



**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 Service today is led by Rev Scott Burton.**

**Order of Service – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December (11.00 am)**

*We offer ourselves to God in worship*

Welcome and Notices

Gathering moment and lighting of Advent wreath (Samuel Duke)

The Choir: 'It was on a starry night'

*Call to Worship*

**Hymn MP-51 Be Thou my vision**

**Hymn – A thousand hallelujahs**

All Together Time

**Hymn – God's love is the best love**

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer\*

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:67-79 (page 1027) (Norma Thompson)

Prayer for Others (Irene Stewart)

**Hymn MP-337 In the bleak midwinter**

Message

*We respond to God*

**Hymn MP-588 See amid the winter's snow (1-2, 5)**

Benediction and Threefold Amen

\* The Lord's Prayer will appear on screen

## **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.

## **Carol Praise Service**

Please join us this evening for our Carol Praise Service at 6.30 pm.

## **Kirk Session Meeting**

The next Kirk Session meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.45 pm.

## **St Margaret’s Service**

There will be a service at St Margaret’s today at 2.00 pm.

## **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 17th December to give us time to print the materials for the new year.

## **Thank You**

Grateful thanks are extended to the Property team and everyone who helped to decorate the Church and Halls for the festive season.

## **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.

## **All leaders of Groups using Halls**

Please ensure that good housekeeping is maintained: ensure furniture and equipment is stored in correct locations. Ensure room and corridor lighting is switched off before leaving building. Ensure main door into Halls is locked properly - the bottom lock turns two full turns to fully lock.

## **Life and Work**

Life and Work for December is now available and can be uplifted as you leave Church this morning.

## **Youth Worker Project Appeal**

Last Sunday we shared the exciting opportunity of the Youth Worker Project Appeal. You can catch up on the presentation and download appeal information including response form by visiting our website. Look out for members of the Youth Worker committee who will be at the main and rear doors this morning. We invite you to prayerfully consider donating. You can help young people experience the truth of John 10:10, that Jesus came to give life in all its fullness. Thank you.

## **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.

## **Daily Bread**

The Daily Bread Bible reading notes for January-March 2024 are now available. If you would like a copy, please speak to Heather O'Neill. The books are now priced at £5.75 each and are a very useful tool for your daily devotions.

## **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. Collection boxes are at the front and back doors. If you wish to donate please speak to Maralyn Stirling or Roy Graham. The inmates really appreciate this generosity each year from 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 14th December at the latest. All cards will be delivered over the weekend of the 16th/17th of December by the boys. Deliveries will be made to the following areas: Maddiston, Rumford, Brightons, Polmont, Reddingmuirhead, Wallacestone, Shieldhill, Redding and Laurieston.

## **Tea and Coffee**

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

17<sup>th</sup> December – Peter Arkless, June Arkless and Maralyn Stirling.

## **Flowers in Church**

Flowers are provided this week by Anne Tomlinson.

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

Delivery next week will be Jean Callahan.

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

Linda Clarke, Laura Eckles, James Falconer, Richard McManus, Jon-Luke Kirton, Neil Matheson, Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, Andrew Philp, Eric Smith, Irene Stewart, Norma Thompson and the Choir.

## The Week Ahead at Brightons

Date	Time	Activity
TODAY	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
Sunday 10 December	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
Monday 11 December	5.00 pm	Youth Worker Committee Meeting
Tuesday 12 December	9.30 am	Pre 5s
	1.00 pm	Pre 5s
	6.15 pm	BB Anchor Boys
	7.45 pm	Kirk Session
Wednesday 13 December	12.30 pm	Friendship Plus Christmas Lunch
	6.15 pm	GB Juniors
	6.15 pm	GB Explorers
	7.30 pm	Band Practice
	7.30 pm	GB Brigaders
Thursday 14 December	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
	6.00 pm	Friends of Jesus
	7.30 pm	Choir
	8.15 pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer
Friday 15 December	2.00 pm	Long Covid Group
	6.30 pm	Out of the Box Production
	7.30 pm	BB Company
Sunday 17 December	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed
	11.00 am	Sunday School Groups
	7.45 pm	Sunday Youth Fellowship

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