



# 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 20<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 with The Greeting: (minister) Christ is risen!  
(everyone) Christ is risen indeed!

**Hymn MP-689 Thine be the glory**

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

*We listen for God speaking to us*

Scripture Reading: John 20:1-18 (page 1089) (Bobby Robertson)

**Hymn MP-296 I stand amazed in the presence**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others (Gayle Miller)

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

**Hymn MP-1019 You are my strength when I am weak**

Message

**Hymn MP-367 Jesus is Lord!**

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](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. 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 Ministry Centre today, Rev Monica MacDonald will be preaching.

## **Funeral – Andrew Jamieson**

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Andrew Jamieson on 7<sup>th</sup> April. Please remember his wife Susan and daughters Lesley and Gail in your prayers at this time. The Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 11.00am at Brightons Ministry Centre and burial service after at 11.45am at Polmont Old Cemetery.

## **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 TODAY, Sunday 20th April. Look forward to hearing from all the teams. Thank you.

## **Donations for Myanmar Earthquake Appeal**

As intimated last week, there will be an opportunity for anyone who wishes to donate to the Myanmar Earthquake appeal. Donations can be made either by cash or through the contactless device available at the front vestibule of Brightons Ministry Centre selecting ‘Retiring Collection’.

## **Prison Easter Outreach**

Over £300 was donated by our congregation to cover the purchase of Easter eggs for this very valuable outreach. Thank you for your generosity.

## **Half Hour Service**

There will be a Half Hour Service on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am in the Brightons Ministry Centre.

### **Kirk Session**

Please note that the next Kirk Session Meeting will be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.15pm in the Small Hall at Brightons Ministry Centre.

### **Returning Information Request or Pastoral Support forms**

Just a reminder to those who have received a letter from Judith, our Session Clerk, to return your Information Request or Pastoral Support forms if you haven't yet done so. Also, if anyone has any updates to be made to their contact/emergency contact details, or you would like Pastoral Support and may not have received a letter, please let Judith know. Many thanks.

### **Graham and Sandra Duncan**

A copy of the latest news from Graham and Sandra Duncan is available and will also appear in the next edition of Connect.

### **Church Offering Standing Orders**

If you wish to set up a Standing Order for your weekly offerings, then please speak with either Sharon Glass or Pat Paterson who will arrange this for you. Thank you.

### **Safeguarding Training – Provisional Date**

It is hoped that a Safeguarding Introductory Training course will be hosted at the Brightons Ministry Centre on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May starting at 10am and lasting about 2 hours. This is for anyone who has not attended a training course since joining the PVG scheme, or who last attended a course more than 3 years ago and needs to attend a refresher course. If this applies to you, please note the date and give your name to Eileen Hope to reserve a place. You can do this in person or email: [safeguarding@upperbraes.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@upperbraes.org.uk)

### **Fund-raiser for Strathcarron Hospice's Big Birthday Tea - 44 years old!**

A warm invitation is extended to you to come along to Brightons Ministry Centre Halls on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am - 1pm and enjoy sharing fellowship over a cup of tea or coffee and savour some home baking and support the marvellous work Strathcarron provides in the community. Donations of baking would be gratefully accepted. I will be setting up an online fundraising page and will share details next week. There is no need to buy a ticket – entry is by donation or you can logon to [strathcarronhospice.net](http://strathcarronhospice.net) to make a donation.

### **Lunch Club – Slamannan Ministry Centre**

The next Lunch Club will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 12.30pm at Slamannan Ministry Centre. If you would like to attend then please give your name to Linda McGarry or contact her on 01324 851840.

## 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.

## 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.

## **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.  
As we are gathered, Jesus is here,  
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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
TODAY Sunday 20 <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	All Age Morning Service Live Streamed	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group (CA)	Off Site Event
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Mission Conversations Workshop	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	10.00am	Braes Ministry Get Together	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Andrew Jamieson Funeral Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	12.30pm	Senior Lunch Club	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	1.30pm	Youth Project Management Team Meeting	Off Site Event
	5.15pm	Bible Fun Club	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.30am	Thursday Morning Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.45pm	Friends of Jesus Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Prayer	Online Event
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 27 <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
	6.30pm	Evening Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Fellowship (Group T)	Off Site Event