



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 Gayle Miller.

Order of Service – Sunday 28th December 2025 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices

(Judith Norton)

Gathering Moment with **MP-38 As we are gathered***

The Choir: ‘Come on and celebrate’

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-589 See him lying on a bed of straw

Hymn MP-597 Silent night, holy night

All Together Time

Hymn MP179 Go tell it on the mountain

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:22-33 (page 1028)

(Sharon Glass)

Hymn MP-644 The first Nowell

All Age Message

We respond to God

Prayer of Response

Hymn JP-258 This little light of mine

Benediction and Threefold Amen

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

There is an all-age Youth Church for children at Primary School,
as well as a creche space.

Refreshments are served after the service in the Heriot Hall.

➤ New items in the newssheet are marked with this icon.

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.

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.

➤ **James Reid**

Please remember in your prayers, the family of Mr James Reid from Slamannan who passed away on 12th December 2025. His funeral will take place at 1:45pm on Tuesday 6th January 2026 at the Falkirk Crematorium.

Willie Rankine

Please continue to remember the family of Willie Rankine, Patricia, Billy, Marion and Kate and Willie’s brother, John in your prayers at this time. The funeral is on Friday 9th January 2026 at Brightons Ministry Centre at 10.15am, followed by a committal service at 11.30am at Falkirk Crematorium.

Newsletter from Duncans in South Africa

The latest news from Graham and Sandra Duncan is available at the front and back doors, and is also on the noticeboard in the cloakroom corridor. Please take the opportunity to have a look!

Newsheet Rota Updates

Please note that with effect from January, we will no longer include the Flower rota and the Tea and Coffee rota in the Newsheet. The flower rotas will be placed on the notice board at the front of the Brightons Ministry Centre and the Tea and Coffee rota will be placed on the notice board nearest the kitchen.

Ministry Staff Holidays

Caroline will be on annual leave 22nd Dec to 4th Jan inclusive, and Scott will be on annual leave 26th Dec to 4th Jan inclusive. For pastoral assistance during Scott’s leave, contact Monica or Gayle. For wider church business, contact Judith.

Tearfund

Send an e-card to your MP and let them know you are praying for them in 2026. Each e-card comes with a unique design and a message which can be edited. This is a good way of encouraging your MP to speak up on an issue you are passionate about. Click on tearfund.org/church-mp-e-card or via the QR code.



➤ What's goes up must come down

On Wednesday 7th January, the property team require your help to take down and store the decorations in church and halls. If you are able to help, please be at church from 9.00am.

Daily Bread

The Daily Bread books are now available for January – March. These are available from Heather O'Neill and are £6.25 each.

Upcoming events



Hogmanay 2025

Please note that the back of this year's Christmas card mentions a Hogmanay Ceilidh. This was an error as there is no Hogmanay Ceilidh this year. Hopefully you enjoyed the two ceilidhs earlier in the term!

Save the Date

We're delighted to be holding our 2nd Prayer Weekend at Upper Braes Parish Church, building on the encouragement and good response from the first in September. Get ready to join us for 48 hours of prayer from 6th - 8th February, so please take a note of the date as we'd love to have you with us if you can.

The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

TODAY Sunday 28 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	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
Sunday 4 th January	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	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	St Margaret's Service	St Margaret's Care Home

Rotas, thanks and contact details

Thanks to all those who contributed in different ways

Sharon Glass, Jean Meek, Judith Norton, Heather O'Neill, AV Team, Organist, Praise Band, Welcome Team and Refreshment team.

Minister	Rev Scott Burton	On Holiday from 26 th December to 4 th January
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Pastoral Assistant	Gayle Miller	☎: 07720 256336 gayle.miller@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Friday 16:00 - Saturday 16:00
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