



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 Rev Monica MacDonald.

Order of Service – Sunday 8th February 2026 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment

The Choir: His name is wonderful

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-1244 You are holy

Hymn MP-987 Here is love

All Together Time

Hymn – The Father Himself loves you

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

Scripture Reading: Galatians 3:1-14 (page 1169)

(David MacAskill)

Prayer for Others

(Caroline Whittit)

Hymn MP-674 There is a green hill

Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP-1072 In Christ alone

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 S4,
as well as a creche space available for those under 3***

Refreshments are available after in the Heriot Hall.

Welcome and general updates



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.

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.

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 and Juniors

Beginners and Juniors are both looking for helpers to join the rota and assist the group. For Beginners, please speak to Maggy, Alie or Gillian for more info. For Juniors, please speak with Edna or Alison 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.

➤ Volunteer Sunday Drivers Needed

With rising costs, we are working towards reducing the Sunday minibus from Shieldhill to the first Sunday from April onwards. In anticipation of this, we are looking for 6-8 drivers to give 1 Sunday a month to pick up and return up to 4 church members each (8 people total) from Shieldhill for worship. If you can help, please let Scott or Judith know.

➤ **Pre 5's**

Do you have some spare time on a Tuesday morning between 09.00 and 11.00? We are in need of more helpers, men or women, on a rota basis. It would involve helping with snacks and speaking to the parents and carers who attend. If you are interested please speak to either James Falconer or Jim Dick, many thanks.

Upcoming events



Guild Meeting

The next meeting will be at 2.00pm at Brightons Ministry Centre on Monday 9th Feb. The speaker will be Jack Sinclair who will be sharing energy saving advice.

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.

➤ **Thursday Evening Live Prayer**

Curious about how to pray in a simple, real way? Wondering what is prayer and why do it? Sensing a call to deepen your prayer life, to encounter God and his heart for the world? This Thursday evening at 8pm we are gathering in the Brightons Ministry Centre for 1 hour, to grow and practice praying for God's Kingdom to come in our patch of the earth. You are welcome. Each meeting we will follow a theme of the prayer course from 24/7 and practice using what we learn in a safe and gentle way. This week the focus is Praise and Adoration.

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.

➤ **Alpha Course**

We intend to begin an Alpha Course on Wednesday 4th March in "The Cross" at Brightons Cross, beginning at 7.00 p.m. Anyone interested should contact either Scott or Tom and Annabella Nimmo. Sign-up sheets are available at the front and rear doors.

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.

➤ **Daffodil Tea – Everyone Welcome! Entry £5**

You're warmly invited to join us for a Fundraising Daffodil Tea at Slamannan Ministry Centre on Saturday 28th March, from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Come along and enjoy a cuppa, some tasty treats, and good company, all while supporting our Local Mission Church. All proceeds will go directly to the mission of our congregation, and your support will be very much appreciated. Home baking would be very much welcomed. Please feel free to bring a friend — we'd love to see you there!

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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church



TODAY Sunday 8 th February	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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Monday 9 th February	11.00am	UBPC Ministry Team Meeting	UBPC Manse
	2.00pm	Guild	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Men's Book Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
Tuesday 10 th February	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Missional Listening Workshop	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 11 th February	8.45am	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.00am	Wednesday Book Group	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
	7.45pm	Preaching Team Meeting	Off Site Event
	7.30pm	GB Brigaders	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 12 th February	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.00pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer (In Person)	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 15 th February	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
	11.00am	Future Focus Service and Lunch	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.15pm	Youth Fellowship	Brightons Ministry Centre