



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 Jim Hope.**

Order of Service – Sunday 6th April 2025 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome, Notices and Gathering Moment

(Judith Norton)

MP-38 As we are gathered

The Choir: 'Tell out my soul'

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-988 How deep the Father's love for us

Hymn - Grace awaiting me

All Together Time

Hymn - Always remember, never forget

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Psalm 22:1-18 (Page 554)

(Pat Paterson)

Prayer for Others

(Linzi Matheson)

Hymn MP-520 O sacred head (v1-3)

Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP-85 Come and see

Benediction and Threefold Amen

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

***We have an Easter Kids' Club for children aged 5-11,
as well as a creche room available for those under 5. ***

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 Easter Kids’ Club or creche. Families are welcome to accompany them if they wish.

Easter Kids’ Club

Please register and gather in the hall at 10.45am where there will be a craft/activity which will relate to the theme. We will also give out name badges and the children will come into the sanctuary for 11am and then back to the halls for Kid’s Club.

Please can guardians and carers collect children at the end of the service from the hall. The age range of the material being used fits ages 5 up to 11. The theme for Sunday 6th April is “God’s got a plan – He saw it coming”. The bible story is Jesus predicts His death and resurrection. The message is that Jesus knows our future and promises new life.

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.

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 Slamannan today, Rev Scott Burton will be preaching.

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 10th April). Please email: info@upperbraes.org.uk for Zoom login details.

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.

Minister’s and Youth Development Workers’ Holidays

Please note that Scott and Caroline will be on holiday from 7th – 13th 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 1st 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, 7th April at 2.00pm. All are welcome. Entertainment that afternoon will be provided by the Caledonian Choir.

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.

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 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 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 by Sunday 20th April. Look forward to hearing from all the teams. Thank you.

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 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.

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

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.

Tea and Coffee – Brightons Ministry Centre

6th April – Eileen McArdle, Janet Crosthwaite, Christine Hastings, Yvonne Anderson.
13th April – Eileen Hope, Jim Hope, Ian Lawson, Maralyn Stirling.

Flowers in Church

The Flowers in Church today have been provided by Robert and Margot Wilson in loving memory of their Son Scott.

Delivering the Flowers after today's service will be Shona Forrest.

Delivering the Flowers after next week's service will be Kathleen Frew.

Thanks to all those who contributed in different ways

Jim Hope, Linzi Matheson, Jean Meek, Judith Norton, Heather O'Neill, Pat Paterson, the Praise Band and Organist, the AV Team, the Choir and the Welcome Team.

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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

Date	Time	Activity	Location
TODAY 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
	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 th April	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Guild	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group (CA)	Off Site Event
Tuesday 8 th April	7.30pm	Community Outreach Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 9 th 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 th April	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer	Online Event – Zoom only
Sunday 13 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
	11.00am	Easter Kids' Club	Brightons Ministry Centre
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