



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. God's Word will be preached by Doug Callander (Embrace the Middle East)

Order of Service – Sunday 29th March 2026 (6.30pm)

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment and Call to Worship

Hymn – Hymn of the Saviour

Hymn MP-465 Meekness and majesty

Hymn MP-272 I have decided to follow Jesus

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Mark 6:30-44 (page 1009)

(Jean Meek)

Message

Time of Prayer

The Sacrament of Holy Communion during which we sing

Hymn MP-1116 There is a higher throne

Sharing the Peace and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn – There is One Gospel

Benediction and The 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.

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 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.

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.

➤ **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



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 – 26th April (BMC)

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.

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.

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



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