it is the family of God's people and we are delighted that you are able to join us this morning.

Live Streaming

Our services are now live streamed to the internet via our YouTube channel. Only certain areas of the church will be shown – please talk with the duty team if you wish to be seated away from these areas.

Keep in touch during Covid-19

Our website and Facebook page are our main channels for news and updates. The website has links to the YouTube channel, sermons and prayer points as well as information on how to contact us about attending worship during Covid-19

Keep informed on Social Media

As well as the website and Facebook pages, Brightons Parish Church is on Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. If you use these apps then why not follow us – here are the links:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/brightonsparishchurch>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/brightonschurch>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/brightonsparishchurch/>

YouTube: <http://live.brightonschurch.org.uk/>

Prayer for the Nation – 13th to 26th December

Christians in every part of the UK have been joining together in prayer and we would like to encourage you to keep setting aside 7pm on a Sunday for prayer, no matter how long you give. As you start, place a lit candle in the window of your home as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ. New prayer points are available on the website Prayer page.

Being Community – we are still here for you

Especially in this time of increased restrictions, if you are self-isolating and need help with shopping, prescriptions or a friendly phone call then contact the church office on **01324 713855** and leave a message – we will get back to you

New members

We are delighted to welcome a number of new members this morning and we pray that as Edna Oliver, Alan Oliver, Chloe Kirton, Jon-Luke Kirton and Dixcee Spencer come into membership, they would know the presence and blessing of God

Christmas Services

Details of these can be found on the homepage of the church website. Please join us and encourage others to be part of our celebration of Christmas

Christmas Outreach – CrossReach and Polmont Prison

This Christmas we are again supporting the work of CrossReach. Normally this would be with our retiring offerings but this year we are encouraging you to give by PayPal, cheque or cash.

We are also going to be giving gifts of chocolate and a Christmas card to the inmates in Polmont Prison as in previous years, to share something of the love and message of Christmas with them.

Details of how to give to either cause are in the winter edition of Bright Lights which is available on the website news page <https://www.brightonschurch.org.uk/news/>

Christmas Decorations in Church

Sincere thanks are expressed to everyone involved in putting up the Christmas decorations in Church on Wednesday. The necessary restrictions meant we had to forego our welcome cuppa but it didn't dampen the atmosphere in any way

Tuesday Evenings

Tuesday 15th December will be a prayer focus on practical prayer

Tuesday 22nd December will be a Christmas Praise evening – email us with your requests at info@brightonschurch.org.uk

Service Recordings

The most recent copies of our services are now available to listen to on your home phone or mobile including Sunday worship, Tuesday sermon and recent special Tuesday events

You now only need call one number: 01324 468811

Call the number, choose which service you wish, wait 30 seconds and the recording will play!

Thursday Evening Live Prayer

Join us for a time of prayer on Thursday evening from 8.15 pm – on YouTube and Zoom – if you would like to join then email info@brightonschurch.org.uk for login details