



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 Judith Norton.**

Order of Service – Sunday 8th December 2024 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Gathering Moment with MP-38 As we are gathered*

Welcome and Notices

(Linda McGarry)

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-575 Rejoice, the Lord is King

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

We listen for God speaking to us

Scripture Reading: Luke 1: 26-38

(Janette Craig)

Hymn CH4 331 - Unto us a boy is born (v1,2,4,5)

Message

We ask for God's help and respond to Him

Hymn MP-624 Take my life and let it be

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

(Brent Haywood)

Hymn CH4 320 - Joy to the world

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Doxology with May the God of peace go with us* (Tune: Ae fond kiss)

** the short songs at the beginning and end are copied within the news sheet, and
during these we stand as the Bible is brought in and taken out.*

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. You can download material from the website, see the calendar and news, as well as revisit previous sermons.

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 for Zoom login details.

Retiring Collection - Scottish Bible Society

There is an opportunity to give towards a retiring collection for Scottish Bible Society so that others can access God's Word and come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Free Will Offering Envelopes

Members who use envelopes for their giving can collect 2025 envelopes today. Please take your own envelope and/or envelopes for friends and neighbours.

Bereavement Service – TONIGHT 6.30pm

Next Sunday is the annual "Blue" Christmas Bereavement Service at Slamannan Ministry Centre. All are welcome, from across the parish and congregation.

Joint Service - 15th December - Brightons Ministry Centre

We will be holding a joint service to allow us to formally welcome and commission Rev Monica MacDonald as our additional Pastoral Assistant. The service will also be our Sunday School Nativity Service. There will be no service at our Slamannan Ministry Centre and lifts are being organised to enable everyone to join in worship - please contact Linda McGarry if you need help with this.

Christingle Service 15th December – Brightons Ministry Centre

The Girls' Brigade will lead the Christingle Service next Sunday evening 15th December at 6.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Funeral Details – Mary Balow

Mary Balow's Funeral will be at 1.30pm at our Brightons Ministry Centre on Monday 9th Dec, followed by committal at Falkirk Crematorium.

Funeral Details – Cameron (Skip) Sharpe

There will be a service at 10am on Thursday 12th December at Falkirk Crematorium for Cameron. Please remember sons Craig and Iain and the wider family in your prayers.

Kirk Session

Please note that the next Kirk Session Meeting will be at 7.15pm on Tuesday 10th December at Brightons Ministry Centre.

Slamannan Bible Fun Club Nativity Evening - 11th December 5.30pm

Instead of a nativity/carol service on 18th Dec, the Bible Fun Club will have a nativity evening on 11th December, which is for children and families connected to the group. Please keep this time in prayer.

Thank You

Lena Hodgson would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who sent her cards and good wishes for her 90th Birthday.

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.

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.

The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

Date	Time	Activity	Location
TODAY Sunday 8 th 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
	6.30pm	Bereavement Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
Monday 9 th December	1.30pm	Thanksgiving Service for Mary Balow	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.30pm	Committal Service For Mary Balow	Falkirk Crematorium
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group K	Off Site Event
Tuesday 10 th December	9.30am	Pre Fives	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.15pm	Kirk Session	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 11 th December	10.00am	Wednesday Book Group	Off Site Event
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	1.30pm	Rendezvous	Shieldhill Building
	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
	8.00pm	Huddle Catch Up	UBPC Manse
Thursday 12 th December	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.00am	Cameron Sharpe Cremation Service	Falkirk Crematorium
	6.45pm	Friends of Jesus Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer	Online Event
Friday 13 th December	2.00pm	Long Covid Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 15 th December	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	JOINT Nativity & Commissioning Service	Brightons Ministry Centre (Live Streamed)
	11.00am	Sunday School Groups	Brightons Ministry Centre

Falkirk Caledonia Choir

The Falkirk Caledonia Choir are holding 2 Christmas concerts this year: A Family Christmas Concert at 3pm on Sunday, 15th December in St Andrew's West Church (tickets £5) and a Christmas Carol Concert on Monday, 16th December at 7.30pm in Larbert East Church (tickets £10). Tickets can be bought from Alison Cassells (07881861048) or via the link at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/falkirk-caledonia-choir>

Gathering Moment

As we are gathered, Jesus is here
one with each other, Jesus is here;
joined by the Spirit, washed in His blood,
part of the body, the Church of God.
As we are gathered, Jesus is here,
one with each other, Jesus is here

Doxology

May the God of peace go with us
As we travel from this place
May the love of Jesus keep us
Firm in hope and full of grace.

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