



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.

Order of Service – Sunday 2nd February 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

Hymn CH4-103 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness (v1-2, 4)

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

We listen for God speaking to us

Scripture Reading: 1 John 2:28-3:10 (Sharon Mercado)

Hymn CH4-596 Breathe on me breath of God

Message

We ask for God's help and respond to Him

Hymn CH4-115 Love is the touch of intangible joy

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others (Gayle Miller)

Hymn CH4-519 Love divine, all loves excelling

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Doxology with May the God of peace go with us*

* 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.

Margaret Main

It is with sadness that we announced the passing of Margaret Main on 17th January. Margaret’s Funeral Service will take place on Monday 10th February which will be a private family service. Please remember Margaret’s sons, Tom and Bill, and their families in your prayers at this time.

Joint Service

Please note that there will be a Joint Service at Brightons Ministry Centre on 16th February.

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

Thank You – Ian Baillie

Lesley and I would like to thank all who made my retiral as the Pastoral Assistant so special with the thanksgiving tea provided and the lovely gifts, flowers and cheque presented. It was good to see so many friends both old and new at the tea afterwards and I was truly overwhelmed by the generosity of the amount given in recognition of my service. I look forward to being back amongst the worshipping congregation in the not too distant future and send every blessing to one and all.

World Day of Prayer 2025

The World Day of Prayer this year will be held at Wallacestone Methodist Church on the 7th March 2025 at 7.00 p.m. and will be led by the Rev Adam J Stevenson. The theme this year is "I Made You Wonderful" written by the Christian women of the Cook Islands. All are welcome.

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>

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 2 nd February	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
Monday 3 rd February	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group (K)	Offsite Event
Tuesday 4 th February	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	UBPC Ministry Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Community Outreach Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Gender Based Violence Team Meeting	Off Site Event
Wednesday 5 th February	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	1.30pm	Guild	Shieldhill Building
	5.15pm	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 6 th February	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.45pm	Friends of Jesus Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer	Online Event

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Friday 7 th February	1.00pm	ASN Support Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 9 th February	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