



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 today by Rev Jim Cowan.**

Order of Service – Sunday 4th January 2026 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Gathering Moment with MP 38 As we are gathered*

Welcome and Notices

(Linda McGarry)

Call to Worship

Hymn MP 337 In the bleak mid-winter

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

We listen for God speaking to us

Scripture Reading: Galatians 1:1-10

(Fiona Miller)

Hymn MP 1087 Lord, I come before your throne of grace

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

(Annabella Nimmo)

We ask for God's help and respond to Him

Hymn MP 1151 Amazing Grace (my chains are gone)

Message

Hymn MP 1072 In Christ alone

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Doxology with May the God of peace go with us* (Tune: Ae fond kiss)

* 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.

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, or 10.40am in our Slamannan 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.

James Reid

Please continue to 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 Falkirk Crematorium.

Willie Rankine

Please also 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.

➤ **Nan Chisolm**

We also remember the family of Mrs Nan Chisolm who passed on 20th December 2025. Please keep Nan’s daughter, Jennifer, and wider family in your prayers.

➤ **Gift Aid – are you on the list? Check over January!**

As part of our new year actions, we need to check that everyone who wishes (and is able!) to be on the Gift Aid list of donors is up to date. So, from 11th January to 25th January, please call into the vestry at Brightons Ministry Centre or the Session Room at Slamannan Ministry Centre and see if your name and correct details are on file. This might also be the time to check if you need to be added, as not all Gift Aiders from congregations before the Union have been transferred across, and some people who are new to Upper Braes might not have been added yet. Every name added gives us an extra 25% on your offerings and it makes a huge difference to our church finances – so sign up by filling out the Gift Aid Form.

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.



Daily Bread

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

➤ **Thank You**

On behalf of Caledonia Choir Alison Cassells would like to thank everyone who came along and supported their Family Singalong Christmas Concert. Particular thanks go to Jean Meek for typing the screen lyrics, Neil Mathieson and Andrew Philp for manning the AV desk and Maralyn Stirling and all the willing volunteers who helped serve refreshments afterwards. Proceeds will go to Tearfund and a donation will be made to the church in due course.

Upcoming events



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.

➤ **Guild**

The next Guild Meeting will be on Monday 12th January at 2.00pm. Donald Meek will be giving a talk on School Days. All are welcome.

➤ **Men's Book Group**

The next Men's Book Group will be on Sunday 11th January at 7.00pm in the Vestry.

The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

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Gathering Moment

As we are gathered, Jesus is here
one with each other, Jesus is here;
joined by the Spirit, washed in His blood,
part of the body, the Church of God.
As we are gathered, Jesus is here,
one with each other, Jesus is here.

Doxology

May the God of peace go with us
As we travel from this place
May the love of Jesus keep us
Firm in hope and full of grace.

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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
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
Tuesday 6 th January	6.00pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Missional Listening Workshop	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 7 th January	8.45am	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	1.00pm	Margaret Miller Funeral Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	5.45pm	GB Explorers/Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Huddle	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 8 th January	11.00am	UBPC Ministry Team Meeting	Vestry Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.00pm	Thursday Evening Prayer In Person	Brightons Ministry Centre
Friday 9 th January	10.15am	Willie Rankine Funeral Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	ASN Support Meeting	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
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