



# 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 Gayle Miller.**

**Order of Service – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (11.00am)**

*We offer ourselves to God in worship*

Welcome and Notices

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

Call to Worship

**Hymn – Here we stand**

**Hymn MP-987 Here is love, vast as the ocean**

All Together Time: Retiring Presentation to Ian Baillie

**Hymn – God's love is the best love**

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

An invitation for 2025

Scripture Reading: 1 John 2:3-11 (page 1225)

(Maralyn Stirling)

The Choir: "Be Still and Know"

Prayer for Others

(Rena Moore)

**Hymn – Grace awaiting me**

Message

(Gayle Miller)

*We respond to God*

**Hymn MP-549 Our eyes have seen the glory (v1-2, 4)**

Benediction and Threefold Amen.

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

*Refreshments served afterward 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 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.

## **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.

## **Janet Buchannan**

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Janet Buchannan on 5<sup>th</sup> January. The funeral will take place at Falkirk Crematorium on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 10.45am. Interment of ashes will take place at Slamannan Cemetery on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am. Please remember Janet’s wider family and her close friends in your prayers at this time.

## **Kirk Session Minutes**

The latest Kirk Session Minutes are available on the website and in the rear vestibule at the Brightons Ministry Centre.

## **Help us connect even more with our local community - Community Audit**

Over March to October this year, training will be given to help us engage, listen to and connect afresh with our local communities across the whole of the Upper Braes parish. The hope is that this will clarify where we as a new congregation can best get involved, so as to embody the love and kingdom of God in our communities. Over these months, there will be 6 training sessions led by Cinnamon Network. The first is on Saturday 1st March, 9.30am-12.30pm, at the Brightons Ministry Centre (the rest will be on Tuesday evenings). Sign-up sheets are at the door(s). We need as many of the congregation to be involved as possible - there will be work to do between training sessions, but it's really worth it, as it can lead to transformation for both us and our communities

## **E-news and Prayer Updates**

For our large congregation we sometimes communicate reminders and updates electronically, although any electronic communication is always added to the news sheet. If you would like the e-news, please consider signing-up by using the following link <https://upperbraes.org.uk/enews>.

## **Martha's 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, usually done by two volunteers from 10am to 11.30am) or 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.

## **Life and Work**

The latest edition of Life and Work can be uplifted or purchased as you leave worship at the Brightons Ministry Centre this morning.

## **Retiring Collection - Strathcarron Hospice Christmas Eve Services**

Thank you to all who contributed - a fantastic £491.50 was raised from cash and contactless donations, as well as donations made directly through the Strathcarron Hospice website.

## **Guild**

The next Guild meeting will be held tomorrow at Brightons Ministry Centre where the speaker will be Donald Meek.

## **Friendship Plus**

The next Friendship Plus meeting will be on Wednesday at 1pm in the Brightons Ministry Centre. All are welcome to our Burns Afternoon.

## **Men's Book Group**

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

## **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 centre.

## **Tea and Coffee – Brightons Ministry Centre**

12<sup>th</sup> January – Eileen Hope, Jim Hope and Ian Lawson.

19<sup>th</sup> January – Alex Davis, Eileen McArdle, Jim Kerr and Jane Bell.

## **Flowers in Church – Brightons Ministry Centre**

The Flowers in Church today have been provided by Jean Meek.

Delivering the Flowers after today's service will be Lesley Baillie.

Delivering the Flowers after next week's service will be Jane Bell.

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

Linda Clarke, Laura Eckles, James Falconer, Kaiden Falconer, Jamie McIntosh, Susan McIntosh, Richard McManus, Neil Matheson, Jean Meek, Gayle Miller, Rena Moore, Heather O'Neill, Andrew Philp, Maralyn Stirling, the Welcome Team and the Choir.

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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 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
	11.00am	Sunday School Groups	Brightons Ministry Centre
	12.30pm	Ian Baillie Thanksgiving Tea	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.30pm	Holy Spirit Workshop	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	2.00pm	Guild	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Property Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Men's Book Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group (CA)	Offsite Event
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Sunday School Leaders Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Communications Team Meeting	Online Event
	7.30pm	Safeguarding Panel Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00am	Muiravonside Prayer Time	Muiravonside Building
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	2.00pm	Friendship Plus	Brightons Ministry Centre
	5.30pm	Bible Fun Club	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	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 16 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Thursday Live Prayer	Online Event

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Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	2.00pm	Long Covid Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	Men's Prayer Breakfast	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 19 <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
	11.00am	Sunday School Groups	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Young Adults Group	UBPC Manse