



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

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

Scripture reading: Luke 1:5-25 (page 1025)

There will be groups available for children and young people today,  
and a creche room with live-streaming of the service is also offered.

**Order of Service – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

*We offer ourselves to God in worship*

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment including Lighting of Advent wreath

Call to Worship

**Hymn MP-559 Praise Him, praise Him**

All Together Time: Prayer

**Praise – For God so loved the world**

(Children and young people leave)

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:5-25

Jean Meek

Message

Prayer for Others

*We respond to God*

**Hymn - I will wait for You (Psalm 130)** (children and young people return)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion during which we sing

**Hymn MP-1376 Worthy is the Lamb**

Sharing the Peace and Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Hymn MP-296 I stand amazed in the presence (v1, 4, 5)**

Benediction & 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](http://www.brightonschurch.org.uk). You can download material from the website as well as revisiting 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 10.30am in the small hall, or Thursday evenings at 8.15pm on Facebook, You Tube or Zoom. (email [info@brightonschurch.org.uk](mailto:info@brightonschurch.org.uk) for Zoom login details if you would like to join).

## **Today's Service**

As part of worship today we will celebrate the sacrament of Communion.

## **Nativity Fun Day: Saturday 17th December, 2-4:30pm**

Fun activities to explore the Christmas story, from babies to adults. Tea and snacks. Please invite your friends and neighbours to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas with us. Free. Flyers are also available with all the details.

## **Picture Video Request**

Next Sunday we'll have a catch up picture video – we'd love to see what adventures you have had over the autumn. Please email pictures by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December. to [communications@brightonschurch.org.uk](mailto:communications@brightonschurch.org.uk) We invite contributions from all the church family.

## **Membership Classes**

We will be running membership classes over the period 25th January to 8th February 2023 at 7.30pm, as we have some people interested. If you are also interested in exploring membership as part of our church family here at Brightons then please speak to Scott.

## **Kirk Session**

The next meeting of the Kirk Session will be at 7.45pm on Tuesday 13th December in the Rankine Hall.

## **Wallacestone Primary School Scripture Union Group**

We are looking to restart the SU group at the local primary school after the February break on a Friday lunchtime, but we are currently needing 2 extra helpers, attending on a fortnightly or monthly basis. If able to get involved, please speak with Scott.

## **Brass Band Concert**

Now that things are beginning to return to a post-pandemic normality, Laurieston Church is looking forward to re-starting their annual Brass Band Concert. They look forward to welcoming the Bo'ness and Kinneil Band to their Church for the Concert starting at 7.30 on Thursday 8th of December. Tickets cost £10.00 inclusive of Tea/Coffee and biscuits. (Pay at the door)

### **Christmas Card Delivery Service**

The Boys' Brigade Company Section will be providing a Christmas card delivery service this year. Stamps will be available today and next Sunday at the church and also on a Friday evening when BB is on. BB Stamps will be for sale at 3 for £1 and all proceeds will be split equally between company funds and Falkirk Foodbank. Please see either Helen MacLeod or Douglas Gilmour who will be selling the stamps on a Sunday morning at the back door of the church. The post box will be situated at the back door of the church and cards should be posted by Thursday 15th December at the latest. All cards will be delivered over the weekend of the 17th of December by the boys. Deliveries will be made to the following areas: Maddiston, Rumford, Brightons, Polmont, Reddingmuirhead, Wallacestone, Shieldhill, Redding and Laurieston.

### **PAS Christmas Cards**

Prospects Across Scotland would like to say thank you to those who supported our charity by buying our Christmas cards. We are delighted to say they are now all sold.

### **Faith Mission Bookshop Card Stall**

A big thank you for all your support for our card stall. We are now selling Christmas cards as well as general cards. 10% of our sales goes to the church. Could you bless someone with a card to let them know you are thinking or praying for them? Then do come and look at our card stall in the Rankine Hall.

### **Slamannan – Martha's Pantry**

Slamannan Parish Church have started a food pantry to meet local needs in their more remote location. They are looking for volunteers to be part of a rota. If you would be interested in being involved, then please contact Rev Monica MacDonald [monica.macdonald@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:monica.macdonald@churchofscotland.org.uk) or 01324 832782.

### **Falkirk Foodbank**

Falkirk Foodbank would be delighted to receive donations. These can be brought to the Church and placed at either the front or back doors in the boxes provided. Donations such as tinned food, pasta and long-life milk are particularly welcome.

### **Notices for Newssheet**

Please note that any items for inclusion in the newssheet should be received by Thursday midday at the latest – thank you.

### **Flowers in Church**

Flowers are provided this week by May McGill.  
Delivering the flowers after today's service will be Kathleen Frew.  
Delivery next week will be Sheila Colebrook.

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

Linda Clarke, Laura Eckles, James Falconer, Jon-Luke Kirton, Neil Matheson, Richard McManus, Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, Andrew Philp, The Choir

## The Week Ahead at Brightons

Date	Time	Activity
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> December	7.45 pm	Book Group (C McEwan)
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30 am	Pre 5s
	1.00 pm	Pre 5s
	6.15 pm	BB Anchor Boys
	7.00 pm	Safeguarding Panel Meeting
	8.00 pm	Huddle
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> December	6.15 pm	GB Junior Section
	7.30 pm	GB Brigaders
	7.30 pm	Praise Band
Thu 8 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
	6.15 pm	GB Explorers
	6.30 pm	Discipleship Meeting
	7.45 pm	Choir
	8.15 pm	Live Prayer (Zoom, YouTube, FB)
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> December	6.15 pm	BB Juniors
	7.30 pm	BB Company
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> December	10.15am	Congregational Prayer Time
	11.00 am	Morning Service Live Streamed
	11.00 am	Sunday School Groups
	6.30 pm	Lessons and Carols Service

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