



**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 Professor Donald Meek.**

Scripture reading: Psalm 107: 1-32 (pages 610/611)

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 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment

Introit “As we are gathered”

Choir

Call to worship

Donald Meek

**MP 988 'How deep the Father's love for us'**

**MP 782 'Worthy, O worthy, are You, Lord'**

All Together Time

Donald Meek

**PRAISE 'It's an adventure following Jesus'**

Prayer

Donald Meek

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

Scripture Reading Ps 107:1-32 (pages 610-11)

George Mann

Intercessory Prayer

Annabella Nimmo

**MP 31 'Amazing grace! How sweet the sound...'**

Sermon

Donald Meek

*We respond to God*

**MP 702 'Through all the changing scenes of life'**

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.

## **Today's Service**

We welcome Professor Donald Meek to lead this morning's worship while Scott is on holiday. All groups for young people resume this morning, including the Creche room.

## **Next Sunday**

In Scott's absence, we look forward to welcoming Rev Ann Job to lead worship.

## **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 Zoom. (email [info@brightonschurch.org.uk](mailto:info@brightonschurch.org.uk) for Zoom login details if you would like to join).

## **Please Remember in your Prayers**

Kath Irvine and her family following the passing of her husband, Lawrence, last week.

## **Funeral – Tom Isdale**

Tom's funeral will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 12.30pm in Brightons Parish Church. Please continue to remember Allan and the family in your prayers at this time.

## **The Guild**

The next Guild Meeting takes place tomorrow afternoon at 2pm and the Speaker will be from Home for Good. All are welcome.

## **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 when he is back from holiday.

## **Christmas Decorations**

Grateful thanks are extended to everyone who assisted in taking down the Christmas decorations from the Sanctuary and the halls.

## **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 when he returns.

### **Slamannan – Martha's Pantry**

On behalf of Martha's Pantry, Rev Monica MacDonald would like to thank all who have generously contributed food donations over the last week, which all will greatly help this outreach in the villages of Slamannan and Limerigg. Now that the word is spreading around the area, we have already been of help to our first visitors. We pray (Matthew 25:35), that with God's help and the support we receive through donations, we can bring much needed help to families that are currently struggling to make ends meet. We currently need supplies of cooking oil, sugar (1kg bags), tinned meat and tinned potatoes. If you would like to help in Martha's Pantry, please contact Rev Monica MacDonald at [monica.macdonald@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:monica.macdonald@churchofscotland.org.uk) or on 07783 102874.

### **Falkirk Foodbank**

We continue to support Falkirk Foodbank long term and donations can be brought to the Church and placed at either the front or back doors in the boxes provided (labelled for Falkirk). Donations such as tinned food, pasta and long-life milk are particularly welcome.

### **Flowers in Church**

Flowers are provided this week by Jean Meek.

Delivering the flowers after today's service will be Irene McNab.

Delivery next week will be Frances McCabe.

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

Jill Dickson, Laura Eckles, James Falconer, Morag Lang, Richard McManus, George Mann, Neil Matheson, Jean Meek, Annabella Nimmo, Heather O'Neill, Andrew Philp, Eric Smith and the Choir.

## The Week Ahead at Brightons

Date	Time	Activity
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	2.00 pm	Guild
	7.00 pm	Finance Team Meeting
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30 am	Pre 5s
	1.00 pm	Pre 5s
	6.15 pm	BB Anchor Boys
	7.00 pm	Presbytery Meeting
	8.00 pm	Huddle
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00 am	Book Club
	2.00 pm	Friendship Plus Team Meeting
	6.15 pm	GB Juniors
	7.00 pm	Pastoral Care Team Meeting
	7.30 pm	GB Brigaders
	7.30 pm	Band Practice
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
	6.15 pm	GB Explorers
	7.30 pm	FOJG Planning Meeting
	7.45 pm	Choir
	8.15 pm	Prayer Meeting (Zoom only)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	6.15 pm	BB Juniors
	7.30 pm	BB Company
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00 am	Up & Coming Strategy Breakfast
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	10.15 am	Congregational Prayer Time
	11.00 am	Morning Service (Live Streamed)
	11.00 am	Sunday School Groups

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