

**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 24th December (11.00 am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment inc. Lighting of Advent wreath

The Choir: 'Hark the glad sound'

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-1334 My hope is built (Cornerstone)

Hymn – A thousand hallelujahs

All Together Time

Hymn – Deep down

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-11 (page 1179) (Alistair McDonald)

Prayer for Others (Irene Stewart)

Hymn MP-162 From heaven You came

Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP-451 Love came down at Christmas

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. 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. **Please note that there will be no Live Prayer meeting this Thursday.**

Please remember in your Prayers

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of May Gilmour on 17th December. Please remember May’s family in your prayers. Please also continue to remember the family of Tommy Struthers who passed away on 12th December.

Minister’s Holidays

Please note that Scott will be on holiday from 26th December to 8th January inclusive. Please speak to Judith Norton or Ian Baillie if there are any urgent matters.

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.

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 weeks over the Christmas season 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.

Tea and Coffee

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

31st December – Iris O'Neill, Heather O'Neill and Maralyn Stirling.

Flowers in Church

Flowers are provided this week by Anne Smith.

Delivering the flowers after today's service will be Ray Heeps.

Delivery next week will be Sandra Anderson.

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

Linda Clarke, Jill Dickson, James Falconer, Alistair McDonald, Richard McManus, Neil Matheson, Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, Andrew Philp, Eric Smith, Irene Stewart and the Choir.

The Week Ahead at Brightons

Date	Time	Activity
TODAY	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
Sunday 24 December	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed
	11.00 am	Sunday School (Combined Groups)
	6.30 pm	Early Watchnight Service
	11.00 pm	Mince Pies
	11.30 pm	Watchnight Service
Monday 25 December	10.30 am	Christmas Day Service
Sunday 31 December	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed

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