



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 this evening by Rev. Scott Burton. God's Word will be preached by Brent Haywood.

Order of Service – Sunday 30th November 2025 (11.00am)

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment and Call to Worship

Hymn: Mission Praise 1012 – These are the days of Elijah

Hymn: Mission Praise 990 – I will offer up my life

Hymn: Mission Praise 1036 – Blessed Be Your Name

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3: 1 – 21 (page 1180)

(Jean Meek)

Message

(Brent Haywood)

Time of Prayer

The Sacrament of Holy Communion during which we sing

Hymn: Mission Praise 1016 – The heart of worship

Sharing the Peace and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn: Mission Praise 1009 – The King of love

Benediction and The Grace

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

Refreshments are served after the service in the Church Office.

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 this evening.

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 Evening 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.

➤ **Margaret Mitchell**

Mrs Margaret Mitchell of Limerigg died at home on Sunday 23rd November after a long illness. Please remember her husband George, sons David and Graham and their families in your prayers.

➤ **Prison Outreach at Christmas**

As in previous years, we seek to send a symbol of God’s loving care to the women and young men who reside in HMP/YOI at Polmont. We send a Christmas card together with a small gift to all the inmates at the institution. We have always been blessed by the generous giving from our congregation towards the cost of “the goodies” – a chocolate bar for each inmate! A suggested donation of £1 would be helpful. At present there are approximately 600 inmates at HMP/YOI Polmont. Your support towards our Christmas Prison Outreach is always greatly appreciated. A donation box will be placed at the front foyer to accept cash donations from Sunday 7th December. Card donations will also be accepted.

➤ **Retiring Offering Next Week**

There will be a retiring offering for the Scottish Bible Society at the Communion Service on 7th December.

➤ **Christmas Decorations – Thank You**

Sincere thanks are extended to everyone who helped put up the Christmas decorations on Wednesday. Special thanks to FLAIM, who kindly provided some lovely new hand-decorated baubles for the tree.

➤ **Jean Meek**

Jean Meek would like to thank everyone who prayed for her sister, Anne Muirhead, during her illness and who sent cards and flowers following the Anne’s death. They were greatly appreciated.

➤ **Evening service playlist for time of prayer**

If you enjoyed the playlist during the time of prayer in tonight's service, the full playlist can be found on the following list so you can listen to the songs again in your own time

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLoPHiNbkNs8Ofo3qCPSxPs_KQCduQrKf0&si=Q1aMDSAP4v-x4tNf

Upcoming events



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 of December and cards will be delivered on 13th and 14th of December.

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.

Volunteering opportunities



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

7th December - Eileen McArdle, Alex Davis, Jane Bell and Maralyn Stirling.

Flowers in Church – Brightons Ministry Centre

Delivering the Flowers after next week's service will be Alison Cassells.

Thanks to all those who contributed in different ways

Jason Glass, Fiona Kantzidis Jr, Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, AV Team, Organist, Praise Band, Welcome Team and Refreshment team.

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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

TODAY Sunday 30 th November	6.30pm	Evening Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 1 st December	7.00pm	Bible Study Group – A Nimmo	Off Site Event
Tuesday 2 nd December	9.30am	Pre 5s Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Missional Conversations Workshop	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 3 rd December	8.45am	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	12.30pm	Seniors Lunch Club	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	6.15pm	GB Juniors and Explorers	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	GB Brigaders	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 4 th December	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer	On Line Event
Friday 5 th December	1.00pm	ASN Support Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	5.30pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Saturday 6 th December	1.00pm	Sunday School Party	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 7 th December	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	Bereavement Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Bible Study Ian Lawson	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.15pm	Youth Fellowship	Brightons Ministry Centre