



UPPER BRAES PARISH CHURCH

We seek to invite,
encourage and
enable people to
follow Jesus Christ.

**Welcome! We join in the sanctuary to worship God in the Name
of Jesus Christ. Our service to God is led by Judith Norton.**

Order of Service – Sunday 30th 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 16 All my hope on God is founded (v1, 3-4)

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

We listen for God speaking to us

Scripture Readings: John 19:16b-27 and Luke 23:38-43

(Jean Gilmour)

Hymn MP755 – When I survey the wondrous Cross

Message

We ask for God's help and respond to Him

Hymn MP54 – Bind us together Lord

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

Hymn MP254 – I am a new creation

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Doxology with Oh may the God of heaven above* (Tune: Auld Lang Syne)

* 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.

Teaching Series up to Easter

From 23rd March, we will be exploring the 7 sentences of Jesus as He hung upon the cross and then His risen words on Easter Sunday. We pray that this series will help us appreciate the Cross afresh and prepare our hearts as we journey towards Easter. At Brightons today, Rev. Scott Burton will be preaching.

Betty Scott

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of one of our members, Mrs Betty Scott, of Lawers Crescent, Polmont on 10th March. Betty's funeral will be held at 10.45am on 31st March at Falkirk Crematorium. Please keep Betty's three sons and wider family in your prayers.

Thank you from Bonnie

Scott and Linda McFarlane and Ann would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and kind gifts on the birth of Bonnie. We are truly blessed.

The Guild

The next meeting of the Guild will take place on Monday, 7th April at 2.00 p.m. Entertainment that afternoon will be provided by the Caledonian Choir. All welcome.

Easter Cards - Volunteer deliverers required

The Easter Cards are in the hall vestibule in bundles of about 10-15 homes in close proximity for ease of delivery. A small number are scattered and would be easier by car. Your help would be a blessing. Thank you.

Articles for Connect

Please can you send articles for the summer edition of Connect to Margaret Sim at connect@upperbraes.org.uk by Sunday 20th April. Look forward to hearing from all the teams. Thank you.

Lent Retreat Opportunity

Our placement candidate, Gayle Miller, is attending a Lent Retreat at Braehead House in the Clyde Valley on Saturday 12th April, 9.30-4pm. If anyone would like to attend with Gayle, then please speak with her for more info and/or car sharing/lifts. The cost is £30, including light lunch and refreshments. The Retreat will give space for reflection, prayer, short walks, and conversation – come be refreshed!

Prison Outreach at Easter

At Easter, Upper Braes Parish Church community give an Easter Card, together with a small Easter egg to all the inmates at the local HMP/YOI Polmont. We have received an update regarding the number of inmates - at present there are around 600. Consequently, the cost of gifting eggs would now be approximately £350. As part of community outreach, we invite you, our church family, to consider making a donation towards the cost of buying the chocolate eggs.

Should you wish to make a contribution, a collection box will be available for cash donations. Card donations may also be made. Card machine and collection box will be found in the front vestibule at Brightons Ministry Centre. Donations also accepted at "After church Cuppa" in Herriot Hall.

As always, we are blessed with the spirit of generosity from our church family. The Lord loves a cheerful giver!

Jesus Said "Let the Little Children Come to Me (Matthew 19:14 NIV)"

Many of you will already have contributed to recent collections for the Scottish Bible Society and the Guild supporting their "Bibles for Bairns" project where the vision is to reach every baby born in Scotland each year by sending them books of Bible stories every birthday from 1 year to 5 years old. The books are designed to be read to the Children by their parent/s. The 2 books being sent as 2nd birthday gifts are "Numbers: A Nativity Story" and "Colours: A Noah's Ark Story". You can still register a baby born in 2024 until 31st March 2025. Registration for Babies born in 2025 will open later this year. Spread the word to all the new Parents you know and ask their permission to register. Please pray for the growth of "The Bibles for Bairns" project. Register a baby at bible.scot/bfb. Further information is in the Bible Society Magazine "Transform".

Pastoral Visitors Needed

The Pastoral Care Team is looking for THREE 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.

Friends of Jesus Group Fundraiser

Please put Wednesday, 14th May, 7pm in your calendar. Friends of Jesus group would love you to join them for an evening of fun and entertainment with 'the People's Puppets'. It will be a show suitable for adults and children of all ages. Entry will be by donation and all proceeds will go to support the work of Prospects Across Scotland. Thanks.

Golf Outing

The next church golf outing will be held at Binny Golf Club, Ecclesmachan, Broxburn, West Lothian, EH52 6NL on Thursday 29th May. Please contact Billy Rankine if you're interested in playing. Billyrankine@btinternet.com or 07860527899.

Gathering Moment

As we are gathered, Jesus is here
one with each other, Jesus is here;
joined by the Spirit, washed in His blood,
of the body, the Church of God.

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one with each other, Jesus is here.

Doxology

Oh may the God of heaven above
Walk with us every day
May God the Father, Spirit, Son
Shower blessings on our way.
And may we, hand in hand with Him
These gifts with others share,
Rejoicing in the love we've found
In God's company and care.

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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

Date	Time	Activity	Location
TODAY Sunday 30 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	Evening Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Fellowship Group (T)	Off Site Event
Monday 31 st March	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Fellowship Group (A1)	Off Site Event
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group (K)	Off Site Event
Tuesday 1 st April	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Fellowship Group (A2)	Off Site Event
	7.30pm	Safeguarding Panel Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 2 nd April	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	5.15pm	Bible Fun Club	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	6.30pm	GB End of Session	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 3 rd April	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.45pm	Friends of Jesus Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer	Online Event
Friday 4 th April	1.00pm	Long Covid Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	ASN Support Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 6 th April	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
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Young Adults Group	UBPC Manse