

**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 17th December (11.00 am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment and Lighting of Advent wreath

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-491 O come all ye faithful

Hymn MP-99 Come on and celebrate

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

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer*

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-15

'The Simplest Nativity Play Ever'

(SS/Youth Groups)

All Age Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP-211 Hark! The herald angels sing

Benediction & 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. 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 for Zoom login details if you would like to join.

This Morning’s Service

This morning our Sunday School Groups will be presenting the Nativity.

Please remember in your Prayers

It is with sadness that we share the news that Tommy Struthers passed away on 12th December. Please remember his wife Jean in your prayers at this time. Once we have funeral details, we will share them.

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@brightonschurch.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.

Christmas Nativity Fun Day – Saturday 23rd December at 2.00 pm

Please remember our Christmas Nativity Fun Day on 23 December 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.

Lost Property

We have a selection of black leather gloves; 3 single gloves and 1 pair, that have been left in the church over recent weeks. If you think they belong to you, please have a look on the table as you exit the church.

Youth Worker Project Appeal

We recently 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. 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. If you wish to donate, there will be collection boxes at the front and rear doors of the Church. The inmates really appreciate this generosity each year from the Church.

Tea and Coffee

17th December – Peter Arkless, June Arkless and Maralyn Stirling.

24th December – Maralyn Stirling, Lesley Mann and Alison Cassells.

Flowers in Church

Flowers are provided this week by Nancy Lees.

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

Delivery next week will be Ray Heeps.

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

Jill Dickson, Laura Eckles, James Falconer, Morag Lang, Richard McManus, Neil Matheson, Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, Andrew Philp, the Choir, Sunday School Leaders and Young People.

The Week Ahead at Brightons

Date	Time	Activity
TODAY	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
Sunday 17 December	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed (Nativity)
Tuesday 19 December	9.30 am	Pre 5s
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Wednesday 20 December	7.30 pm	Band Practice
Thursday 21 December	7.30 pm	Choir
	8.15 pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer
Friday 22 December	9.30 am	Wallacestone Primary Christmas Assemblies
Saturday 23 December	2.00 pm	Nativity Fun Day
Sunday 24 December	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed
	11.00 am	Sunday School Groups
	6.30 pm	Early Watchnight Service
	11.00 pm	Mince Pies
	11.30 pm	Watchnight Service

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