



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 Sandra Mathers.

Order of Service – Sunday 15th February 2026 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices

(Rev Monica MacDonald)

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

Call to Worship

The Choir: Who can cheer the heart

Hymn MP-175 Glory be to God in heaven

Hymn MP-1009 The King of love is my delight

All Together Time

Hymn – Jesus' love is very wonderful

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

Scripture Reading: Galatians 3:15-22 (page 1170)

(Jessie Wallace)

Hymn MP-545 Open our eyes Lord

Prayer for Others

(Gayle McLachlan)

Hymn MP-381 Jesus stand among us

Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP-932 Standing on the promises

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 P4,
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.

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



➤ **Communion Cards**

The Communion Cards for the Communion Service in March are now available. If you are able to take a bundle and deliver them that would be much appreciated. The bundles are at the back door of Brightons Ministry Centre and at the front door of Slamannan Ministry Centre.

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



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.

➤ Friendship Plus

The next Friendship Plus meeting will be on Wednesday 18th February at 2.00pm in Brightons Ministry Centre. There will be talk from the Faculty of Sport and Exercise Medicine. All are welcome.

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.

➤ Half Hour Church Service

The next half hour Thursday service will be held on 26th February at 11.30am in Brightons Ministry Centre, with the sacrament of Holy Communion.

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.

➤ Seniors Lunch Club – Slamannan Ministry Centre

The first Senior's Lunch Club of 2026 in Slamannan Ministry Centre will be on Wednesday 4th March 2026. The next one will be on Wednesday 8th April. After that it will be held on the first Wednesday of each month with a break in July and August. Cost is £5 for a main course and a pudding. Booking is essential - please contact Linda McGarry on 01324-851840.

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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.

➤ **World Day of Prayer Service**

Join us on Sunday 8th March, 3pm at the Brightons Ministry Centre, as we gather with the Braes Churches to mark the World Day of Prayer with material for the service crafted by women from Nigeria. The theme this year is “I will give you rest: come”. An alternative day and time were arranged this year in the hope of enabling more to attend. We also will use a format of service more like our normal services, but still drawing on parts of the material prepared, so that we learn of needs, issues, hopes and prayers of the Church in Nigeria and its wider nation, but in a style more readily accessed in our context. Feel free to bring a friend or two.

➤ **Embrace the Middle East – Evening Service Guest Speakers**

With our Galatians series taking us into theological issues such as ancient and modern Israel, we have organised an additional evening service for 15th March, 6.30pm at BMC, to hear from guest speakers of *Embrace the Middle East*. They are a Christian development charity, partnering with Christians in the Middle East to transform lives and restore the dignity of the most excluded and marginalised communities. Their goal is to contribute to a culture of human flourishing in a troubled region, such that their vision is to see love in action, following Jesus’ invitation to care for those most in need.

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!

The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church



TODAY 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
Monday 16 th February	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Property Group Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Tuesday 17 th February	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Communications Team Meeting	Online Event
Wednesday 18 th February	8.45am	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	2.00pm	Friendship Plus	Brightons Ministry Centre
	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 19 th February	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.45pm	Friends of Jesus Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer	Online Event
Friday 20 th February	1.00pm	ASN Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Long Covid Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	BB Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 22 nd 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
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	12.30pm	Pastoral Visitors' Lunch	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.30pm	Evening Service	Brightons Ministry Centre