



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 Linzi Matheson**

Order of Service – Sunday 29th 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 MP 167 – Give me oil in my lamp

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn MP 809 – Blessed be the name of the Lord

We listen for God speaking to us

Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:1-11

(Jean Gilmour)

Hymn MP 457 – Make way, make way

Message

Hymn MP 631 – Tell out my soul

We ask for God's help and respond to Him

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

(David MacAskill)

Hymn MP 760 – Trust and obey (v1,3-5)

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 within the news sheet, 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.

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

Please continue to remember Elizabeth Paterson and her family in your prayers following the death of her husband, Robert. 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.

Prison Outreach at Easter

At Easter, our 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.

➤ 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

Volunteering opportunities



➤ 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 - 26th April (Brightons Ministry Centre)

We will 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.

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 before the deadline of 19th April 2026. Many thanks, Mike Ferguson.

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

On Thursday 9th 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.

The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church



TODAY Sunday 29 th 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
Monday 30 th March	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
Tuesday 31 st March	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 1 st 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 2 nd April	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Holy Week Service	Polmont Old Parish Church
Friday 3 rd April	10.15am	Robert Paterson Funeral Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Holy Week Service	Redding and Westquarter Parish Church
Sunday 5 th 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