



# 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. God's Word will be Preached by Linzi Matheson.**

## **Order of Service – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (6.30pm)**

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment and Call to Worship

**Hymn MP – 936 Teach me to dance**

**Hymn MP – 1004 Send the fire**

**Hymn MP - 1221 Praise is rising**

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:18-27 and John 14:16-18 (Jean Meek)

Message (Linzi Matheson)

### **Time of Prayer**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion during which we sing

**Hymn MP – 857 I the Lord of sea and sky**

Sharing the Peace and Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Hymn – Oceans, where feet may fall**

Benediction and The Grace

## **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](http://www.upperbraes.org.uk). You can download material from the website, see the calendar and news, as well as revisit previous sermons.

## **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 31<sup>st</sup> 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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Daily Bible Reading Notes**

The Daily Bread Nible Reading Notes are now available for April – June at £5.99 each. Please e mail Heather O’Neill if you would like a copy. E mail address is on the back of the Newssheet. These are a great tool to help with your daily devotions.

## **Lent Retreat Opportunity**

Our placement candidate, Gayle Miller, is attending a Lent Retreat at Braehead House in the Clyde Valley on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **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.

## **Articles for Connect**

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

### **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 cheerfully giver!

### **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.

### **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.

### **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)

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday gifts are “Numbers: A Nativity Story” and “Colours: A Noah’s Ark Story”. You can still register a baby born in 2024 until 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://bible.scot/bfb). Further information is in the Bible Society Magazine “Transform”.

### **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](mailto:Billyrankine@btinternet.com) or 07860527899.

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

Linzi Matheson, Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, the Prayer Station Team, the Praise Band, 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 30 <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
	6.30pm	Evening Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Fellowship Group (T)	Off Site Event
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> April	1.00pm	Long Covid Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	ASN Support Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> 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
	11.00am	Sunday School Groups	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Young Adults Group	UBPC Manse