UPPER BRAES PARISH CHURCH

We seek to invite, encourage and enable peple 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 17th November 2024 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices (Judith Norton)

Gathering Moment with **MP-38 As we are gathered**

The Choir: 'Let there be love'

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-1267 Come people of the risen King

Hymn - I will wait for you (Psalm 130)

All Together Time: Update on New Staff (Judith and Keith)

Hymn - I'm following the King

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

Scripture Reading: James 3: 2-12 (page 1214)
James 4:11-12 (page 1215) (George Mann)

Prayer for Others (Jim Hope)

Hymn MP-1261 Brother, sister, let me serve you

Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP-201 Guide Me O Thou great Jehovah

Benediction and Threefold Amen

**The Lord's Prayer will appear on screen, if you find this helpful.*

***We have Sunday groups for children up to S4,*
*as well as a creche room available for those under 3.***

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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 service or to go out to the various Sunday School groups. Families are welcome to accompany them if they wish. There is a creche room for children under three, where the service is live streamed.

Keep in Touch and Informed

We are on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube as well as our church website www.upperbraes.org.uk. You can download material from the website, see the calendar and news, as well as revisit previous sermons.

Sunday Morning Prayer and Thursday Evening Live 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, or online on Thursday evenings at 8.15pm (on Zoom, Facebook and YouTube). Please email: info@upperbraes.org.uk for Zoom login details.

Please Remember in your Prayers

Please continue to remember in prayer the families of Agnes Anderson of Slamannan and Janet Heeps of Whitecross. Funeral details will be announced once they are known.

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal

A big thank you to everyone who gave a shoebox or a donation to cover transport cost. As a church we were able to send 140 boxes for this year's appeal. Such a great response to this worthwhile cause.

Delivery of Connect Magazine and Christmas Cards

We are needing 37 volunteers to help deliver bundles of Connect magazines and Christmas Cards to members ahead of Communion – 1 magazine and 2 cards per home; we hope members will use one of the cards to share with neighbours and friends as an invitation to Christmas events. These bundles are available for pick-up from the rear vestibule in the Brightons Ministry Centre or in the sanctuary at the Slamannan Ministry Centre. Please note, with the smaller size of the new united Kirk Session, the Elders have voted to bring to an end the current structure of Elders' Districts/Pastoral Groupings and so bundles are now by street/area – more information on this decision and the pastoral support still readily available in the Upper Braes Parish Church is detailed in an insert with the Connect magazine.

Refreshment Team – Brightons Ministry Centre

A warm invitation is extended to folks to join our team serving teas and coffees following the morning service. It is a very rewarding and pleasant "duty". You will have the opportunity to get to know many of our church family – and put names to faces! There is a rota and you would only be asked to cover roughly once every 8 weeks. There are normally 3 volunteers on duty per week. Full training will be given! Should be interested, please speak to Maralyn Stirling.

All are Welcome

Are you new to the congregation meeting here in the Brightons Ministry Centre? Would you like to meet more people or be active in the congregation? Maybe joining the Welcome Team on a Sunday morning is the answer. If you can give 2 Sundays in a row, 2 or 3 times a year, meeting and greeting each member of the congregation from 10.30am and following through to join the conversation after the service over a cuppa, then please add your name and contact details to the sheet at the main door or see Linda Gillespie before or after the Service on 17th and 24th November to join the 2025 team.

Guild – Brightons Ministry Centre

The next Guild meeting will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2.00pm. All are welcome to come along. The speaker will be Brian Robertson. The theme this time is Bird Watching.

Prayer Time at Muiravonside

The Kirk Session have agreed to hold a time of prayer on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 10am-11am, at our Muiravonside building. Please join us this week to pray for God's work across the Upper Braes.

Friendship Plus – Brightons Ministry Centre

The next Friendship Plus Meeting will be on Wednesday 20th November at 2.00pm. All are welcome for a St Andrew's Day celebration.

Kirk Session Meeting – Sunday 24th November 2024,12.30pm

There will be a short, single-item Kirk Session meeting for Ruling Elders after morning worship at the Brightons Ministry Centre. Agenda to follow.

Faith Mission Bookstall (Brightons Ministry Centre)

We would like to thank those who supported the Faith Mission Bookshop and purchased from our stall. The church receives 10% of the sales. Christmas cards, diaries, calendars and Advent calendars are still available to purchase after the service on Sundays.

CrossReach News and Christmas Cards/Calanders – Brochure now available

Please pass any orders to Maralyn Stirling who will collate them to avoid you paying postage.

Prison Outreach

At present, there are approximately 600 inmates in Polmont HMP/YOI. Each year, as part of our outreach, we send a Christmas card, plus a small gift, to all the inmates. We have always been blessed by the generous giving from our congregation to cover the cost of the "chocolate bars". A suggested donation of £1 would be helpful. Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated. A donation box will be placed at the front foyer to accept cash donations. Card donations may also be made.

Boys' Brigade – Christmas Card Delivery

Once again this year, the Boys' Brigade will be delivering Christmas Cards in the local area. Stamps can be purchased from the Boys' Brigade. More details on this will follow in due course.

Prospects Across Scotland – Annual Carol Concert

The annual Carol concert for PAS will be held on Saturday 30th November at 2.00pm at Inchinnan Parish Church, Old Greenock Road, Inchinnan, PA4 9PH. A warm welcome is extended to anyone wishing to go along.

Brass Band Concert – Laurieston Church

Laurieston Church presents the Unison and Kinneill Brass Band in Concert in Laurieston Church on Thursday, 5th December at 7-30 p.m. Tickets cost £10.00 and may be obtained by calling 07471151471 or you can pay at the door. Tea/coffee biscuits included. Youngsters under 16 are welcome at no charge. If you could come along, you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Tea and Coffee – Brightons Ministry Centre

17th November – Tom Nimmo, Alan Oliver and Edna Oliver
24th November – Alex Davis, Eileen McArdle and Maralyn Stirling

Flowers in Church – Brightons Ministry Centre

The Flowers in Church today have been provided by The Guild.
Delivering the Flowers after today's service will be Shona Forrest.
Delivering the Flowers after next week's service will be Kathleen Frew.

Thanks to all those who contributed in different ways to today's service

Laura Eckles, James Falconer, Kaiden Falconer, Brent Haywood, Jon-Luke Kirton, Morag Lang, Susan McIntosh, Ewan McManus, Richard McManus, Neil Matheson, Alex Mann, George Mann, Jean Meek, Judith Norton, Heather O'Neill, Keith Wansbrough, the Welcome Team and the Choir.

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