



# 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 Gayle McLachlan.**

**Order of Service – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (11.00am)**

*We offer ourselves to God in worship*

Welcome, Notices and Gathering Moment (Rev. Monica MacDonald)

Call to Worship

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

**Hymn MP 54 – Bind us together**

All Together Time

**Hymn MP 49 – Be bold, be strong**

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer\*

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:1-12 (NIVUK) (page 1171) (Margaret Scott)

**The Choir: 'Faithful God'**

Prayers for Others (Linzi Matheson)

**Hymn MP 51 – Be Thou my vision**

Message

*We respond to God*

**Hymn MP 1072 – In Christ Alone**

Benediction and Threefold Amen

\* The words for the Lord's Prayer will appear on screen, if you find these helpful.

**\*\*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.\*\*

### **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**

It was with sadness that we announced last weekend the passing of Joe Milne. Please remember Joe’s daughters Sandra and Roslyn in your prayers at this time. Joe’s funeral service will be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at Falkirk Crematorium at 1.45pm, all are welcome.

#### ➤ **Thank You**

Francis Cross would like to thank everyone for the kindness of the Church Flowers from her Church family.

#### ➤ **Boys’ Brigade**

9 boys aged between 8 and 16 years old took part in the Falkirk Rotary Swimathon on Sunday 1st March. They completed 152 lengths between 2 lanes in 55 minutes. The event is to raise money for local charities supported by the Rotary and for funds the company. They've raised over £450 in total. Well done boys!

## Volunteering opportunities



### **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.

## Upcoming events



### **World Day of Prayer Service - TODAY**

Join us at 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. Feel free to bring a friend or two.

#### ➤ **Men’s Book Group**

Please note that the next Men’s Book Group will be tomorrow evening at 7.30pm at Brightons Ministry Centre.

➤ **Litter Pic(k)nic**

We will be having our next Litter pick on Saturday 14th March from 10.30am-1pm. We will be meeting at the side door at Brightons Ministry Centre, help clean our surrounding areas and refreshments will be in the halls afterwards. Bring your friends, family and neighbours and make Brightons even more beautiful.

**Men's Breakfast - Saturday 21 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!

**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.

➤ **Embrace the Middle East – Rescheduled Evening Service**

With our Galatians series taking us into theological issues such as ancient and modern Israel, we have organised an additional evening service to hear from guest speakers of Embrace the Middle East, however this has now been rescheduled for Sunday 29th March, 6.30pm at the Brightons Ministry Centre. We hope that the rescheduled date will enable as many as possible to gather for worship and an informative, prayerful time for the Middle East.



## The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church



TODAY 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
	3.00pm	World Day of Prayer Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00am	UBPC Team Meeting	UBPC Manse
	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Guild	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Men's Book Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Communications Team Meeting	Online Event
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	8.45am	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.00am	Wednesday Book Group	Brightons 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	GB Brigaders	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.00pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer In-Person	Brightons Ministry Centre
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	1.00pm	Long Covid Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	BB Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	Community Outreach Pic(k)nic	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 15 <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
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre