



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 Scott Burton.**

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

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Gathering Moment with MP 38 As we are gathered*

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

MP-617 Stand up, stand up, for Jesus (v1, 3-4)

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-8

(John McGarry)

Message

Discussion Time 1

Lunch (about 12-12.30pm)

Discussion Time 2

Refreshment Break (about 1.05-1.15pm)

Discussion Time 3

Prayers of Response (about 1.45-1.55pm - all together then Jim Hope to close)

We respond to God

MP-445 Shine, Jesus, shine

Benediction and Threefold Amen

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

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.

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.

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.

Upcoming events



Help Slamannan Thrive – TODAY – 11.00am – 2.00pm

Join us for 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.

➤ 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.

➤ 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.

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.

➤ **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. 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.

➤ **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!

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.

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