



# 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 Monica MacDonald.**

**Order of Service – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 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 CH4-111 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty**

Prayer of Approach and Thanksgiving

**Hymn CH4-119 O God Thou art the Father**

*We listen for God speaking to us*

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 63:7-14 and Romans 10:1-17 (Fiona Miller)

Message

*We respond to God*

**Hymn CH4-668 According to Thy gracious Word (v1-2, 4-5)**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

**Hymn CH4-153 Great is Thy faithfulness**

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 below, 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.

### 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.

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Upcoming events



### Alpha Course

We intend to begin an Alpha Course on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026. The next one will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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, 8<sup>th</sup> March, at 2.00pm. Your voice and presence will be most appreciated!

### World Day of Prayer Service

Join us on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 3pm at the Brightons Ministry Centre, as we gather with the Braes Churches to mark the World Day of Prayer. 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> March	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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
	2.00pm	St Margaret's Service	Off Site Event
	3.00pm	World Day of Prayer Service	Brightons Ministry Centre