



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 Donald Meek.

Order of Service – Sunday 12th January 2025 (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-20 All people that on earth do dwell

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

Happy Old New Year!

We listen for God speaking to us

Hymn MP-445 Lord, the light of your love is shining

Scripture Reading: 1 John 2: 3-11

(Mike Kapusniak)

Hymn MP-1086 Light of the world, you stepped down

Message

(Donald Meek)

We ask for God's help and respond to Him

Hymn MP-338 In the cross of Christ I glory

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

(Rachel Meek)

Hymn MP-498 O God, our help in ages past

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.

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.

Janet Buchannan

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Janet Buchannan on 5th January. The funeral will take place at Falkirk Crematorium on Thursday 23rd January at 10.45am. Interment of ashes will take place at Slamannan Cemetery on Thursday 30th 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>.

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.

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.

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 13th January at 7.30pm in the Vestry worship at the Brightons Ministry Centre. All are welcome.

Men's Breakfast – 18th January 2025

Join us for the next Men's Breakfast on Saturday 18th 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.

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

Date	Time	Activity	Location
TODAY Sunday 12 th 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
	12.30pm	Ian Baillie Thanksgiving Tea	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.30pm	Holy Spirit Workshop	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 13 th 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 th 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 th 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 th January	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Thursday Live Prayer	Online Event

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Friday 17 th 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 th January	9.30am	Men's Prayer Breakfast	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 19 th 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
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Young Adults Group	UBPC Manse