



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 Judith Norton.

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

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome, Notices and Gathering Moment (Judith Norton)

Gathering Moment with **MP 38 – As we are gathered**

The Choir: O perfect love

Call to Worship

Hymn – There is One Gospel

Hymn - MP 1024 Beautiful Saviour

All Together Time

Hymn – I'm gonna jump up and down

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:1-18 (page 1172) (Marion Zacks)

Prayer for Others (Ewan Norton)

Hymn - MP 473 My hope is built on nothing less (Words on back page)

Message

We respond to God

Hymn - MP 254 I am a new creation

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.

Well-Being Update for Scott

Due to his ongoing chronic leg pain, Scott will be on reduced hours from 16th 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 14th March 2026, at Blackfaulds House Care Home. A memorial service is to be held at Brightons Ministry Centre on Friday 3rd April 2025 at 10.15am, followed by the burial at Polmont Cemetery.

Easter cards

There will be Easter cards on sale on the Faith Mission card stall after the church service every week until Easter. 10% of all sales goes towards church funds. Thank you for your support.

➤ **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.

Volunteering opportunities



Youth Church – Triple S

The leaders for Triple S are looking for 1 more helper to join the rota and assist the group on a 1-in-6-week basis. Please speak to Dixcee or Alie for more information.

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 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.

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 26th March at 11.30am in Brightons Ministry Centre. Please invite anyone along who you think might benefit from this shorter service.

MP 473 - My hope is built on nothing less

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When weary in this earthly race,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
in every wild and stormy gale,
my anchor holds and will not fail.

His oath, his covenant and his blood
Are my defence against the flood;
when earthly hopes are swept away,
he will uphold me on that day.

When the last trumpet's voice shall sound,
O may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!

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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church



TODAY Sunday 22 nd 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 rd March	2.00pm	Guild End of Session Fun Afternoon	Brightons Ministry Centre
Tuesday 24 th 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 th 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 th 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 th March	6.00pm	BB Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Saturday 28 th March	11.00am	Daffodil Tea	Slamannan Ministry Centre
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	6.30pm	Special Evening Service (Embrace the Middle East)	Brightons Ministry Centre