



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 26th January 2025 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment with **MP-38 As we are gathered**

The Choir: 'I have decided to follow Jesus'

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-1094 Shout to the north and the south

Hymn – Promises

Introduction and Commissioning of Caroline Whittit as
Youth Development Worker

Hymn – I'm following the King

We ask for God's help and listen for Him speaking to us

Scripture Reading: 1 John 2:18-27 (pages 1226) (Marion Zacks)

Prayer for Others (Jim Hope)

Hymn MP-757 When peace like a river (v1-2, 4)

Message

We respond to God

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

Benediction and Threefold Amen

**The words to the Lord's Prayer will appear on screen.*

***We have groups for children up to P7
as well as 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. ** All children are welcome either to stay during service or to go out to the various Sunday School groups. Families are welcome to accompany them if they wish. 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.

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 by TODAY.

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.

Margaret Main

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Margaret Main on 17th January. Margaret's Funeral Service will take place on Monday 10th 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 28th 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 30th January

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

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

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.

Thank You

On behalf of the Guild I would like to thank everyone in the congregation for their donation to our Project *"Bibles for Bairns"*. So far the total is £808.00. This is a tremendous response to our appeal and on behalf of the charity, I thank you so very much.

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.

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>

The Choir

The choir meets on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm- 8.45pm and would love to welcome more singers. Please speak to any of the choir or Morag Lang for more information.

Tea and Coffee – Brightons Ministry Centre

26th January – Alison Cassells, Maria Burns, Sophia Burns and Maralyn Stirling.
2nd February – Sandra Smillie, Bill Smillie, Alan Thompson and Norma Thompson.

Flowers in Church – Brightons Ministry Centre

The Flowers in Church today have been provided by Sandra and Bill Smillie.
Delivering the Flowers after today's service will be Ann Swinney.
Delivering the Flowers after next week's service will be Anne Smith.

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

Jim Hope, Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, Caroline Whittit, Marion Zacks, Audio Visual Team, Praise Band, Organist, Welcome Team and Choir.

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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

Date	Time	Activity	Location
TODAY 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
	11.00am	Sunday School Groups	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.30pm	Evening Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 27 th January	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Guild	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group (K)	Offsite Event
Tuesday 28 th 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 th 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 th 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

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Friday 31 st January	6.15pm	BB Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 2 nd 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
	11.00am	Sunday School Groups	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Young Adults Group	UBPC Manse