



**We seek to invite, encourage  
and enable all ages to  
follow Jesus Christ.**

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**Welcome! We join in the sanctuary and online to worship God in the Name  
of Jesus Christ. Our worship is led today by Rev. Melville Crosthwaite.**

Scripture reading: Matthew 2: 1-12 (page 966)

**Order of Service – Sunday 1st January 2023**

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment

Call to Worship

**Hymn MP-825 Faithful One**

**Hymn MP-740 We three kings**

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

All together time – “Watching”

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

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**Hymn MP-690 This Child**

All Age Message – “Worshipping”

*We respond to God*

Prayer

**Hymn MP-39 As with gladness**

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](http://www.brightonschurch.org.uk). You can download material from the website as well as revisiting previous sermon videos and texts.

## **Today’s Service**

We welcome Rev Melville Crosthwaite to lead this morning’s worship while Scott is on holiday.

## **Next Sunday**

In Scott’s absence, we look forward to Donald Meek leading worship. Our groups for young people will also resume next Sunday.

## **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 Zoom only this week and next. (email [info@brightonschurch.org.uk](mailto:info@brightonschurch.org.uk) for Zoom login details if you would like to join).

## **Tom Isdale**

It is with sadness that we intimate the death of Tom Isdale on Monday 26th December. We will pass on funeral arrangements when we know them. Please remember Tom’s son Allan and the family in your prayers at this time.

## **Peter Lees**

Peter’s funeral will take place on Friday 6th January at 9.30 in Brightons Church followed by interment at New Grandsable at 10.45. Please continue to remember Charles, Nancy, and the family in your prayers at this time.

## **Retiring Offerings**

The retiring offerings at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services raised a total of £546 which is being sent to Strathcarron Hospice. Thank you.

## **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 when he returns from holiday.

### **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.

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

Jill Dickson, Laura Eckles, James Falconer, Neil Matheson, Richard McManus, Jean Meek, Andrew Philp, Eric Smith.

## The Week Ahead at Brightons

Date	Time	Activity
Wed 4th January	7.30 pm	Praise Band
Thu 5th January	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
	8.15 pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer (Zoom only)
Sun 8th January	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
	11.00 am	Morning Service (Live Streamed)
	11.00 am	Sunday School Groups
	7.00 pm	Fellowship Group (I Lawson)

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