



**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.**

Scripture reading: Luke 2: 8-20 (pages 1027-1028)

There will be groups available for children and young people today,
and a creche room with live-streaming of the service is also offered.

Order of Service – Sunday 18th December 2022

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment inc. Lighting of Advent wreath

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-35 Angels from the realms of glory

Hymn MP-83 Come and join the celebration

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-20

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'A Seussical Christmas Spectacle'

Sunday School

All Age Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP-393 Joy to the world

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 revisiting previous sermon videos and texts.

Today's Service

We look forward to our young people bringing us the Nativity Story as part of this morning's worship.

Sunday Morning Prayer and Thursday Evening Live Prayer

Join us for a time of prayer on Sunday mornings 10.15 to 10.30am in the small hall, or Thursday evenings at 8.15pm on Facebook, You Tube or Zoom. (email info@brightonschurch.org.uk for Zoom login details if you would like to join).

Alistair Waddell

Alistair's funeral will be held on Wednesday 21st December, 11.30am at Falkirk Crematorium. Please continue to remember Margaret and the family in your prayers at this time.

Polmont Prison

It has been our habit, for a number of years now, to send a Christmas card and some chocolate to each inmate at the prison as a tangible sign that someone is thinking of them at this time and as a reminder of the fact that we are celebrating Christ's birth. We would like to be able to give this little gift again this year so we will have a retiring collection **today**, to help pay for the chocolate. The total we are aiming for is around £300 but a small amount from a lot of people will help us reach this. If you do not have cash with you today you can give online - either via PayPal (<https://www.paypal.com/gb/fundraiser/charity/3922508>) or through online banking (email info@brightonschurch.org.uk for account details). In either case, referencing with the word "chocolate" will make it easy for us to identify the gift. Thank you in advance for your help in expressing a little of the love of Jesus to the men and women in Polmont.

Membership Classes

We will be running membership classes over the period 25th January to 8th February 2023 at 7.30pm, as we have some people interested. If you are also interested in exploring membership as part of our church family here at Brightons then please speak to Scott.

Daily Bible Reading Notes

The next Edition of Daily Bread is now available. This runs from January-March. This is a great way of helping with your bible reading and prayer life each day. If you would like a copy then please email heather.oneill5@btinternet.com or speak to Heather O'Neill. Price £5.49 each.

Wallacestone Primary School Scripture Union Group

We are looking to restart the SU group at the local primary school after the February break on a Friday lunchtime, but we are currently needing 2 extra helpers, attending on a fortnightly or monthly basis. If able to get involved, please speak with Scott.

Slamannan – Martha's Pantry

Over the next month we are seeking to support this initiative and donations from Brightons will be sent up to Slamannan. They have identified that the following items are priority – smaller rather than larger packs are better:

Vegetable oil, cooking salt, sugar, UHT milk, canned fruit, canned rice pudding, coffee, mashed potatoes, canned potatoes, canned vegetables, canned meats, can openers, diluting juice, toilet rolls (packs of 4), toothpaste, toothbrushes, personal hygiene items for all ages (ladies and gents), cat and dog food (not large bags of dried food).

Falkirk Foodbank

We continue to support Falkirk Foodbank long term and donations can be brought to the Church and placed at either the front or back doors in the boxes provided (labelled as for Falkirk). Donations such as tinned food, pasta and long-life milk are particularly welcome.

Notices for Newsheet

Please note that any items for inclusion in the newsheet should be received by Thursday midday at the latest – thank you.

Flowers in Church

Flowers are provided this week by Peter Lees.

Delivering the flowers after today's service will be Carol Callahan.

Delivery next week will be Jessie Wallace.

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

Linda Clarke, Jill Dickson, Laura Eckles, James Falconer, Neil Matheson, Richard McManus, Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, Andrew Philp, Sunday School Leaders and Groups, the Choir.

The Week Ahead at Brightons

Date	Time	Activity
Tuesday 20 th December	9.30 am	Pre 5s
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Wed 21 st December	7.30 pm	Praise Band
Thu 22 nd December	9.30 am	Wallacestone Primary Carol Concert
	7.45 pm	Choir
	8.15 pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer
Sat 24 th December	6.30 pm	Early Watchnight Service
	11.15 pm	Watchnight Service
Sun 25 th December	10.30 am	Morning Service (Live Streamed)

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