

We seek to invite, encourage and enable all ages to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

Sunday 6th December 2020

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-1375 Who, O Lord, could save themselves

Hymn MP-936 Teach me to dance

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

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Rev Sandra Mathers)

Community Corner

Praise I'm following the King

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:7-11 (Jessie Wallace)

Prayers for Others (Annabella Nimmo)

Hymn MP-451 Love came down at Christmas

Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP-631 Tell out, my soul

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Changes and Updates are highlighted in blue

Welcome to Worship:

Church is not a building – it is the family of God's people and we are delighted that you are able to join us this morning.

Live Streaming

Our services are now live streamed to the internet via our YouTube channel. Only certain areas of the church will be shown – please talk with the duty team if you wish to be seated away from these areas.

Keep in touch during Covid-19

Our website and Facebook page are our main channels for news and updates. The website has links to the YouTube channel, sermons page and prayer points as well as a special Covid-19 page

Keep informed on Social Media

As well as the website and Facebook pages, Brightons Parish Church is on Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. If you use these apps then why not follow us – here are the links:

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/brightonsparishchurch

Twitter: http://twitter.com/brightonschurch

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/brightonsparishchurch/

YouTube: http://live.brightonschurch.org.uk/

Prayer for the Nation – 29th November to 12th December

Christians in every part of the UK have been joining together in prayer and we would like to encourage you to keep setting aside 7pm on a Sunday for prayer, no matter how long you give. As you start, place a lit candle in the window of your home as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ. Prayer points are available on the website Prayer page.

Being Community – we are still here for you

Especially in this time of increased restrictions, if you are self-isolating and need help with shopping, prescriptions or a friendly phone call then contact the church office on **01324 713855** and leave a message – we will get back to you

<u>Christmas Outreach – CrossReach and Polmont Prison</u>

This Christmas we are again supporting the work of CrossReach. Normally this would be with our retiring offerings but this year we are encouraging you to give by PayPal, cheque or cash. We are also going to be giving gifts of chocolate and a Christmas card to the inmates in Polmont Prison as in previous years, to share something of the love and message of Christmas with them.

Details of how to give to either cause are in the winter edition of Bright Lights which is available on the website news page https://www.brightonschurch.org.uk/news/

Minecraft for children and young people

Aidan Wansbrough is inviting people to join the Build the Braes Minecraft drop in event on Sunday 6th December from 2pm to 4pm. We've completed the church, now we are going to move on to finish building the primary school and Brightons Main Street. Contact Aidan to get involved aidanMC@lochan.org

Digital Champions

CrossReach at Polmont Prison Visitors Hub are looking for people who could be "Digital Champions", helping families to use technology for video visiting. This would be by phone – email Roy Graham for details at info@brightonschurch.org.uk

Falkirk Foodbank

This time of year can be especially difficult financially and we are highlighting the work of Falkirk Foodbank. Currently they are in need of:

- Tinned meat mince, stew, casseroles etc
- Tinned fruit
- Tins or packets of potatoes
- Cartons of long-life juice.
- Bottles of diluting juice
- Desserts packets of jellies to make up, steamed puddings, packets of trifle to make up, Angel Delight etc.
- Adult toothbrushes (as you know dentists are hardly open and they are only giving children's toothbrushes)
- Tampons

We know it is a long list, but it has been a hard year for everyone and supplies of these things are getting low. If you need help organising to get these things to the Foodbank, email info@brightonschurch.org.uk and we can put you in touch.

Tuesday evenings

Tuesday 8th December will be an introduction to the new "Purpose and Values" for Brightons Parish Church, recently agreed by the Kirk Session

Tuesday 15th December will be a prayer focus on practical prayer

Service Recordings

The most recent copies of our services are now available to listen to on your home

phone or mobile including Sunday worship, Tuesday sermon and recent special Tuesday events

You now only need call one number: 01324 468811

Call the number, choose which service you wish, wait 30 seconds and the recording will play!

Thursday Evening Live Prayer

Join us for a time of prayer on Thursday evening from 8.15 pm – on YouTube and Zoom – if you would like to join then email info@brightonschurch.org.uk for login details