



# UPPER BRAES PARISH CHURCH

We seek to invite,  
encourage and  
enable people to  
follow Jesus Christ.

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

**Order of Service – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (11.00am)**

*We offer ourselves to God in worship*

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment with **MP-38 As we are gathered**

Call to Worship

**Hymn MP-1221 Praise is rising**

**Hymn – Hymn of the Saviour**

All Together Time: Baptism of Sylvie Kirton

**Hymn – It's an adventure**

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

Scripture Reading: John 13:31-36; 14:5-7 (pages 1081-1082)

(Archie Spencer)

The Choir: 'All will be well'

Prayer for Others

(Annabella Nimmo)

**Hymn MP-435 Lord Jesus Christ**

Message

*We respond to God*

**Hymn MP-33 And can it be (v1, 3-5)**

Benediction and Threefold Amen

*\*The Lord's Prayer will appear on screen, if you find this helpful.*

*\*\*We have Sunday groups for children up to S4,  
as well as a creche room available for those under 3.\*\**

## **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 today. \*\* All children are welcome either to stay during service or to go out to the various Sunday School groups. Families are welcome to accompany them if they wish. There is a creche room for children under three, where the service is live streamed.

## **Keep in Touch and Informed**

We are on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube as well as our church website [www.upperbraes.org.uk](http://www.upperbraes.org.uk). You can download material from the website, see the calendar and news, as well as revisit previous sermons.

## **Kirk Session Meeting – TODAY, 12.30pm**

There will be a short Kirk Session meeting after this morning’s service for Ruling Elders at Brightons Ministry Centre.

## **Evening Service - TONIGHT**

This evening we welcome Hillary Nyika to preach at the evening service. Hillary is one of the Chaplains at the Polmont YOI. As usual, we will have prayer stations and Communion during the service.

## **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 of our Brightons Ministry Centre, or 10.40am in our Slamannan Ministry Centre, or online on Thursday evenings at 8.15pm (on Zoom, Facebook and YouTube). Please email: [info@upperbraes.org.uk](mailto:info@upperbraes.org.uk) for Zoom login details.

## **Thank You**

Lorraine and Fiona, Daughters of May Young and their families would like to express their heartfelt thanks for all the love, support and compassion received from so many over the past few months and following May’s funeral.

## **Funeral Details – Janet Heeps**

There will be a thanksgiving service for Janet on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm at Brightons Ministry Centre, then onto Falkirk Crematorium for the committal.

## **Delivery of Connect Magazine and Christmas Cards**

Thanks to those who have already taken a bundle to deliver. There are a few bundles to be delivered to members ahead of Communion – 1 magazine and 2 cards per home; we hope members will use one of the cards to share with neighbours and friends as an invitation to Christmas events.

## **Thursday Half Hour Service – 28<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30am**

This Thursday, we have our half hour service, with Communion at Brightons Ministry Centre. If you know of anyone in the church family or wider community who would appreciate a shorter service, then please do let them know. If lifts are required, please contact Scott.

## **Church Christmas Fayre – Slamannan Community Centre**

The annual Church Christmas Fayre will take place at Slamannan Community Centre at 12.00pm on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. There will be lots of different stalls and refreshments.

## **Sunday Service Prayer Leaders**

We are looking to include a “prayer leader” at the Slamannan service, who would lead the prayer of thanksgiving and for others. If you would be willing to be involved in this, whether you worship more regularly at either ministry centre, then please contact Jean Meek.

## **Refreshment Team – Brightons Ministry Centre**

A warm invitation is extended to folks to join our team serving teas and coffees following the morning service. It is a very rewarding and pleasant “duty”. You will have the opportunity to get to know many of our church family – and put names to faces! There is a rota and you would only be asked to cover roughly once every 8 weeks. There are normally 3 volunteers on duty per week. Full training will be given! Should you be interested, please speak to Maralyn Stirling.

## **Welcome Team – Brightons Ministry Centre**

Are you new to the congregation meeting here in the Brightons Ministry Centre? Would you like to meet more people or be active in the congregation? Maybe joining the Welcome Team on a Sunday morning is the answer. If you can give 2 Sundays in a row, 2 or 3 times a year, meeting and greeting each member of the congregation from 10.30am and following through to join the conversation after the service over a cuppa, then please add your name and contact details to the sheet at the main door or see Linda Gillespie before or after the Service on 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November to join the 2025 team.

## **Church Flower Providers – Brightons Ministry Centre**

If anyone would like to add their name to the rota they would be very welcome. Alternatively, if anyone would like to make any changes to dates or withdraw from the rota, please contact Alison Cassells on 07881 861048.

## **Faith Mission Bookstall – Brightons Ministry Centre**

We would like to thank those who supported the Faith Mission Bookshop and purchased from our stall. The church receives 10% of the sales. Christmas cards, diaries, calendars and Advent calendars are still available to purchase after the service on Sundays.

## **CrossReach News and Christmas Cards/Calendars – Brochure now available**

Please pass any orders to Maralyn Stirling who will collate them to avoid you paying postage.

## **Boys Brigade Christmas Card Delivery**

Once again this year, Boys Brigade will be doing their Christmas Card delivery. More details will follow on this.

## The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
TODAY Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service (Live Streamed)	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Sunday School Groups	Brightons Ministry Centre
	12.30pm	Kirk Session Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.30pm	Evening Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	2.00pm	The Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Finance Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group K	Off Site Event
	8.00pm	Up and Coming Team Meeting	UBPC Manse
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am	Pre Fives	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Holy Spirit Workshops	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	5.30pm	Bible Fun Club	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	GB Explorers	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	GB Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	GB Brigaders	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.30am	Thursday Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.30pm	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.45pm	Friends of Jesus	Off Site Event - Pantomime
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer	Online Event
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	6.15pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre

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Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	12.00pm	Christmas Fayre	Slamannan Community Centre
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service (Live Streamed)	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Sunday School Groups	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Young Adults Group	UBPC Manse

<b>Minister</b>	Rev Scott Burton	☎: 341590 scott.burton@churchofscotland.org.uk <b>Sabbath on Friday 13:30 - Saturday 13:30</b>
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## **Prison Outreach**

At present, there are approximately 600 inmates in Polmont HMP/YOI. Each year, as part of our outreach, we send a Christmas card, plus a small gift, to all the inmates. We have always been blessed by the generous giving from our congregation to cover the cost of the "chocolate bars". A suggested donation of £1 would be helpful. Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated. A donation box will be placed at the front foyer to accept cash donations. Card donations may also be made.

## **What are you doing at Hogmanay?**

Come and join us in the church halls at the Brightons Ministry Centre for a Ceilidh/Scottish night. It will be held from 8pm until midnight and all ages are welcome. We're forming a ceilidh band for some ceilidh dancing. We will sing some Scottish songs and do a quiz. We would love people to get involved. If you would like to be in the ceilidh band, recite a poem, sing a song, do some Highland dancing or anything else, we would love for you to take part. There is no charge for coming along and we will provide some refreshments. We will put out a bucket for an optional food bank donation. If you are interested in coming along please let Jill Dickson or Linda McGarry know and we will get tickets to you nearer the time.

## **Prospects Across Scotland – Annual Carol Concert**

The annual Carol concert for PAS will be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm at Inchinnan Parish Church, Old Greenock Road, Inchinnan, PA4 9PH. A warm welcome is extended to anyone wishing to go along.

## **Brass Band Concert – Laurieston Church**

Laurieston Church presents the Unison and Kinneill Brass Band in Concert in Laurieston Church on Thursday, 5th December at 7-30 p.m. Tickets cost £10.00 and may be obtained by calling 07471151471 or you can pay at the door. Tea/coffee biscuits included. Youngsters under 16 are welcome at no charge. If you could come along, you can be assured of a warm welcome.

## **Tea and Coffee – Brightons Ministry Centre**

24<sup>th</sup> November – Alex Davis, Eileen McArdle and Maralyn Stirling and Jim Kerr.  
1<sup>st</sup> December – Heather McManus, Marion Graham and Roy Graham.

## **Flowers in Church – Brightons Ministry Centre**

The Flowers in Church today have been provided by Sandra Anderson.  
Delivering the Flowers after today's service will be Kathleen Frew.  
Delivering the Flowers after next week's service will be Sheila Colebrook.

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

Stuart Beaton, Linda Clarke, Carolyn Costello, Laura Eckles, James Falconer, Kaiden Falconer, Ewan McManus, Richard McManus, Neil Matheson, Jean Meek, Anabella Nimmo, Heather O'Neill, Archie Spencer, The Welcome Team and The Choir.