



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 Brent Haywood**

Order of Service – Sunday 12th April 2026 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome, Notices and Gathering Moment (Judith Norton)

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-870 Jesus is the name we honour

Hymn MP-1141 You're the Word of God the Father

All Together Time

Hymn M-598 Peter and John went to pray

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

Prayers for Others (John Gilmour)

Scripture Reading Part 1: Acts 4:1-17 (page 1095) (Pat Paterson)

The Choir: 'Blessed assurance'

Scripture Reading Part 2: Acts 4:18-31 (page 1096) (Pat Paterson)

Hymn MP-459 Master speak! They servant heareth

Message

We respond to God

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn MP-243 How firm a foundation (v1-2, 4-5)

Benediction and Threefold Amen

**The Lord's Prayer will appear on screen, if this is of use.*

Today we have an all age Youth Church from Age 3 up to P7.

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.

➤ **Holidays for Scott**

Scott is now on holiday until Tue 21st April inclusive. During his leave please contact Monica or Gayle for pastoral assistance. For wider church business contact Judith. Once back from holiday Scott will continue on reduced hours until the middle of May, to enable him to better manage the healing process related to his chronic pain. Your continued prayers for Scott’s healing during this time are appreciated.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to remember Marie McCormack and her family in your prayers at this time. The Funeral service will be held on Wednesday 15th April at 10.45am at Falkirk Crematorium.

➤ **Please Remember in your Prayers**

Please remember in your prayers the family of Mary Forbes. Mary died on 29th March 2026 at Gilmerton Care Home, Edinburgh. She was 94. The family have roots in Brightons, Mary having lived in Greenvale Drive and in Park Terrace. The burial is to take place in the family grave at Muiravonside Cemetery. Her sons are John and David. Funeral Service to take place on Monday 20th April 2026 at 10:15am, followed by the committal at Muiravonside scheduled for 11.30am.

Teens - Meet with a Mentor!

Our mentoring scheme gives teens a space to talk, reflect and receive honest guidance from a supportive adult. It’s free, flexible, and designed to help young people grow in confidence, faith and life skills. If you are or you know a young person who’d benefit, just let Caroline know.

Newsletter from Duncans in South Africa

The latest Newsletter from the Duncans in South Africa is now available. Copies are at the doors of the Church. There is also a copy on the notice board.

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.

➤ **National Christian Hustings**

With the Scottish elections coming up on 7th May, Logos Scotland held the only national Christian hustings on YouTube. We encourage you to visit the weblink and watch what the seven candidates have to say about their beliefs and the role of Christians in politics, education, housing and more.

<https://tinyurl.com/LogosHustings26>

Volunteering opportunities



Youth Church - Creche

Our creche team are looking for 3-4 new helpers to join the rota on a 1-in-4-week basis. Please speak to Alie for more info or to sign up.

Helping Slamannan Thrive - Can You Help?

Following the two Thrive Sundays at SMC, we've identified a few actions to progress. Firstly, we invite members of the Slamannan area to complete the community 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 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.

➤ **Half Hour Service**

Please note that the next Half Hour Service will held on Thursday 30th April at 11.30am in Brightons Ministry Centre.

➤ **Scottish Women Of the Word**

The Scottish Women of the Word are holding a Day Conference on Saturday 9th May at Castlecary Hotel, Castlecary. There will be two speakers Sheila Park and Ruth Box. I have been to these day conferences before and they have been a real blessing to me. For more details see www.scottishwomenoftheword.org or speak to Wendy Dick.

➤ **Strathcarron Hospice Big Birthday - 45 Years - Coffee Morning**

A date for your diary - Friday, 24th April 10.30 am - 1pm Brightons Ministry Centre. Please come along and enjoy food and fellowship. A warm welcome awaits you! Support Strathcarron's wonderful work in our community.

➤ **New Teaching Series**

Today we start a new series called 'Back to Basics' where we are looking at the different elements within our worship and discipleship practices. Our message today will focus on prayer and Bible reading. Alongside the Bible reading in the order of service our concluding prayer will focus on Psalm 23 - you might like to have that to hand at the time. Here are some quotes you might find helpful that Brent may reference:

J I Packer "Prayer and the Word of God are the chief means by which we know God"

Dietrich Bonhoeffer "If we want to pray with assurance... we must pray out of the Word of God"

Tony Campolo "Too many of us continue to think of prayer as my son did at age seven, when he came into the living room one evening and said, I'm going to bed! I'm going to be praying! Does anybody want anything?"

Blaise Pascal "God instituted prayer to lend to His creatures the dignity of causality".

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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church



TODAY Sunday 12 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	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 13 th April	1 0.00am	UBPC Ministry Team Meeting	Off Site Event
Wednesday 15 th April	8.45am	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	7.30pm	Huddle	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 16 th April	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.45pm	Friends of Jesus	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer	On Line Event
Friday 17 th April	2.00pm	Long Covid Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 19 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