



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 Adam Stevenson.

Order of Service – Sunday 9th March 2025

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Gathering Moment with **CH4 776 Kyrie Eleison***

Welcome and Notices

(Linda McGarry)

Call to Worship

Hymn CH4 18 The earth belongs to God alone

Introduction to Lent

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn CH4 625 O Thou who camest from above

We listen for God speaking to us

Scripture Readings: Romans 10: 8b-13 and Luke 4:1-13 (Mike Kapusniak)

Hymn CH4 338 Jesus tempted in the desert

Sermon

We ask for God's help and respond to Him

Hymn CH4 550 As the deer pants for the water

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

Hymn CH4 490 Jesus lover of my soul

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.

Braes Pulpit Swap - Today

We welcome Rev Adam Stevenson from Wallacestone Methodist Church to lead worship this morning as part of the Braes Annual Pulpit Swap. At Brightons, Rev Charlene Condeco, Locum for Laurieston linked with Redding and Westquarter Churches, is leading worship, and Scott is leading a joint service of the Lower Braes Churches at Redding and Westquarter.

Retiring Collection - Scottish Bible Society - Communion Service

Thank you to all who contributed - a fantastic £358.31 was raised from cash and contactless donations.

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.

Pastoral Visitors Needed

The Pastoral Care Team is looking for FIVE 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.

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.

Men's Breakfast - Saturday 15th March 9.30am

Sign-up sheets for the next men's breakfast are at the front and rear doors - please add your name TODAY if you plan to attend. Speaker is Ian Batt, formerly Pastor at Community Heart Church in Shieldhill. We look forward to a time of encouragement together!

Gathering Moment

Kyrie eleison
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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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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

Date	Time	Activity	Location
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
Monday 10 th March	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Guild	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group (CA)	Offsite Event
Tuesday 11 th March	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 12 th March	10.00am	Wednesday Book Group	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 th March	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer	Online Event
Friday 14 th March	2.00pm	Long Covid Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Saturday 15 th March	9.30am	Men's Prayer Breakfast	Brightons Ministry Centre

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Sunday 16 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
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Fellowship Group (T)	Off Site Event
	7.45pm	Young Adults Group	UBPC Manse