



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 Linzi Matheson.**

Order of Service – Sunday 22nd February 2026 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Gathering Moment with MP-38 As we are gathered*

Welcome and Notices

(Linda McGarry)

Call to Worship

Hymn MP 506 - O Lord my God

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn MP 456 - Make me a channel of Your peace

We listen for God speaking to us

Scripture Reading: Galatians 3:23-4:7

(Bobby Robertson)

Hymn MP 302 - I want to walk with Jesus Christ

Message

Hymn MP 1072 - In Christ alone

We ask for God's help and respond to Him

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

(Jason Glass)

Hymn MP 151 - For I'm building a people of power

Benediction and Threefold Amen

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

** the short songs at the beginning and end are copied within the news sheet, and during these we stand as the Bible is brought in and taken out.*

***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.

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.

➤ Please Remember in your Prayers

Please remember Jean and Tom Risk in your prayers following the sudden passing of Hazel last weekend. Hazel was a member of the Friends of Jesus Group here at Upper Braes Parish Church.

➤ Evening Service Music Playlist

If you enjoyed the music playlist that was used in the background during the prayer stations and want to listen to it again, the full playlist can be found <https://tinyurl.com/feb26evening> or using this QR code.



➤ Communion retiring collection - An opportunity to support our neighbours

The retiring collection after Communion on Sunday 1st March will be for Martha's Pantry, an outreach ministry within the Upper Braes Parish to households in Slamannan and Limerigg. It offers a dignified food response, cooking classes and pastoral support to people in need. Please give what you can to support our neighbours.

➤ Thrive Sunday - 22 March

After our first "Help Slamannan Thrive" service, lunch and discussion we are going to repeat it on Sunday 22nd March to give us another opportunity to input into the way forwarding, building on the dreams, ideas and proposals already gathered. Please put the date in the diary and join us to see Slamannan Thrive!

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.

➤ Guild – Brightons Ministry Centre

Please note that the next Guild Meeting will be on Monday 23rd February at 2.00pm.

➤ Kirk Session

Please note that the next Kirk Session Meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th February at 7.15pm in the Small Hall at Brightons Ministry Centre.

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.

➤ **Thursday Evening Live Prayer**

Curious about how to pray in a simple, real way? Wondering what is prayer about and why we would do it? Or, sensing a call to deepen your prayer life, to encounter God and His heart for the world? This Thursday at 8pm we are gathering 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 petition: prayer that connects us to God in our daily lives.

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.

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 22 nd 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	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	6.30pm	Evening Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 23 rd February	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Guild	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Missional Listening Workshop	Brightons Ministry Centre
Tuesday 24 th February	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.15pm	Kirk Session Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 25 th February	8.45am	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.00am	Braes Ministry Get Together	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
8.00pm	Huddle Catch Up	Brightons Ministry Centre	
Thursday 26 th February	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.30am	Half Hour Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.00pm	Thursday Live Prayer In Person	Brightons Ministry Centre
Friday 27 th February	6.00pm	BB Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 1 st March	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
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.15pm	Youth Fellowship	Brightons Ministry Centre