



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 Jim Cowan.

Order of Service – Sunday 2nd March 2025.

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-449 Love Divine

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

We listen for God speaking to us

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

(Sharon Mercado)

Hymn MP-987 Here is love

Message

We ask for God's help and respond to Him

Prayers for Others

Hymn MP-975 Before the throne of God above

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sharing the Peace and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn MP-33 And can it be

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. 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.

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.

Team Minutes

There are new Minutes for the Kirk Session, Sunday School and Up and Coming Teams available on the website.

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).

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.

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.

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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 |
| Youth Development Worker | Caroline Whittit | ☎: 07848 480801 cwhittit@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Saturday |
| Session Clerk | Judith Norton | ☎: 07919 998300 sessionclerk@upperbraes.org.uk |
| Safeguarding Coordinator | Eileen Hope | safeguarding@upperbraes.org.uk |
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| Church Website | | www.upperbraes.org.uk |
| Newsheet Notices | Heather O'Neill | ☎: 07745 564094 heather.oneill5@btinternet.com |

The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

| Date | Time | Activity | Location |
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| TODAY Sunday 2 nd March | | Morning Prayer | Brightons Ministry Centre |
| | 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 |
| | 2.00pm | St Margaret's Service | St Margaret's Care Home |
| | 7.00pm | Ian Lawson Fellowship Group | Brightons Ministry Centre |
| | 7.45pm | Young Adults Group | UBPC Manse |
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| Monday 3 rd March | 2.00pm | Art Group | Brightons Ministry Centre |
| | 7.45pm | Fellowship Group (K) | Offsite Event |
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| Tuesday 4 th March | 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 | Up and Coming Team Meeting | Brightons Ministry Centre |
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| Wednesday 5 th March | 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 |
| | 7.30pm | Discipleship Pathway Meeting | Brightons Ministry Centre |
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| Thursday 6 th March | 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 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 |
| | 6.30pm | Holy Spirit Praise and Prayer | Brightons Ministry Centre |