

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

**Order of Service – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December (11.00 am)**

*We offer ourselves to God in worship*

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment inc. Lighting of Advent wreath

Call to Worship

**Hymn MP-1259 Bless the Lord O my soul**

All Together Time: Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**Hymn MP-881 Lord I lift Your name on high**

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

Youth Worker Committee Update

Intro to new teaching series

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:46-56 (page 1026)

(Jean Meek)

The Choir: 'Open my eyes (verses 1&4)

Message

*We respond to God*

**Hymn – A thousand hallelujahs**

Prayer for Others

Words of Invitation

The Sacrament of Holy Communion during which we sing

**Hymn MP-988 How deep the Father's love for us**

Sharing the Peace and Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Hymn MP-493 O come, O come, Emmanuel (Verses 1,3-5)**

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 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 Facebook, YouTube and Zoom. Please email [info@brightonschurch.org.uk](mailto:info@brightonschurch.org.uk) for Zoom login details if you would like to join.

## **This Morning's Service**

During the service this morning the sacrament of Communion will be celebrated.

## **St Margaret's Service**

There will be a service at St Margaret's at 2.00 pm next Sunday afternoon (10<sup>th</sup> Dec).

## **Safar invitation for the new year**

Following a successful trial of Safar this year, we are inviting the rest of the church family to give these discipleship materials a try. Safar will give Christians from all walks of life and all stages of faith an opportunity to deepen their faith through study, prayer and relationship. To take part you will need to form a pair and commit to meeting every week / fortnight for an initial 10 weeks. It might seem like a big commitment and a bit daunting at first but those who have already worked through these materials would agree that it is worth it, and not as scary as you might think. Please contact Heather McManus ([discipleship@brightonsparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:discipleship@brightonsparishchurch.org.uk)) or add your names to the sign up sheet on your way out. Please sign up before 17<sup>th</sup> December to give us time to print the materials for the new year.

## **Kirk Session**

The next meeting will be on 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.45pm in the Rankine Hall.

## **Christmas Musical (15th Dec) and Nativity Fun Day (23rd Dec)**

Please remember the upcoming events this Advent and invite families, friends and neighbours along. It would also be beneficial to have church members attending to help build relationships with the local community. Spare flyers are at the front and rear entrance areas.

## **Falkirk Foodbank and Martha's Pantry**

In the coming weeks leading up to Christmas there will be considerably more pressure on both organisations to supply the needy in our Braes area. Please continue to remember them and provide what you can on a regular basis. Donations will be split evenly between the two organisations unless you have a specific preference.

## **Guild Sunday**

The members of the Guild would like to thank the congregation for donating the fantastic sum of £523.00 to our Projects. With an additional donation of £100.00 from the Art Group, this means we will be able to contribute £623.00 to the National Guild total. Thank you once again for your generous support.

### **Christmas Appeal – HMPYOI – Polmont**

Every Christmas we, as a Church, send a Church Christmas Card and a bar of chocolate to each inmate at HMPYOI, Polmont. To cover the costs, we ask our congregation to donate £1 or whatever they wish to give. If you wish to donate then please speak to Maralyn Stirling or Roy Graham. The inmates really appreciate this generosity each year from the Church.

### **Guild Christmas Lunch**

The Guild Christmas Lunch is tomorrow (4<sup>th</sup> December) at 12.30 pm at the Claremont Inn.

### **Faith Mission Christmas Stall**

This will be the last Sunday for you to purchase any Christmas cards, calendars and diaries from the Faith Mission Christmas Stall in the Rankine Hall. A big thank you to everyone who has supported our stall. 10% of all sales go to the church.

### **Boys' Brigade Christmas Card Delivery**

The Boys' Brigade Company Section will be providing a Christmas card delivery service this year. Stamps will be available for the next few Sundays at the church and also on a Friday and Tuesday evening when BB is on. BB Stamps will be for sale at 3 for £1. The post box will be situated at the back door of the church and cards should be posted by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at the latest. All cards will be delivered over the weekend of the 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> of December by the boys. Deliveries will be made to the following areas: Maddiston, Rumford, Brightons, Polmont, Reddingmuirhead, Wallacestone, Shieldhill, Redding and Laurieston.

### **Laurieston Parish Church - Concert**

The Laurieston fund raising committee is organising a concert in their church building on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7.30 p.m. The concert features the Bo'ness and Kinneil Brass Band, tickets are £10.00 with tea/coffee and biscuits included in the price. For youngsters under 16, admission is free. Tickets may be obtained by calling 01324 620178 or you may simply pay at the door. The church building is situated on Polmont Road (FK2 9QQ) and the veterinary practice adjacent to the church building kindly allows parking on their property during the concert.

### **Tea and Coffee**

3<sup>rd</sup> December – Eileen McArdle, Alex Davis and Maralyn Stirling.

10<sup>th</sup> December – Tom Nimmo, Alan Oliver and Heather O'Neill

### **Flowers in Church**

Flowers are provided this week by May McGill.

Delivering the flowers after today's service will be Anne Smith

Delivery next week will be Carol Callahan.

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

Jill Dickson, Laura Eckles, Morag Lang, Richard McManus, Neil Matheson, Jean Meek, Ewan Norton, Heather O'Neill, Andrew Philp, Eric Smith and the Choir.

## The Week Ahead at Brightons

Date	Time	Activity
TODAY	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
Sunday 3 December	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed
	11.00 am	Sunday School Groups
	7.45 pm	Sunday Youth Fellowship
Monday 4 December	7.00 pm	BB Competition
	7.30 pm	Men's Book Group
Tuesday 5 December	9.30 am	Pre 5s
	1.00 pm	Pre 5s
	6.15 pm	BB Anchor Boys
Wednesday 6 December	12.00 pm	Braes Ministry Team Meeting
	6.15 pm	GB Juniors
	6.15 pm	GB Explorers
	7.30 pm	Band Practice
	7.30 pm	GB Brigaders
Thursday 7 December	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
	7.30 pm	Choir
	8.15 pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer
Friday 8 December	6.15 pm	BB Juniors
	7.30 pm	BB Company
Sunday 10 December	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed
	11.00 am	Sunday School Groups
	2.00 pm	St Margaret's Service
	6.30 pm	Carol Praise Service

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