



# 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 22<sup>nd</sup> March 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-1221 Praise is rising**

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:13-20 (Sharon Mercado)

Message

Discussion Time 1

**MP-987 Here is love vast as the ocean**

Lunch (about 12-12.30pm)

Discussion Time 2

Prayer of Response and Lord's Prayer (James Falconer)

*We respond to God*

**MP-857 I, the Lord of sea and sky (v1 and 3)**

Benediction and Threefold Amen

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

## **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 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.

### **Well-Being Update for Scott**

Due to his ongoing chronic leg pain, Scott will be on reduced hours from 16<sup>th</sup> March for 8 weeks. We will still see him at some parts of church-life, including Sundays. In the meantime, if you are unsure about contacting Scott, you can reach out to our Elders, Office Bearers, Team Conveners or staff who can give you a steer on whether someone else can help with your query or issue. Your prayers for Scott’s healing during this time would be appreciated.

#### ➤ **Please Remember in your Prayers**

Our sincerest condolences to Elizabeth Paterson and her family on the death of her Husband, Robert, on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026. At Blackfaulds House Care Home. A memorial service is to be held at Brightons Ministry Centre on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 at 10:15am, followed by the burial at Polmont Cemetery.

#### ➤ **Prison Outreach at Easter**

At Easter, Upper Braes Parish Church community give an Easter Card, together with a small Easter egg to all the inmates at the local HMP/YOI Polmont. There are around 600 inmates and consequently, the cost of gifting eggs would now be approximately £250. As part of community outreach, we invite you, our church family, to consider making a donation towards the cost of buying the chocolate eggs. Should you wish to make a contribution, a collection box will be available for cash donations. Card donations may also be made. Card machine and collection box will be found at the front door.

#### ➤ **Communications Team**

The latest notes from the Communications Team are available on our website (Governance page) and hard copies in the foyer display.

## Upcoming events



### **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.

### **Faith in the Public Square Conference – 24th April 2026**

Two tickets for this conference have been funded to enable two church members to attend at a discounted cost of £10. The keynote speaker is Tim Farron MP. For more info contact Scott, Brent Haywood or see <https://tinyurl.com/Logos2026>. Two discounted tickets for students are also available.

### **Half Hour Service**

The next Half Hour Service will be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am in Brightons Ministry Centre. Please invite anyone along who you think might benefit from this shorter service.



## The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church



TODAY Sunday 22 <sup>nd</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 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	2.00pm	Guild End of Session Fun Afternoon	Brightons Ministry Centre
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.15pm	Kirk Session	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	8.45am	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	2.00pm	Friendship Plus Committee Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	5.45pm	GB Explorers/Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Alpha Course	Shop at the Cross
	7.30pm	GB Brigaders	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	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 <sup>th</sup> March	6.00pm	BB Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00am	Daffodil Tea	Slamannan Ministry Centre
Sunday 29 <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
	6.30pm	Special Evening Service (Embrace the Middle East)	Brightons Ministry Centre