



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 Monica MacDonald**

Order of Service – Sunday 20th April 2025 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices (Judith Norton)

Gathering Moment with **MP-691 This is the day (v1 and 2)**

The Greeting: (minister) Christ is risen!
(everyone) Christ is risen indeed!

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-1105 See what a morning

Prayer and Lord's Prayer (Monica MacDonald)

Choir: 'I serve a risen Saviour'

All Age Message

Hymn MP-99 Come on and celebrate

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

Easter Message

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession (Monica MacDonald)

Hymn MP-689 Thine be the glory

Benediction & Threefold Amen

Doxology with **MP-796 You shall go out with joy**

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

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.

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. 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.

Kirk Session

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

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’.

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.

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. Thankyou.

Funeral – Andrew Jamieson

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Andrew Jamieson on 7th 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 23rd April at 11.00am at Brightons Ministry Centre and burial service after at 11.45am at Polmont Old Cemetery.

Safeguarding Training – Provisional Date

It is hoped that a Safeguarding Introductory Training course will be hosted here on Saturday 17th 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 e mail:

safeguarding@upperbraes.org.uk.

Half Hour Service

There will be a Half Hour Service on Thursday 24th April at 11.30am in 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 TODAY, Sunday 20th April. Look forward to hearing from all the teams. Thank you.

Graham and Sandra Duncan

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

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

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, 25th 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 to make a donation.

Prison Easter Outreach

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

Easter Plants

If you are taking a plant this morning, please come to the table at the front of the Church when you can uplift and Easter card and a free bag. Thank you.

Easter Cards on card stall

Many thanks to those who purchased Easter cards from Faith Mission Bookshops. The church received 10% commission on all the sales.

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.

Lunch Club – Slamannan Ministry Centre

The next Lunch Club will be held on 23rd 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.

Tea and Coffee – Brightons Ministry Centre

20th April – Alex Davis, Eileen McArdle, Jane Bell, Jim Kerr.

27th April – Iris O’Neill, Heather O’Neill, Margaret Sim, Agnes Bruce

Flowers in Church

The Flowers in Church today have been provided by Marie McCormack.

Delivering the Flowers after today’s service will be Sheila Colebrook.

Delivering the Flowers after next week’s service will be Carol Callahan.

Thanks to all those who contributed in different ways

Monica MacDonald, Jean Meek, Judith Norton, Heather O’Neill, the Praise Band, 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 20 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	All Age Morning Service Live Streamed	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 21 st April	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group (CA)	Off Site Event
Tuesday 22 nd April	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Mission Conversations Workshop	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 23 rd April	9.30am	Youth Project Management Team Meeting	Off Site Event
	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
	5.15pm	Bible Fun Club	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 24 th 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	On Line Event
Friday 25 th April	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 27 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	Sunday School Groups	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.30pm	Evening Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Fellowship (Group T)	Off Site Event