



# 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 Rev. Scott Burton.**

**Order of Service – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025.**

*We offer ourselves to God in worship*

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

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

**Hymn CH4-124 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer (Gayle Miller)

*We listen for God speaking to us*

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:38-54 (Page 999) (Janette Craig)

**Hymn CH4-380 There is a green hill far away**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

*We ask for God's help and respond to Him*

**Hymn CH4-399 My song is love unknown (v1-2, 5, 7)**

Message

**Hymn CH4-129 The Lord is King**

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](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 only on 10<sup>th</sup> April). Please email: [info@upperbraes.org.uk](mailto:info@upperbraes.org.uk) for Zoom login details.

## **Teaching Series up to Easter**

From 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, Jim Hope will be preaching.

## **Minister’s and Youth Development Workers’ Holidays**

Please note that Scott and Caroline will be on holiday from 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> April inclusive. For any pastoral needs, please speak to Monica and for any congregational needs, please speak to Judith.

## **For Your Prayers**

Please remember the family of Mrs Barbara Scobbie who passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Please remember her son Graham, her grandchildren and her sister, Grace Douglas and all the family. Funeral arrangements will be shared once they are known.

## **The Guild**

The next meeting of the Guild will take place on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00pm. All are welcome. Entertainment that afternoon will be provided by the Caledonian Choir.

## **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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 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!

### **Prison Outreach at Easter**

At Easter, Upper Braes Parish Church sends an Easter Card together with a small Easter egg to all the inmates at the local HMP/YOI at Polmont. At present there are over 500 inmates there. To cover the cost of these gifts, roughly £220, we would invite you, our church family, to consider donating £1 (a suggestion). Should you wish to donate, a collection box will be available for cash donations. Card donations may also be received. Card machine and donation box will be found in the front vestibule at Brightons Ministry Centre.

### **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.

### **Pastoral Visitors Needed**

The Pastoral Care Team is looking for ONE person 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.

### **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.

## 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.

<b>Minister</b>	Rev Scott Burton	<b>On holiday 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> April inclusive.</b>
<b>Pastoral Assistant</b>	Rev Monica MacDonald	☎: 07833 102874 monica.macdonald@churchofscotland.org.uk <b>Sabbath on Friday</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 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	Easter Kids' Club	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Young Adults Group	UBPC Manse
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Guild	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group (CA)	Off Site Event
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm	Community Outreach Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Wednesday Book Group	Off-site Event
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer	Online Event – Zoom only
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
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