

## We seek to invite, encourage and enable all ages to follow Jesus Christ.

#### Sunday 26th December 2021

#### We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices

Gathering moment

Call to Worship: Luke 2:8-13 (Rev George MacDonald)

Hymn MP-211 Hark, the herald angels sing

Hymn MP-99 Come on and celebrate

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

All Together Time – sharing our gifts

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:9-15 (Pat Paterson)

Hymn The longing of my soul

All-age Message: The Indescribable Gift (Rev George MacDonald)

All Together Time – prayer

## We respond to God

Hymn MP-393 Joy to the world

Benediction and Threefold Amen



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#### Changes and Updates are highlighted in blue

#### 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 tonight. We are on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube as well as our church website <a href="www.brightonschurch.org.uk">www.brightonschurch.org.uk</a>. You can download material from the website as well as revisiting previous sermon videos and texts.

#### **Greetings**

On behalf of the Minister and Kirk Session at Brightons Parish Church, we hope you had a happy Christmas and wish you God's blessings for the New Year.

#### This morning's service

In Scott's absence, we welcome Rev George MacDonald to lead our all-age service this morning.

## <u>Thy Kingdom Come Prayer – 26th December to 8th January</u>

Christians across the UK have been setting time aside for prayer at 7pm on a Sunday and we would like to encourage this. **New prayer points** are on the web prayer page.

## **Attending church**

We are continuing to operate social distancing at our services and also take names and contact numbers for Test & Protect. Please also take a Lateral Flow Test before attending church if that is possible.

## **Invitation to join the next Huddle**

Two weeks ago, Scott and Linzi talked about Huddle – a means of growing in faith and being equipped as a disciple. We are launching a new Huddle after the February break, which will meet fortnightly for a year. There are 6-8 spaces available. If you would like to be involved, please contact either individual directly or via the church office.

#### **Bible Reading Notes**

Every Day With Jesus (£3.50) for January to February and Daily Bread (£5.00) for January to March are now available – please email <a href="mailto:info@brightonschurch.org.uk">info@brightonschurch.org.uk</a> if you would like to purchase these. Please do consider these as a helpful way to encourage your daily reading of God's Word, especially as we start a new year.

#### New Year litter pick

We are planning on holding a litter pick on **Tuesday 4th January 2022.** Come along and meet friends for a spell outdoors helping to tidy-up our local community. We will meet in the station car park (2nd one) at 2pm. Equipment will be provided, just wear appropriate clothing and gloves. All welcome but any children must be accompanied by an adult. No need to book but if you want more information contact Roy Graham on 07504 062924.

#### **Thursday Evening Live Prayer**

**Please note** that there will be no Live Prayer on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> December and that for 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> January it will be on Zoom only – if you would like to join then email <a href="mailto:info@brightonschurch.org.uk">info@brightonschurch.org.uk</a> for login details.

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

Laura Eckles, James Falconer, Jon-Luke Kirton, Morag Lang, Rev George MacDonald, Alan Macfarlane, Adam Matheson, Neil Matheson, Jean Meek, Pat Paterson, Andrew Philp, Eric Smith, Aidan Wansbrough.