



# 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 Donald Meek.**

**Order of Service – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 (11.00am)**

*We offer ourselves to God in worship*

Welcome and Notices

(Monica MacDonald)

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

The Choir: 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God'

Call to Worship

**Hymn MP-13 All hail the power of Jesus' name**

**Hymn MP-54 Bind us together, Lord**

All Together Time

**Hymn MP-32 An army of ordinary people**

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer\*

Scripture Reading: 1 John 2:28-3:10 (page 1226)

(Matthew Beaton)

Prayer for Others

(Jason Glass)

**Hymn MP-266 I cannot tell why He whom angels worship**

Message

(Donald Meek)

*We respond to God*

**Hymn MP-67 Breathe on me, breath of God**

Benediction and Threefold Amen

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

*\*\*We have groups for children up to S4  
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](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.

## **Margaret Main**

It is with sadness that we announced 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 which will be a private family service. Please remember Margaret’s sons, Tom and Bill, and their families in your prayers at this time.

## **Joint Service**

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

## **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.

## **Life and Work**

Life and Work for February is now available and can be uplifted as you leave Church this morning.

## **Thank You – Ian Baillie**

Lesley and I would like to thank all who made my retiral as the Pastoral Assistant so special with the thanksgiving tea provided and the lovely gifts, flowers and cheque presented. It was good to see so many friends both old and new at the tea afterwards and I was truly overwhelmed by the generosity of the amount given in recognition of my service. I look forward to being back amongst the worshipping congregation in the not too distant future and send every blessing to one and all.

## **Volunteers for Sunday School and Creche**

We are looking to restart the crèche in the small hall as we did prior to COVID times to let parents return to the service. This would be on a rota basis to help with the care of our under 3s. We are also looking for additional helpers for the junior section (P2 to p4). If you hear god calling you to either of these posts please get in touch with Alie Drackford at [sundayschool@upperbraes.org.uk](mailto:sundayschool@upperbraes.org.uk) . Thanks

## **World Day of Prayer 2025**

The World Day of Prayer this year will be held at Wallacestone Methodist Church on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.00 p.m. and will be led by the Rev Adam J Stevenson. The theme this year is “I Made You Wonderful” written by the Christian women of the Cook Islands. All are welcome.

## **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**

2<sup>nd</sup> February – Sandra Smillie, Bill Smillie, Alan Thompson and Norma Thompson.

9<sup>th</sup> February – Iris O'Neill, Heather O'Neill, Margaret Sim and Jamie McIntosh.

## **Flowers in Church – Brightons Ministry Centre**

The Flowers in Church today have been provided by Anne Tomlinson.

Delivering the Flowers after today's service will be Anne Smith.

Delivering the Flowers after next week's service will be Jean Callahan.

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

Matthew Beaton, Jason Glass, Monica MacDonald, Donald Meek, Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, Audio Visual Team, Praise Band, Organist, Welcome Team and The Choir.

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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 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
	11.00am	Sunday School Groups	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Young Adults Group	UBPC Manse
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group (K)	Offsite Event
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	UBPC Ministry Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Community Outreach Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Gender Based Violence Team Meeting	Off Site Event
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	1.30pm	Guild	Shieldhill Building
	5.15pm	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 6 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.45pm	Friends of Jesus Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer	Online Event

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Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	1.00pm	ASN Support Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 9 <sup>th</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
	11.00am	Sunday School Groups	Brightons Ministry Centre