



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 today by Rev Scott Burton.

Order of Service – Sunday 23rd November 2025 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment

The Choir: 'Ascribe greatness'

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-1244 You are holy

(offering: FLAIM)

Hymn MP-1075 Jesus, all for Jesus

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:7-13 (page1233)

(Marion Zacks)

Message – Part 1

Prayer for Others

(Richard McManus)

Hymn MP-456 Make me a channel of Your peace

Message – Part 2

We respond to God

Hymn MP-921 Purify my heart

(children return)

All Together Time: Ordination of new Elders –
Rachel Gilmour, Dixcee Spencer and Jim Hope

Hymn MP-624 Take my life (v1, 3, 5-6)

Benediction and Threefold Amen

** The words for the Lord's Prayer will appear on screen, if you find these helpful.*

***We have groups for children and young people up to S4,
as well as a creche space available for those under 3.**



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 the service or to go out to the various Youth Church groups. Families are welcome to accompany them if they wish. Today we are having a joint service in the Brightons Ministry Centre.

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.

Sunday Morning 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.

Thursday Live Prayer

Join us online (via Zoom, YouTube or Facebook) 8.15-9pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Email info@upperbraes.org.uk for Zoom details. Then we meet in-person on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, 8-9pm, in the small hall.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to remember the family of the late Mabel Munro of Slamannan in your prayers following her passing. Mabel's funeral will be held on Friday 28th November at 1.00pm at Brightons Ministry Centre.

➤ **Blythswood Shoebox Appeal**

A big thank you to everyone who donated a shoebox for this year's Blythswood Shoebox Appeal. As a church we sent 105 boxes which will bring Christmas cheer to so many deserving people.

➤ **1st Polmont Juniors Boys Brigade**

The 1st Polmont Juniors Boys Brigade entered 2 teams in the Falkirk BBs Battalion Spiritual Competition on Sunday 16th November. The 6 boys were Matthew, Ruben, Caleb, Isaac, Lewis and Cameron, and all did really well and enjoyed the afternoon. From the 6 teams who entered, our teams finished in 1st and 2nd place. This is the 3rd year running 1st Polmont have won this competition. Congratulations to the boys!

➤ **Connect Magazine**

The winter edition will be available for distribution from Wednesday this week. If you are able to take a bundle to distribute, please pick one (or more) from the table in the foyer and put your name on the list, once they are laid out.

Upcoming events



➤ **Guild Meeting – Brightons Ministry Centre**

The next Guild Meeting will be tomorrow, Monday 24th November at 2.00pm. The theme will be Living Stones and the speaker is Rev Monica MacDonald.

Kirk Session Meeting

Please note that the next Kirk Session Meeting will be on Tuesday 25th November at 7.15pm at Brightons Ministry Centre.

Half Hour Service and Communion

The next Half Hour Service will be on Thursday 27th November at 11.30am. There will be Communion and time to sing a few carols. If you know of anyone that would benefit from this service, then please let them know.

Fund Raising Concert

An evening of song with Glenmavis Community Songsters hosted by Upper Braes Parish Church at Slamannan Ministry Centre Friday 28th November 2025 7pm. Entry by ticket only - tickets by donation (suggested donation £10) with proceeds to Upper Braes Parish Church & CHAS. Refreshments served at end of evening. Tickets available from: *Jean Gilmour* – Slamannan (tel. 07939971234); *Linda's Shop* - Slamannan; *James Falconer* – Brightons or email communications@upperbraes.org.uk.

➤ **Senior's Lunch Club Christmas Lunch – 2nd December 12.30pm**

Reservations essential to facilitate catering. Please phone Monica MacDonald 01324-832782 and remember to tell her if you have special dietary requirements.

➤ **Bereavement Service - Slamannan Ministry Centre 7th December 6.30pm**

This is a short service of remembering open to anyone – whether they have been bereaved recently, or in time past. The service will include a time of reflection and a special act of remembrance with prayers. If you would like to bring a white flower in memory of your loved one, someone will be on hand to place the flowers in a vase. Tea/coffee will be served at the close of the service.

➤ **Guild Christmas Lunch - 8th December**

A reminder to Guild members about the Christmas lunch, costing £25. Please see Maggy Dick who is collecting the payment and names of members who wish to go.

Oliver with a Christmas Twist - Saturday 13th Dec 2pm and 7.15pm

Buy your tickets asap, for this show at the Brightons Ministry Centre! Open to all in community with a early and late show. Flyers at the doors, posters in each ministry centre. A fun way to enter into the Christmas season with a professionally produced show. Tickets available after the service from Maggy or via the link below or the QR codes at the ministry centre noticeboards. Please invite neighbours, family, friends. <https://tinyurl.com/oliver25early> and <https://tinyurl.com/oliver25late>

Christmas Family Singalong - Sunday 14th Dec 3pm

Buy your tickets asap, for this Christmas event at the Brightons Ministry! Open to all in community and with proceeds going to Tearfund. Flyers at the doors, posters in each ministry centre. Tickets available after the service from Alison Cassells at Brightons Ministry Centre. Please invite neighbours, family, friends.

➤ **Boys Brigade – Christmas Card Delivery**

This year the Boys' Brigade will again be providing our Christmas card delivery service. Boys will be selling stamps at the church for the next three Sundays. The post box will be at the rear door of the church. Last day for posting is Wednesday 10th December and cards will be delivered on 13th and 14th December.

CrossReach Christmas Card and Calendar Brochures are now available

To save on postage, orders may be given to Maralyn Stirling who will happily deal with collating orders. Brochures available to uplift at front and back vestibules.

Faith Mission Stall

In addition to our usual greeting cards stall, we will have Christmas cards, diaries and calendars from Faith Mission Bookshops on the stall.

Volunteering opportunities



Wed 26th November – Christmas Decorations

The property team require some Christmas helpers on the morning of Wed 26th November to dress the sanctuary for Christmas. If you are able, please be at church from 9am.

➤ **Martha's Pantry**

We need volunteers who can offer one shift a month or those who are happy to be called upon on occasion when we are struggling to complete the rota.

Volunteering involves either a short session on a Monday preparing for the Wednesday, which is usually done by two volunteers from 10-11am or earlier. The second shift is a Wednesday 12:45-3:45pm, when the pantry is open, where you would greet people and help them as they select items. Full training is given.

Rotas, thanks and contact details

Tea and Coffee- Brightons Ministry Centre

23rd November – Marion Graham, Roy Graham, Heather McManus, Margaret Frickleton.

30th November – Iris O'Neill, Margaret Sim, Jim Hope, Eileen Hope.

Flowers in Church – Brightons Ministry Centre

The Flowers in the Church this week are provided by Sandra Anderson.

Delivering the Flowers after this week's service will be Denise Beggs.

Delivering the Flowers after next week's service will be May Kennedy.

Thanks to all those who contributed in different ways

Rachel Gilmour, Jim Hope, Richard McManus, Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, Dixcee Spencer, Marion Zacks, AV Team, Organist, Praise Band, Welcome Team and Refreshment team.

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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

TODAY Sunday 23 rd November	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service Live Streamed	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Youth Church	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
Monday 24 th November	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Guild	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.30pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Scripture Union ASN Training	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group (K)	Off Site Event
Tuesday 25 th November	9.30am	Pre 5s Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.15pm	Kirk Session Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 26 th November	8.45am	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	6.15pm	GB Juniors and Explorers	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Huddle	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	GB Brigaders	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 27 th November	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.30am	Thursday Service (Communion)	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.45pm	Friends of Jesus Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.00pm	Thursday Live Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
Friday 28 th November	1.00pm	Funeral Service Mabel Munro	Brightons Ministry Centre
	5.30pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Glenmavis Fundraising Concert	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 30 th November	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service Live Streamed	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Youth Church	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	6.30pm	Evening Service	Brightons Ministry Centre