



# 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 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (11.00am)**

*We offer ourselves to God in worship*

Welcome and Notices

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

The Choir: 'O boundless salvation'

Call to Worship

**Hymn MP-1086 Light of the world**

**Hymn MP-264 I believe in Jesus**

All Together Time

**Hymn – Jesus, You are here with me**

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer\*

(Gayle Miller)

Scripture Reading: 1 John 5:1-21 (page 1228)

(Dixcee Spencer)

Prayer for Others

(Jim Hope)

**Hymn MP-323 I'm not ashamed to own my Lord**

Message

*We respond to God*

**Hymn MP-16 All my hope on God is founded (v1, 3-4)**

Benediction and Threefold Amen

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

*\*\*We have 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](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.

## **Easter Cards**

Easter Cards from Faith Mission Bookshop are now available to buy from the card stall in the Heriot Hall after Sunday services in the Brightons Ministry Centre.

## **Daily Bible Reading Notes**

The Daily Bread Nible Reading Notes are now available for April – June at £5.99 each. Please see Heather O’Neill if you would like a copy. These are a great tool to help with your daily devotions.

## **Friendship Plus**

The next meeting of Friendship Plus will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm in Brightons Ministry Centre. There will be a talk about Bo’ness and Kinneil Railway. All are welcome.

## **Men’s Book Group**

The next meeting of the Men’s Book Group will be on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Vestry at Brightons Ministry Centre.

## **Kirk Session**

Please note that the next Kirk Session Meeting will take place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.15pm in the Small Hall at Brightons Ministry Centre.

## **1st Polmont Girls’ Brigade**

We would like to thank everyone who attended our 100th Anniversary Celebration Afternoon Tea last Saturday. Your support was very much appreciated at this event.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:sundayschool@upperbraes.org.uk)

### **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.

## **Tea and Coffee – Brightons Ministry Centre**

16<sup>th</sup> March – Alex Davis, Eileen McArdle, Jane Bell, Maralyn Stirling.

23<sup>rd</sup> March – Jim Hope, Eileen Hope, Jim Kerr, Jamie McIntosh.

## **Flowers in Church**

The Flowers in Church today have been provided by Janet Innes.

Delivering the Flowers after today's service will be Alison Cassells.

Delivering the Flowers after next week's service will be Nancy Lees.

## **Thanks to all those who contributed in different ways**

Jim Hope, Jean Meek, Gayle Miller, Heather O'Neill, Dixcee Spencer, the Praise Band and Organist, the AV Team, 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 16 <sup>th</sup> 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	Fellowship (Group T)	Off Site Event
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Young Adults Group	UBPC Manse
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	1.00pm	Guild Committee Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Fellowship Group (A1)	Off Site Event
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group (K)	Off Site Event
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Fellowship Group (A2)	Off Site Event
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am	Muiravonside Prayer Time	Muiravonside Building
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	1.30pm	Guild	Shieldhill Building
	2.00pm	Friendship Plus	Brightons Ministry Centre
	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 20 <sup>th</sup> June	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
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	6.15pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre

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Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 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