



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 Brent Haywood.

Order of Service – Sunday 9th February 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 CH4-63 All people that on earth do dwell

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

We listen for God speaking to us

Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:11-24

(John McGarry)

Hymn CH4-465 Be Thou my vision

Message

We ask for God's help and respond to Him

Hymn CH4-580 Abide with me

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

(Rena Moore)

Hymn CH4-466 Before the throne of God above

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.

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.

Governance Policies

The Kirk Session have reviewed and updated our congregational governance policies. Most include minor changes from those previously in place, a couple contain more significant changes (Bribery & Procurement includes detail of budget management; Health and Safety now covers all four locations) and a final two are new policies (Vehicle Use & Lone Working). Please read the latter two if you use your own vehicle for church business or if you routinely work alone (either inside or outwith church premises). All policies are available on the Governance page of our website and policy booklets are available in both Ministry Centres should you wish to borrow and read a hardcopy. Copies can also be obtained by contacting the session Clerk.

The Guild

The next Guild Meeting at Brightons Ministry Centre will be Monday 10th February at 2.00pm. This will be led by Margaret Crawford from Busy Bee Crafts. All are welcome.

Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team is looking for six people who would be willing to do occasional visits in Slamannan and surrounding area to folk in the congregation who are mostly shut in. Volunteers would be “partnered up” with a specific person/family. If this could be you, please speak to our Pastoral Assistant Rev Monica MacDonald, or to Rev Scott Burton – contact details for both on the back of the news sheet

An Evening with Graham Kendrick

Graham Kendrick will be appearing at Falkirk Trinity Church at 7.00pm on Friday 28th March. Tickets at £18 each and are available from the Office or online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/falkirk-trinity-church/t-norklxx>

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 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
	11.00am	Sunday School Groups	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 10 th February	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Guild	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group (CA)	Offsite Event
Tuesday 11 th February	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 12 th February	10.00am	Wednesday Book Group	Off Site Event
	10.00am	Braes Chaplaincy Meeting	Off Site Event
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	1.30pm	Rendezvous	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 13 th February	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer	Online Event
Friday 14 th February	6.15pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 16 th February	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	All-Age Joint Morning Service Live Streamed	Brightons Ministry Centre
	12.30pm	Pastoral Visitors Lunch	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Bible Study	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Young Adults Group	UBPC Manse