



# UPPER BRAES

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 Jim Hope.**

## **Order of Service – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (11.00am)**

*We offer ourselves to God in worship*

### **Gathering Moment with MP 38 As we are gathered\***

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

(Jim Hope)

### **Hymn MP 600 Sing to God New Songs of Worship**

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

(Jim Hope)

*We listen for God speaking to us*

Scripture Reading: 1 John v 1 – 2 v 2

### **Hymn MP 767 Who is He, in Yonder Stall (v 1, 5-8)**

Message

(Jim Hope)

*We ask for God's help and respond to Him*

### **Hymn MP 162 From Heaven You Came**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

(Eileen Hope)

### **Hymn MP 1346 / CH4 530 One More Step along the World I Go**

Benediction and Threefold Amen

(Jim Hope)

### **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. \*\* There is a creche room for children under three, where the service is live streamed.

## **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.

## **Keep in Touch and Informed**

We are on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube as well as our church website [www.upperbraes.org.uk](http://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](mailto:info@upperbraes.org.uk) for Zoom login details.

## **Funeral Details – Robert Inglis**

Robert Inglis, a farmer late of Avonbridge passed away on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024. After a private burial, a memorial service is to take place in the Sanctuary at Brightons Ministry Centre on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30am. Please remember Robert’s wife Mary, sons Robert and Jack, and daughter Elsbeth and their families in your prayers.

## **Bill Brodie – Funeral Arrangements**

Bill’s Funeral Service will take place at Falkirk Crematorium on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 3.15pm. Please continue to remember Helen and the wider family in your prayers.

## **Thank You**

Diane & Walter Muir would like to thank the church family for the flowers & cards received after a family bereavement. Your condolences and prayers are also very much appreciated.

## **Minister and Pastoral Assistant Holidays**

Please note that Scott will be on holiday from 26<sup>th</sup> December – 5<sup>th</sup> January inclusive. Please contact Rev Monica MacDonald for any pastoral needs and Judith Norton for any other church matters.

## **Men’s Book Group**

The Men’s Book Group will meet on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Vestry. All are welcome.

### **Thank you – Christmas Decorations**

Grateful thanks are extended to everyone who helped with the Christmas decorations in both of the ministry centres.

### **Thank you – Hogmanay Ceilidh**

Thanks to everyone who organised, helped and participated in any way with the Hogmanay Ceilidh. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all who came along.

### **Collection to mark the Retirement of Pastoral Assistant**

Ian Baillie has indicated his wish to step down as Pastoral Assistant on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. The Kirk Session has agreed to a collection being available as a way of expressing our thanks to Ian for his ministry, and there will be a presentation and thanksgiving tea on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025 after the morning service – please fill in the sign up sheets at the front and rear doors if attending. Donations can be made via cheque, cash or contactless payment. Please clearly mark any donations as being for this collection or send an e mail to the Treasurer.

### **Sunday Service Prayer Leaders**

We are looking to include a “prayer leader” at the Slamannan service, who would lead the prayer of thanksgiving and for others. If you would be willing to be involved in this, whether you worship more regularly at either ministry centre, then please contact Jean Meek.

### **Marthas Pantry Slamannan**

The pantry needs more volunteers. Our existing team of volunteers do a great job, however, there are times that personal commitments, holidays, illness and caring mean people need to step back for a time. Volunteering at the pantry involves either a 90 minute session on a Monday preparing the pantry for the Wednesday. This is usually done by two volunteers from 10am to 11.30am. The second shift is a Wednesday from 12.45 to 3.45pm, when the pantry is open. You will greet people and help them as they select items. Full training is given. We need volunteers who can offer one shift a month or those who are happy to be called upon when we are struggling to complete the rota. Please talk to Lesley Mann or Rev. Monica MacDonald for more information. If you do not drive, we can try to arrange for you to be collected by another volunteer.

### **Men’s Breakfast – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Join us for the next Men’s Breakfast on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at our Brightons Ministry Centre, 9.30am – 11.30am, for breakfast, worship and message from Malcolm Field at Wholeness Through Christ (Falkirk). Sign-up sheets are at the front and rear doors of both ministry centres.

## 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.

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## The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
TODAY Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service Live Streamed	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.30am	Robert Inglis Funeral Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Property Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	LMC Leadership Team	Session Clerk's Home
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00am	Braes Ministry Get Together	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.00am	Wednesday Book Group	Off Site Event
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	1.30pm	Guild	Shieldhill Building
	6.15pm	GB Explorers	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	GB Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	GB Brigaders	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.45pm	Friends of Jesus Planning Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	6.15pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service Live Streamed	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.30pm	Holy Spirit Worship and Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre