



# 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 Gayle Miller.**

**Order of Service – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (11.00am)**

*We offer ourselves to God in worship*

Welcome, Notices and Gathering Moment

(Scott)

The Choir: **'O how good is the Lord'**

Call to Worship

**Hymn MP-1009** The King of love is my delight

**Hymn MP-1100** Open the eyes of my heart Lord

All Together Time

**Hymn - Jesus' love is very wonderful (JP133)**

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer\*

Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:11-24 (page 1227)

(Norma Thompson)

Prayer for Others

(Annabella Nimmo)

**Hymn MP-1261** Brother, sister let me serve you

Message

*We respond to God*

**Hymn MP-932** Standing on the promises of Christ my King

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.

## **Joint Service**

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

## **Governance Policies**

The Kirk Session have reviewed and updated our congregational governance policies. Most include minor changes from those previously in place, a couple contain more significant changes (Bribery & Procurement includes detail of budget management; Health and Safety now covers all four locations) and a final two are new policies (Vehicle Use & Lone Working). Please read the latter two if you use your own vehicle for church business or if you routinely work alone (either inside or outwith church premises). All policies are available on the Governance page of our website and policy booklets are available in both Ministry Centres should you wish to borrow and read a hardcopy. Copies can also be obtained by contacting the session Clerk.

## **Pastoral Care Team**

The Pastoral Care Team is looking for six people who would be willing to do occasional visits in Slamannan and surrounding area to folk in the congregation who are mostly shut in. Volunteers would be “partnered up” with a specific person/family. If this could be you, please speak to our Pastoral Assistant Rev Monica MacDonald, or to Rev Scott Burton – contact details for both on the back of the news sheet.

## **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.

## **The Guild**

The next Guild Meeting at Brightons Ministry Centre will be Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm. This will be led by Margaret Crawford from Busy Bee Crafts. All are welcome.

## **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.

## **International Women's Day 2025**

The Gender-Based Violence Team are bringing together some input for a Sunday service near International Women's Day. In the pews are reply slips asking you to describe a woman who has inspired you at some point in your life. Return to the boxes at the doors by end of February.

## **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>

## **Pastoral Care Team**

The Pastoral Care Team have placed copies of the following books in the Church Library next to the Rankine Hall. Please feel free to borrow, read and return.

- "When someone you love has Cancer" by Cecil Murphy
- "The path not chosen" by Wendy Bray
- "Insight into Bereavement" by Wendy Bray & Diana Priest
- "Facing Death" Bible Readings by Rachel Boulding
- "Ill Health" Bible Readings by Wendy Bray
- "What Dementia teaches us about Love" by Nicci Gerrard

## **An Evening with Graham Kendrick**

Graham Kendrick will be appearing at Falkirk Trinity Church at 7.00pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets at £18 each and are available from the Office or online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/falkirk-trinity-church/t-norklxx>

## **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.

## **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**

9<sup>th</sup> February – Iris O’Neill, Heather O’Neill, Margaret Sim and Jamie McIntosh.  
16<sup>th</sup> February – Roy Graham, Marion Graham, Janet Crosthwaite and Maralyn Stirling.

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

The Flowers in Church today have been provided by Lesley Mann.  
Delivering the Flowers after today’s service will be Jean Callahan.  
Delivering the Flowers after next week’s service will be Ray Heeps.

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

Jean Meek, Gayle Miller, Annabella Nimmo, Heather O’Neill, Norma Thompson, The Audio Visual Team, The Praise Band, The Choir and The Welcome Team.

<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 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
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Guild	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group (CA)	Offsite Event
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00am	Wednesday Book Group	Off Site Event
	10.00am	Braes Chaplaincy Meeting	Off Site Event
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	1.30pm	Rendezvous	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 13 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer	Online Event
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	6.15pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	All-Age Joint Morning Service Live Streamed	Brightons Ministry Centre
	12.30pm	Pastoral Visitors Lunch	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Bible Study	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Young Adults Group	UBPC Manse