



# 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 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (11.00am)**

*We offer ourselves to God in worship*

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment (GB Explorers)

Choir: 'Give me oil in my lamp'

Call to Worship

**Hymn MP-1227 The splendour of the King**

Prayer and Lord's Prayer (GB Brigaders)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:1-10 (page 988) (GB Juniors)

**Hymn – I'm following the King**

All Age Message

**Hymn – Heavenly Father, we're just children**

Prayer of Response

**Hymn MP-1267 Come people of the risen King**

Benediction & Threefold Amen

The National Anthem

Colour Party Leaves – please remain standing

*\* 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 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**

Please continue to remember Elizabeth Paterson and her family following the death of her husband, Robert. A memorial service will be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 at 10.15am at Brightons Ministry Centre, followed by the burial at Polmont Cemetery.

### **Easter cards**

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

### **Prison Outreach at Easter**

At Easter our Church community give an Easter Card, together with a small Easter egg to the 600 inmates at the local HMP/YOI Polmont, costing 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, card and cash donations can be made at the front door.

#### ➤ **Worship playlist at evening service**

If you enjoyed the playlist in the background during the prayer stations in tonight's evening service, the full playlist can be found on the church's YouTube page or using link [https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLoPHiNbkNs8PUqWYGigjJNtWKxL\\_RQZam&si=XMdJOSxET2k8-dfy](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLoPHiNbkNs8PUqWYGigjJNtWKxL_RQZam&si=XMdJOSxET2k8-dfy)

## 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.

### ➤ **Helping Slamannan Thrive - Can You Help?**

Following the two Thrive Sundays at SMC, we've identified a few actions to progress. Firstly, we invite community members to complete the survey via the printed form or this link <https://tinyurl.com/marthaspantrysurvey25> Secondly, do you have a Christian (auto)biography you can donate to our lending library? Please leave in vestry. Thirdly, we might start a local toddler group, but need a setup team and refreshment team - can you help on a rota basis? Please let Scott, or one of the office bearers or Elders know.

## **Upcoming events**



### **Thrive Sunday – 26<sup>th</sup> April (Brightons Ministry Centre)**

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.

### **Embrace the Middle East – Rescheduled Evening Service - TODAY**

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 TODAY at 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.

### ➤ **Connect Summer 2026**

Please send your articles (roughly 300 to 350 words) for the summer edition of Connect to [connect@upperbraes.org.uk](mailto:connect@upperbraes.org.uk) before the deadline of 19th April 2026. Many thanks, Mike Ferguson.

### ➤ **Thursday Evening In-person Live Prayer – Come and Pray for Peace**

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm, for one hour, we are inviting you, your friends, your neighbours to join us in person in the Small Hall in Brighton's Ministry Centre as we dare to believe that Jesus is still Prince of Peace. These are not ordinary times. Conflict and instability continue to shake the nations adding fresh urgency to our prayers. In response, we are providing this contemplative and focussed time to pray intentionally for our world. You don't need to know how or what to pray, the time will be guided and sensitive. Come, and seek God's peace and mercy for the world.

# Sermon Notes

Since we have some space this week, why not take a note of the things in the sermon or service that speak to your heart?

key verses:

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## The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church



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| TODAY<br>Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup><br>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<br>(Embrace the Middle East) | Brightons Ministry Centre             |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup><br>March          | 2.00pm  | Art Group  | Brightons Ministry Centre             |
| Tuesday<br>31 <sup>st</sup> March         | 9.30am  | Pre 5s   | Brightons Ministry Centre             |
|   | 6.15pm  | BB Anchor Boys                                       | Brightons Ministry Centre             |
| Wednesday<br>1 <sup>st</sup> April        | 8.45am  | Property Team  | Brightons Ministry Centre             |
|   | 1.00pm  | Martha's Pantry                                      | Off Site Event                        |
|   | 5.45pm  | GB Explorers/Juniors                                 | Brightons Ministry Centre             |
|   | 7.00pm  | Alpha Course   | Shop at the Cross                     |
|   | 7.00pm  | Holy Week Service                                    | Wallacestone Methodist Church         |
|   | 7.30pm  | Huddle   | Brightons Ministry Centre             |
|   | 7.30pm  | GB Brigaders   | Brightons Ministry Centre             |
|   | 7.30pm  | Band Practice  | Brightons Ministry Centre             |
| Thursday<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> April         | 10.00am | Coffee Morning                                       | Brightons Ministry Centre             |
|   | 7.00pm  | Holy Week Service                                    | Polmont Old Parish Church             |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>April           | 10.15am | Robert Paterson Funeral Service                      | Brightons Ministry Centre             |
|   | 7.00pm  | Holy Week Service                                    | Redding and Westquarter Parish Church |
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup><br>April           | 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             |