



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 Scott Burton.

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

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment

Call to Worship

Hymn – Here we stand

All Together Time: Prayer

Hymn – Lord, I lift Your name on high

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

Introduction to Scripture Reading

Scripture Reading: Romans 11:1-36 (page 1138)

(Judith Norton)

Message

The Choir: 'Bread is blessed and broken'

Prayer for Others

We respond to God

Hymn MP-493 O come, O come, Emmanuel (v1, 3, 5)

Words of Invitation

The Sacrament of Holy Communion during which we sing

Hymn MP-998 Jesus, what a beautiful name

Sharing the Peace and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn MP-1105 See, what a morning

Benediction and Threefold Amen

***We have Youth Church 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 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. They will all return for All-Age Communion.**

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.

Please Remember in your Prayers

Please remember Jean and Tom Risk in your prayers following the sudden passing of Hazel. Hazel was a member of the Friends of Jesus Group here at Upper Braes Parish Church. A Service of Thanksgiving for Hazel’s life will be held on Wednesday 4th March at 2.30pm at Redding and Westquarter Church.

Communion retiring collection - an opportunity to support our neighbours

The retiring collection after communion today is for Martha's Pantry. You can give by cash or contactless. Martha’s Pantry is 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.

Volunteering opportunities



Stick drama

We are potentially performing another stick drama piece at Easter. Would you like to join the team and be part of the performance? If you are interested or want more information, please speak to Cammy Dick.

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.

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

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



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.

➤ St Margaret's Service

Please join us as we lead a short service at St Margaret's Care Home next Sunday, 8th March, at 2.00pm. Your voice and presence will be most appreciated!

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.

➤ Men's Breakfast - Saturday 21st March 9.30am

Sign-up sheets for the next men's breakfast are at the front and rear doors - please add your name if you plan to attend. Speaker is Andy Brady from Street Connect. We look forward to a time of encouragement together!

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.

➤ **Thrive Sundays - 22 March (SMC) and 26 April (BMC)**

After our first "Help Slamannan Thrive" service, lunch and discussion we are going to repeat it on Sunday 22nd March at SMC 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! Bring a packed lunch. We aim to finish 1.15pm.

We will also have a Thrive Sunday on 26th April at our Brightons Ministry Centre where we'll hear feedback on the community audit project and take time over lunch and afterwards to discuss the way forward together. Please put this date in the diary too and come with a packed lunch. We will explore how to make the time all-age accessible and to finish by 2pm.

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 1 st March	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
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.15pm	Youth Fellowship	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 2 nd March	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
Tuesday 3 rd March	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	SU Alive Training Set Up	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 4 th March	8.30am	SU Alive Training	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.45am	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	12.30pm	Seniors Lunch Club	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	5.45pm	GB Explorers/Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Alpha Course	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Huddle	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	GB Brigaders	Brightons Ministry Centre
7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre	
Thursday 5 th March	8.30am	SU Bible Alive Training	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.00am	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 6 th March	1.00pm	ASN Support Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	BB Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 8 th March	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
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	11.00am	Youth Church	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	St Margaret's Service	Off Site Event
	3.00pm	World Day of Prayer Service	Brightons Ministry Centre