



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 19th January 2025 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Gathering Moment with MP-38 As we are gathered*

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

Hymn CH4-110 Glory be to God the Father

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

We listen for God speaking to us

An invitation for 2025

Scripture Reading: 1 John 2: 12-17

(Linda McGarry)

Hymn CH4-356 Meekness and majesty

Message

We ask for God's help and respond to Him

Hymn CH4-392 When I survey

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

Hymn CH4-466 Before the throne of God above

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.

Kirk Session Meeting

Please note that the next Kirk Session Meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th January at 7.15pm at Brightons Ministry Centre.

Janet Buchannan

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Janet Buchannan on 5th January. The funeral will take place at Falkirk Crematorium on Thursday 23rd January at 10.45am. Interment of ashes will take place at Slamannan Cemetery on Thursday 30th January at 10.30am. Please remember Janet’s wider family and her close friends in your prayers at this time.

May Bennie

It is with sadness that we announce that May Bennie died on 8th January 2024. Her funeral will take place at Muiravonside Church at 10.30am on Wednesday 29th January, followed by a burial in Muiravonside Cemetery. Please remember May’s niece Janice and her extended family in your prayers at this time.

Thank you

Helen Brodie, her daughter Suzanne, and the wider family wish to thank the church family most sincerely, for the flowers, cards and messages of condolence they received following their recent bereavement. Your prayers and support have been a great comfort.

Joint Service

Please note that there will be a Joint Service at Brightons Ministry Centre on 16th February.

UBPC Pastoral Care Team.

The Pastoral Care Team are having a snack lunch this year for our Team and our Visitors on Sunday, 16th February 2025 in the Rankine Hall, shortly after the Joint Church Service. We would love to see all our Visitors there! We do appreciate the work you do, and the feedback from those you visit lets us know that they all appreciate you too! Anyone else who is interested in becoming a Visitor is very welcome to join us. Looking forward to a catch-up!

Help us connect even more with our local community - Community Audit

Over March to October this year, training will be given to help us engage, listen to and connect afresh with our local communities across the whole of the Upper Braes parish. The hope is that this will clarify where we as a new congregation can best get involved, so as to embody the love and kingdom of God in our communities. Over these months, there will be 6 training sessions led by Cinnamon Network. The first is on Saturday 1st March, 9.30am-12.30pm, at the Brightons Ministry Centre (the rest will be on Tuesday evenings). Sign-up sheets are at the door(s). We need as many of the congregation to be involved as possible - there will be work to do between training sessions, but it's really worth it, as it can lead to transformation for both us and our communities

March Communion Card

If there are any dates for events that you wish to be included on the back page of the Communion Card, please send them to Margaret Sim at connect@upperbraes.org.uk by Sunday 26th March.

E-news and Prayer Updates

For our large congregation we sometimes communicate reminders and updates electronically, although any electronic communication is always added to the news sheet. If you would like the e-news, please consider signing-up by using the following link <https://upperbraes.org.uk/enews>

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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**Community Audit Training in partnership
with The Cinnamon Network:
March to October 2025**

Dates (venue TBC):

Saturday 1st March 2025 9.30-12.30

Tuesday 22nd April 7.30-9.15pm

Tuesday 13th May 7.30-9.15pm

Wednesday 18th June 7.30-9.15pm

Tuesday 19th August 7.30-9.15pm

Tuesday 23rd September 7.30-9.15pm

Tuesday 28th October 7.30-9.15pm



We have asked the Cinnamon Network to deliver their 'missional listening' training to help us listen to God and to our community more effectively. In other contexts, this is known as doing a 'community audit'.

Delivered through a series of in-person workshops, the course will equip us to:

- Understand our community in greater depth
- Approach our community with a collaborative attitude
- Use a range of tools and techniques to help us listen in-depth to people in the community, and
- Make use of tools that will help us consolidate our knowledge and share it effectively with others.

The missional listening sessions will also seek to bring the community with us on this journey and upskill our church family in how to see and hear our community and therefore where God may lead us to get involved.

We believe this project will foster discipleship and revitalisation within our congregation so that we can chart a different path forward, rather than maintain a path of decline. Alongside other developments within the life of our congregation, these tools will equip us to reach out to our local community better.

If you would like to attend, or to give some time to the work done between training sessions, then please add your name to the sign-up sheets.

If you have questions, please contact Scott (see news sheet for details).

*On behalf of the Minister and
Conveners of the Discipleship and Community Outreach Teams*

The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

Date	Time	Activity	Location
TODAY Sunday 19 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
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Young Adults Group	UBPC Manse
Monday 20 th January	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	Finance Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Property Group Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group (K)	Offsite Event
Tuesday 21 st January	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Preaching Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 22 nd January	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	1.30pm	Guild	Shieldhill Building
	2.00pm	Friendship Plus	Brightons Ministry 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
8.00pm	Huddle	Offsite Meeting	
Thursday 23 rd January	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.45am	Janet Buchanan Funeral 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

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Friday 24 th January	6.15pm	BB Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 26 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
	2.00pm	St Margarets Service	St Margaret's Care Home
	6.30pm	Evening Service	Brightons Ministry Centre