



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 by Rev Scott Burton.
Order of Service – Sunday 2nd March 2025 (11.00am)**

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment

Call to Worship

Hymn – All people that on earth do dwell (Old 100th)

Hymn MP-921 Purify my heart

All Together Time: Prayer

Hymn – For God so loved the world

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

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-21 (page 1227)

(Gayle Miller)

Message

The Choir: 'Lord, we have come at your own invitation'

Prayer for Others

We respond to God

Hymn MP-988 How deep the Father's love for us

(children return)

Words of Invitation

The Sacrament of Holy Communion during which we sing

Hymn MP-880 Lord I come to You

Sharing the Peace and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn MP-449 Love divine (v1-2, 4)

Benediction and Threefold Amen

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

***We a Sunday groups for children and young people 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. 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.

New and updated Governance Policies

We recently drew your attention to our new and updated congregational governance policies which are available on the Governance page of our website and in the policy booklets available in both Ministry Centres (which can be borrowed if you wish to read a hardcopy.) Two policies we want to draw particular notice to are: 1. Vehicle Use - for employees/volunteers who use their own vehicle for church business, and have a responsibility for driving others (eg to church for Friendship plus; to young people's groups; or to hospital), particularly noting the need to check with/notify your insurer that you are covered for volunteer driving. Note this does not apply if you are driving a friend to church or a group; only if you've been asked to drive others in a volunteer role. 2. Lone Working - for employees/volunteers who may work in the church, carry out home visits or travel alone, particularly noting the principles and responsibilities we ask you to observe to keep yourself safe. If you have any questions about any of the above please see Judith Norton (Session Clerk) or James Falconer.

Retiral Offering

Please note that at this morning’s all age Communion service, there will be a Retiral Offering in aid of the Scottish Bible Society. Donations can be made either in cash or by using the contactless card machine at the front of the Church.

Team Minutes

There are new Minutes for the Kirk Session, Sunday School and Up and Coming Teams available on the website and there are also paper copies available in the document holder at Brightons Ministry Centre.

Pastoral Visitors Needed

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.

Youth Mentors Needed

We need at least 6 volunteers for a new mentoring program for our young people. You will meet with a young person for 1 hour every fortnight for 12 weeks, with an option to share your skills (e.g., music, reading, running, chatting with coffee!) with them and talk about our Christian faith following a relaxed guide. Dates and times are flexible to suit you and young person. **Register your interest using the sign-up sheets found on pews or at the front of the church.** For more info, contact Caroline via WhatsApp/email/phone call or in person (contact details on the back of the notices).

Volunteers for 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 4 weekly rota basis to help with the care of our under 3s. I am looking for at least 8 helpers to accommodate this. We are also looking for an additional helper 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.

1st Polmont Girls' Brigade- 100th Anniversary Afternoon Tea

We will be holding an afternoon tea on Saturday 8th March 2025 at 2pm - 4pm celebrating our 100th Anniversary. Tickets can be purchased from GB staff at the price of Adults £6.00, Children £4.00. A selection of memorabilia from over the years will be on display.

The Guild

The Guild will meet at 2.00pm on Monday 10th March in Brightons Ministry Centre. The speaker that afternoon will be Norman Liddle who is coming along to tell us more about Bibles for Bairns project. All are welcome.

Tea and Coffee Rota

If you would like to be part of the Refreshment Team. Please speak to Maralyn Stirling. Your help would be very much appreciated. A great way to get to know more of your church family! Also, all donations given for your after church cuppa will go to Tearfund.

World Day of Prayer 2025

The World Day of Prayer this year will be held at Wallacestone Methodist Church on the 7th 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.

Tea and Coffee – Brightons Ministry Centre

2nd March – Tom Nimmo, Alan Oliver, Edna Oliver, Ian Lawson, Maralyn Stirling.

9th March – June Arkless, Peter Arkless, Pauline O'Rorke, Alison Cassells.

Flowers in Church

The Flowers in Church today have been provided by Karen Fulton in memory of her lovely Mum Betty.

Delivering the Flowers after today's service will be Karen Fulton.

Delivering the Flowers after next week's service will be May Kennedy.

Thanks to all those who contributed in different ways

Jean Meek, Gayle Miller, Heather O'Neill, the Praise Band, the AV Team, the Choir and the Welcome Team.

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| Minister | Rev Scott Burton | ☎: 341590 scott.burton@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Friday 13:30 - Saturday 13:30 |
| Pastoral Assistant | Rev Monica MacDonald | ☎: 07833 102874 monica.macdonald@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Friday |
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| Friday 7 th March | 1.00pm | ASN Support Meeting | Brightons Ministry Centre |
| | 6.15pm | BB Junior Section | Brightons Ministry Centre |
| | 7.00pm | World Day of Prayer Service | Wallacestone Methodist Church |
| | 7.30pm | BB Company Section | Brightons Ministry Centre |
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| Saturday 8 th March | 2.00pm | GB Afternoon Tea | Brightons Ministry Centre |
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| Sunday 9 th March | 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 | Holy Spirit Praise and Prayer | Brightons Ministry Centre |