



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 Gayle McLachlan**

Order of Service – Sunday 12th April 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 52 - God sent His Son

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn MP 50 – Be still for the presence of the Lord

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35 (John McGarry)

Message Part 1

Hymn MP 1072 – In Christ alone

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others (Jason Glass)

Hymn MP 746 – What a friend we have in Jesus

Message Part 2

We respond to God

Hymn MP 705 – Thy hand, O God, has guided

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.

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.

➤ **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.

➤ **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.

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.

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.

➤ **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



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 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.

Alpha Course

We have an Alpha Course scheduled to begin on Thursday, April 23rd at 6:00 pm. Alpha, as well as being an introduction to the Christian faith, is also an ideal "refresher" for those a bit further on the Christian journey. If you are interested, or know of anyone who might be, please fill in one of the Alpha cards at the front and rear of the church or talk to one of the elders. If Thursday is not suitable, please see Tom or Annabella Nimmo for alternative arrangements.

➤ **Half Hour Service**

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

➤ **Scottish Women Of the Word**

The Scottish Women of the Word are holding a Day Conference on Saturday 9th May at Castle Cary Hotel, Castle Cary. 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 Brighton's Ministry Centre. Please come along and enjoy food and fellowship. A warm welcome awaits you! Support Strathcarron's wonderful work in our community.

Sermon Notes

key verses:

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?

Minister	Rev Scott Burton	☎: 341590 scott.burton@churchofscotland.org.uk Annual leave until Tue 21st April inclusive
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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

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.