



UPPER BRAES

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 Monica MacDonald.

Order of Service – Sunday 5th January 2025 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices (Jean Meek)

Gathering Moment with **MP 38 ~ As we are gathered** (Remain Seated)

Call to Worship

Hymn : MP 491 ~ O Come all ye faithful

All Together Time

Hymn: MP 116 ~ Down from His Glory (Tune: O Solo Mio)

Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

The Choir: MP 50 ~ Be still for the presence of the Lord

Scripture Reading: 1 John 1: v1 – 1 John 2: v2 (Page 1225) (Lesley Mann)

Hymn: MP 210 ~ Hark the glad sound

Message

Hymn: MP 94 ~ Come let us sing of a wonderful love

Prayers for Others (Annabella Nimmo)

Hymn: MP 656 (i) ~ The Lord is King! Lift up thy voice

Benediction and Threefold Amen

* The words for the Lord's Prayer will appear on screen, if you find these helpful.

We have a creche room available for those under 3

Refreshments served afterward in the Heriot Hall.

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. ** There is a creche room for children under three, where the service is live streamed.

Service Activity Sheet for All

Whether you are visiting or regularly sharing in worship, at the front and rear doors we have an activity sheet that seeks to help individuals follow the flow and theme of the service. This might be especially useful for those with additional support needs, but anyone is welcome to take one if it would be helpful.

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.

Funeral Details – Robert Inglis

Robert Inglis, a farmer late of Avonbridge passed away on 13th December 2024. After a private burial, a memorial service is to take place in the Sanctuary at Brightons Ministry Centre on Tuesday 7th January at 11.30am. Please remember Robert’s wife Mary, sons Robert and Jack, and daughter Elsbeth and their families in your prayers.

Bill Brodie – Funeral Arrangements

Bill’s Funeral Service will take place at Falkirk Crematorium on Friday 10th January at 3.15pm. Please continue to remember Helen and the wider family in your prayers.

Thankyou

Diane & Walter Muir would like to thank the church family for the flowers & cards received after a family bereavement. Your condolences and prayers are also very much appreciated.

Minister and Pastoral Assistant Holidays

Please note that Scott will be on holiday from 26th December – 5th January inclusive. Please contact Rev Monica MacDonald for any pastoral needs and Judith Norton for any other church matters.

Men’s Book Group

The Men’s Book Group will meet on Monday 13th January at 7.30pm in the Vestry. All are welcome.

Thank you – Christmas decorations

Grateful thanks are extended to everyone who helped with the Christmas decorations in both of the ministry centres.

Thank you – Hogmanay Ceilidh

Thanks to everyone who organised, helped and participated in any way with the Hogmanay Ceilidh. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all who came along.

Collection to mark the Retirement of Pastoral Assistant

Ian Baillie has indicated his wish to step down as Pastoral Assistant on 31st December 2024. The Kirk Session has agreed to a collection being available as a way of expressing our thanks to Ian for his ministry, and there will be a presentation and thanksgiving tea on Sunday 12th January 2025 after the morning service – please fill in the sign up sheets at the front and rear doors if attending. Donations can be made via cheque, cash or contactless payment. Please clearly mark any donations as being for this collection or send an e mail to the Treasurer.

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.

Marthas Pantry Slamannan

The pantry needs more volunteers. Our existing team of volunteers do a great job, however, there are times that personal commitments, holidays, illness and caring mean people need to step back for a time. Volunteering at the pantry involves either a 90 minute session on a Monday preparing the pantry for the Wednesday. This is usually done by two volunteers from 10am to 11.30am. The second shift is a Wednesday from 12.45 to 3.45pm, when the pantry is open. You will greet people and help them as they select items. Full training is given. We need volunteers who can offer one shift a month or those who are happy to be called upon when we are struggling to complete the rota. Please talk to Lesley Mann or Rev. Monica MacDonald for more information. If you do not drive, we can try to arrange for you to be collected by another volunteer.

Men’s Breakfast – 18th January 2025

Join us for the next Men’s Breakfast on Saturday 18th January 2025 at our Brightons Ministry Centre, 9.30am – 11.30am, for breakfast, worship and message from Malcolm Field at Wholeness Through Christ (Falkirk). Sign-up sheets are at the front and rear doors of both ministry centres.

Tea and Coffee – Brightons Ministry Centre

5th January – June Arkless, Peter Arkless and Pauline O’Rorke.

12th January – Eileen Hope, Jim Hope and Ian Lawson.

Flowers in Church – Brightons Ministry Centre

The Flowers in Church today have been provided by Jessie Wallace.

Delivering the Flowers after today’s service will be Frances McCabe.

Delivering the Flowers after next week’s service will be Lesley Baillie.

Thanks to all those who contributed in different ways to today’s service

Morag Lang, Monica MacDonald, Lesley Mann, Neil Matheson, Jean Meek, Annabella Nimmo, Heather O’Neill, Andrew Philp, Aidan Wansbrough, The Choir and the Welcome Team.

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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

Date	Time	Activity	Location
TODAY Sunday 5 th January	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service Live Streamed NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
Tuesday 7 th January	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.30am	Robert Inglis Funeral Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Property Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	LMC Leadership Team	Session Clerk's Home
Wednesday 8 th January	10.00am	Braes Ministry Get Together	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.00am	Wednesday Book Group	Off Site Event
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	1.30pm	Guild	Shieldhill Building
	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 9 th January	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.45pm	Friends of Jesus Planning Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
Friday 10 th January	6.15pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 12 th January	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	Holy Spirit Worship and Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre