

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

Order of Service – Sunday 31st December (11.00 am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices

(Judith Norton)

Gathering Moment

The Choir – ‘As we are gathered’

Call to Worship Prayer

Hymn MP – 749 What child is this

Hymn MP – 740 We three kings

Dedication Prayer

All Together Time ‘Endings and Beginnings’

Scripture Readings 2 Timothy 2:23-24 (Page 1196)
Matthew 2:1-12 (Page 966)

(Sharon Glass)

Hymn MP – 690 This Child

All Age Message ‘Kindness’

We respond to God

Prayer

(Rachel Meek)

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. 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 this week’s Live Prayer on Thursday will be on Zoom only.**

This Morning’s Service

We welcome Rev Melville Crosthwaite to lead our service this morning while Scott is on holiday. Please note that there are no Sunday School Groups at today’s service, however the Creche Room will be available for parents and babies if needed.

Please Remember in your Prayers

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Brenda Regan on Christmas Eve. Please remember Brenda’s family in your prayers at this time. We will communicate funeral details once these are known. Please also remember the family of May Gilmour who passed away on 17th December. May’s funeral service will take place on Monday 15th January 2024 at Kirkcaldy Crematorium at 12.45 pm.

Minister’s Holidays

Please note that Scott will be on holiday from 26th December to 7th January inclusive. Please speak to Judith Norton or Ian Baillie if there are any urgent matters.

Men's Book Group

The next Men’s Book Group will next meet on Mon 8th January at 7.30pm in the Vestry. All welcome to join the conversation, even if you're not reading the book!

SAFAR

Great news!! Many of our congregation are signing up for Safar and we may soon reach our target of doubling the number of folks who have invested in their faith through this resource. I hope you are thinking about it yourself and planning to partner up with someone – it would be excellent to see the leaders of our congregation paving the way forward by investing one hour per week/fortnight to grow in faith by revisiting “the basics”, learning some new practices and building a prayerful relationship with someone in the congregation. I really hope you’ll consider it. If you don’t know who to pair with, then simply email discipleship@brightonschurch.org.uk and Heather McManus will help with those details.

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.

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

31st December – Iris O'Neill, Heather O'Neill and Margaret Sim.

7th January – Janet Crosthwaite, Christine Hastings and Jennifer Gallivan.

Flowers in Church

Flowers are provided this week by Anne Smith.

Delivering the flowers after today's service will be Sandra Anderson.

Delivery next week will be Denise Beggs.

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

Rev Melville Crosthwaite, Jill Dickson, Sharon Glass, Morag Lang, Neil Matheson, Jean Meek, Rachel Meek, Judith 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 31 December	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed
Wednesday 3 January	7.30 pm	Band Practice
Thursday 4 January	8.15 pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer Zoom only
Sunday 7 January	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed
	11.00 am	Sunday School Groups

Minister	Rev Scott Burton	☎: 341590 scott.burton@churchofscotland.org.uk Unavailable on a Friday from 14:30 - Saturday 14:30
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