



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 joint service to God is led today by Rev Scott Burton.

Order of Service – Sunday 1st February 2026 (11.00am)

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment

Call to Worship

Hymn – Old 100th

Hymn MP-1040 Come, now is the time to worship

All Together Time

Hymn – It's an adventure following Jesus

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Introduction to Scripture Reading and Testimonies

Hebrews 11:1-12:3 (page 1209)

- Heb. 11:1-12 (Jane Kennedy)
- Heb. 11:13-31 (Andy Gillespie)
- Heb. 11:32-12:3 (Heather McManus)

The Choir: 'Blessed assurance'

Prayer for Others (Linzi Matheson)

Hymn MP-1221 Praise is rising

Message

Hymn MP-631 Tell out my soul

Benediction and Threefold Amen

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

***We have Sunday groups for children and young people up to P7,
as well as a creche space available for those under 3***

Refreshments are available after in the Heriot Hall.

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.

Are you new?

We are delighted to have you here! Please ask any questions, grab a Welcome Pack, check out our website or social media channels for more info, stay for a cuppa after the service! For more info, scan the QR code or visit <https://upperbraes.org.uk/welcome>



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.

➤ **Upper Braes Guild**

The Guild would like to thank everyone for their generous donations towards the Guild Projects. The sum of £400 was raised.

➤ **Invitation to Baptism and/or Membership**

We are planning a baptism service in the next few months for one of our church family. If you have not been baptised and would like to explore being baptised too, then please contact Scott – this would be open to young people and adults. There is also the option to come into membership this term too alongside others who have also requested this, as a way to mark the Upper Braes as one's "spiritual home and family" - again, speak with Scott or Judith.

➤ **Please keep in your prayers**

Following the death of Nadia Cowan's father, Fero, on Tuesday 27th January, please keep Fero's wife, Sandra, Nadia and her sister Diana, as well as Jim, Laura, Dave, Amy and Fero's great-grandchildren in your prayers at this time.

Volunteering opportunities



Volunteer Opportunity at Braes High School

Scripture Union at Braes High School is looking for a committed volunteer to help lead our Monday lunchtime group during term time. The role involves giving short talks, building positive relationships with young people, and helping the young people grow in their faith. We're seeking someone who can attend most Mondays and has a heart for supporting young people. To apply or find out more, contact Caroline at cwhittit@churchofscotland.org.uk

➤ Youth Church - Beginners

Beginners are looking for 3-4 new helpers to join the rota and assist the group on a once-every-6-weeks basis. Please speak to Maggy, Alie or Gillian for more info.

➤ Welcome Team - Meet and Greet

Could everyone who is currently on the Welcome team or interested in joining, please meet for a brief meet and greet after church. We'll meet by the choir section and to ensure as many people as possible can attend, the meeting will be held on either February 8th or 15th, 2026.

Contact details



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Gift Aid – are you on the list? Check now!

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, please call into the office at Brightons Ministry Centre TODAY and see if your name and correct details are on file. Every name added gives us an extra 25% on your offerings and it makes a huge difference to our church finances.

Upcoming events



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.

Prayer Weekend: General Sign-Up

The sign-up sheet for our Prayer Weekend (6th-8th February) is now available at the side entrance of the church. Last year's gathering was a deeply encouraging time for everyone involved, so please add your name soon to book an hour in the prayer room. The prayer room will once again be set up in the small hall, offering a quiet space for reflection and prayer throughout the weekend.

➤ **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.

➤ **The Al Massira Experience**

Al Massira is a film-based course that explores the Christian faith from the prophets to Jesus, designed for people of all cultures and languages. Come and see how it is being used around the world and how you could use it. Online meeting: 7.30pm-8.30pm Tuesday 3rd February. Speak to Jonathan for info: jonathan@jogaway.com

➤ **Men's Book Group**

Please note that the next Men's Book Group will be on Monday 9th February at 7.30pm in the Vestry at Brightons Ministry Centre.

➤ **Pastoral Care Visitors Lunch**

The annual pastoral care visitors lunch will be held in the Rankine Hall on 22nd February, following the service. All visitors are welcome to attend. Please contact Elspeth McCallum pastoral@upperbraes.org.uk if you have any food allergies.

➤ **Mission Calling Workshop – Saturday 7th March, BMC, 1-4.30pm**

Come for a time of equipping, conversation and prayer to help you discern where God might be leading in this season of change. The aim is to give space and resources to support a way forward for each of us into mission in 2026. Sign-up sheets the doors.

The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church



TODAY Sunday 1 st February	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Joint Morning Service (also online)	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Youth Church	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.15pm	Youth Fellowship	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 2 nd February	1.00pm	Long Covid Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Community Outreach Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Tuesday 3 rd February	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Youth Church Leaders' Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	LMC Leadership Team Meeting	Slamannan Ministry Centre
Wednesday 4 th February	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	Huddle	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	GB Brigaders	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 5 th February	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	Weekend of Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer	Online Event
Friday 6 th February	All Day	Weekend of Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	ASN Support Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Off Site Event
Saturday 7 th February	All Day	Weekend of Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 8 th February	9.00am	Weekend of Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service (also online)	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Youth Church	Brightons Ministry Centre
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