



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 Charlene Condeco.**

Order of Service – Sunday 25th January 2026 (11.00am)

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

Welcome and Notices

(Linda McGarry)

Call to Worship

Hymn: CH4-510 Jesus call us here to meet

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: CH4-533 Will you come and follow

Bible Reading: Psalm 40 and John 1:29-42

(Sharon Mercado)

Reflection

Hymn: MP-18 All over the world the Spirit is moving

Prayer for others

(Rachel Meek)

Hymn: CH4-692 Jesus put this song into our hearts

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Doxology - **May the God of peace go with us**



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.

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.

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.

Share your stories of faith!

The Preaching Team are keen to include more stories of faith (“testimony”) in the service, either as something said upfront, or in a question and answer format, or as a written story. These could be stories of how God has been teaching you, helping you, journeying with you, answering prayer, or how you came to faith – whatever! Testimony cards are on the pews, and QR codes around the ministry centres.

➤ **Nan Chisholm**

A thanksgiving service for Nan Chisholm will be held on Thursday 29th January at 11.00am in Brightons Ministry Centre, followed by a committal at Gransable Cemetery. Please remember the family in your prayers.

➤ **Kirk Session Meeting**

Please note that the next Kirk Session Meeting will be held at Brightons Ministry Centre on Tuesday 27th January at 7.15pm.

➤ **Website Resources: Updated Home Page**

On our home page we now have two new sections of resources. One for the ‘Season of Change’ material, dating back to last August, and the other for new folks around the Upper Braes. There are also QR codes in both ministry centres to the resources for visitors. We hope both sections will support and equip each of us, by summarising the journey we have been on and what is available to help everyone move forward together.



Help Slamannan Thrive – Sunday 15 February 2026, 11am-2pm

Reserve the date in your diaries for a conversation during the service, over a packed-lunch then for 1 extra hour as we explore how to help Slamannan Local Mission Church thrive over 2026! Come with your ideas and questions. Sign-up sheets at SMC door or let Scott know.

➤ **Evening Service Themes for January to May 2026 (Updated)**

Starting on 25th January, the evening service themes for the first half of the year will be “Faith in Civic Society and the Workplace”. We look forward to welcoming Martyn Link from Business Connection tonight, who has much experience of sharing faith in the workplace.

Joint Service – 1 February: Testimony Sunday

We are having a joint service at the Brightons Ministry Centre on the above date and look forward to hearing some testimony being shared. If you would be willing to share a story – recent or past, a “small” or “longer” example of God’s involvement in your life, then please contact Scott.

➤ **An Invitation to Pray**

We will be holding a prayer gathering at Slamannan Ministry Centre on Saturday 7th February from 2pm to 4pm as part of our prayer weekend. Everyone is welcome, and you can sign up using the sheet provided. Prayer request cards are available on the seats too - simply fill one in and place it in the box on the communion table. Refreshments will be available, and we hope you can join us for this special time of prayer.

➤ **Guild**

The next Guild Meeting will be held on Monday 26th January at 2.00pm at Brightons Ministry Centre. This will be a Scottish Afternoon by Wallacestone Primary School pupils.

Song Words



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.

Contact details



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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church



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| TODAY Sunday 25 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 |
| | 11.00am | Youth Church | Brightons Ministry Centre |
| | 6.30pm | Evening Service | Brightons Ministry Centre |
| Monday 26 th January | 2.00pm | Art Group | Brightons Ministry Centre |
| | 2.00pm | Guild | Brightons Ministry Centre |
| Tuesday 27 th January | 9.30am | Pre 5s | Brightons Ministry Centre |
| | 6.15pm | BB Anchor Boys | Brightons Ministry Centre |
| | 7.15pm | Kirk Session | Brightons Ministry Centre |
| Wednesday 28 th January | 8.45am | Property Team | Brightons Ministry Centre |
| | 1.00pm | Martha's Pantry | Off Site Event |
| | 5.45pm | GB Juniors/Explorers | Brightons Ministry Centre |
| | 7.00pm | Alpha Course | Off Site Event |
| | 7.30pm | GB Brigaders | Brightons Ministry Centre |
| | 7.30pm | Band Practice | Brightons Ministry Centre |
| Thursday 29 th January | 10.30am | Coffee Morning | Brightons Ministry Centre |
| | 11.00am | Funeral Service Nan Chisholm | Brightons Ministry Centre |
| | 7.30pm | Choir Rehearsal | Brightons Ministry Centre |
| | 8.15pm | Thursday Evening Live Prayer | Off Site Event |
| Friday 30 th January | 6.00pm | BB Junior Section | Brightons Ministry Centre |
| | 7.30pm | BB company | Brightons Ministry Centre |
| Sunday 1 st February | 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 |
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| | 7.00pm | Ian Lawson Fellowship Group | Brightons Ministry Centre |
| | 7.15pm | Youth Fellowship | Brightons Ministry Centre |

