



# UPPER BRAES PARISH CHURCH

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

**Welcome! We join in the sanctuary to worship God in the Name of Jesus Christ. Our service to God is led today by Rev Scott Burton.  
Rev. Hillary Nyika will preach God's Word.**

## **Order of Service – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (6.30pm)**

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment and Call to Worship

**Hymn MP-51 Be Thou my vision**

**Hymn MP-1009 The Kind of love is my delight**

**Hymn MP-991 I will worship**

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

(Gayle Miller)

Introduction of Speaker

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 13:1-3 (page 1212)

(Hillary Nyika)

Message

(Hillary Nyika)

Time of Prayer

The Sacrament of Holy Communion during which we sing

**Hymn MP-1025 All who are thirsty**

Sharing the Peace and Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Hymn MP-862 I'll go in the strength of the Lord**

Benediction and The Grace

## **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.

## **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.

## **Welcome to our Evening Service**

This evening we welcome Hillary Nyila to preach God’s word. Our evening service is deliberately different in many ways to our morning service, allowing for space to linger in God’s presence and respond to His preached Word. You will see in the order of service that we have a block of worship at the start – it’s good to all stand together for the first hymn, if you can, but afterwards, please feel free to sit, dance, kneel, etc at any point; you don’t need to stand for the whole time of praise. During the ‘Time of Prayer’ there is the opportunity to move around the sanctuary and engage with ‘prayer stations’, which will be explained at the time. During Communion, we will be inviting everyone to come forward to receive at the front, if you are able, and we will serve in the pew anyone who cannot manage; again, instructions will be given. At the end, we’ll all say The Grace together, which will appear on screen, as will the words for the Lord’s Prayer.

## **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.

## **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 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/Calanders – Brochure now available**

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

## **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.

## 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>
<b>Pastoral Assistant</b>	Ian Baillie	☎: 719641 or 07795 034728 ianb@upperbraes.org.uk <b>Days Off: variable at present</b>
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### **Boys Brigade – Christmas Card Delivery**

Once again this year, the Boys Brigade will be doing their Christmas Card delivery, more details will follow in due course.

### **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.

### **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.

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

Linda Clarke, Laura Eckles, James Falconer, Susan McIntosh, Richard McManus, Jean Meek, Hillary Nyika, Heather O'Neill, Andrew Philp and Aidan Wansbrough