



# 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 Jill Dickson.**

**Order of Service – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (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 20 - All people that on earth do dwell**

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

*We listen for God speaking to us*

Scripture Reading: 1 John 2: 18-27

(Jean Gilmour)

**Hymn MP 50 - Be still for the presence of the Lord**

Message

*We ask for God's help and respond to Him*

**Hymn MP 673 - There is a Redeemer**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

(David MacAskill)

**Hymn MP 617 - Stand up, stand up for Jesus (v1,3-4)**

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](http://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](mailto:info@upperbraes.org.uk) for Zoom login details.

## **Evening Service**

Please note that our next Evening Service is at Brightons Ministry Centre this evening at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

## **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](mailto:connect@upperbraes.org.uk) by TODAY.

## **May Bennie**

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

## **Margaret Main**

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Margaret Main on 17<sup>th</sup> January. Margaret’s Funeral Service will take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February. There will be a private family service followed by a Service at Falkirk Crematorium at 12.15pm. Please remember Margaret’s Sons, Tom and Bill in your prayers at this time.

## **Kirk Session Meeting**

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

## **The Guild – Brightons Ministry Centre – Scottish Afternoon**

The next Guild Meeting will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2pm.

## **Half Hour Service – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

There will be a Half Hour Service in Brightons Ministry Centre on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30am

## **Joint Service**

Please note that there will be a Joint Service at Brightons Ministry Centre on 16<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Thankyou from Sandra Duncan out Missionary Partner in South Africa**

Thank you so much for your recent donation. We were able to distribute food at church recently, which will go a long way to keeping people alive. The rest of the money is being used for school fees so that we can educate at least 1 child per child-headed family with the aim that this child will be able to get a job eventually and be able to provide for the other siblings. We have had some small success doing this already, with 3 graduates, a social worker, a reporter and a traffic designer, who are now all supporting siblings and this project in their professional lives. These funds are literally life-saving for so many people here. Thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts.

## **Team Minutes**

Please note that there are now Team Minutes available for the recent team meetings that have taken place for the Kirk Session, Communications Team, Discipleship Team, Pastoral Care Team, Finance Team and Local Church Leadership Team. These minutes can be found online and also in the rear vestibule in the Brightons Ministry Centre.

## **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.

<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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## The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
TODAY Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> 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
	6.30pm	Evening Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Guild	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group (K)	Offsite Event
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.15pm	Kirk Session	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	Youth Project Management Team Meeting	Offsite Event
	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 30 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.45am	Internment Janet Buchanan	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.30am	Thursday Half Hour Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer	Online Event

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Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	6.15pm	BB Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	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