



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 by Rev. Jim Cowan.**

Order of Service – Sunday 13th April 2025 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices (Jean Meek)

Gathering Moment with MP – 38 As we are gathered

The Choir: 'Hosanna, loud hosanna'

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-1221 Praise is rising

Hymn MP-1087 Lord, I come before your throne of grace

All Together Time

Hymn JP139 Jesus' love is very wonderful

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

Scripture Readings: Luke 23:44-49 (Page 1062)

John 19:28-30 (Page 1088)

(Maralyn Stirling)

Prayer for Others

(Caroline Whittit)

Hymn MP-835 Great is the darkness

Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP-296 I stand amazed

Benediction and Threefold Amen

**The words to the Lord's Prayer will appear on screen.*

***We have an Easter Kids' Club for children aged 5-11,
as well as a creche room available for those under 5.***

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 Easter Kids’ Club or creche. Families are welcome to accompany them if they wish.

Easter Kids’ Club

Please register and gather in the hall at 10.45am where there will be a craft/activity which will relate to the theme. We will also give out name badges and the children will come into the sanctuary for 11am and then back to the halls for Kid’s Club. Please can guardians and carers collect children at the end of the service from the hall. The age range of the material being used fits ages 5 up to 11. The theme for Sunday 13th April is “An Unusual King enters Jerusalem” The Bible Story is from Mark 11: 1-11. The message is Jesus does things in unexpected ways. He is Lord.

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.

Teaching Series up to Easter

From 23rd March, we will be exploring the 7 sentences of Jesus as He hung upon the cross and then His risen words on Easter Sunday. We pray that this series will help us appreciate the Cross afresh and prepare our hearts as we journey towards Easter. At Slamannan today, Brent Haywood will be preaching.

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. Please email: info@upperbraes.org.uk for Zoom login details.

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.

Minister’s and Youth Development Workers’ Holidays

Please note that Scott and Caroline will be on holiday from 7th – 13th April inclusive. For any pastoral needs, please speak to Monica and for any congregational needs, please speak to Judith.

Donations for Myanmar Earthquake Appeal

As intimated last week, there will be an opportunity for anyone who wishes to donate to the Myanmar Earthquake appeal. Donations can be made either by cash or through the contactless device available at the front vestibule of Brightons Ministry Centre selecting ‘Retiring Collection’.

Church Offering Standing Orders

If you wish to set up a Standing Order for your weekly offerings then please speak with either Sharon Glass or Pat Paterson who will arrange this for you. Thankyou.

For Your Prayers

Please remember the family of Mrs Barbara Scobbie who passed away on 1st April, particularly her son, Graham, grandchildren and sister, Grace Douglas.

Also, please remember the family of Gabriel Johnstone who passed away on 3rd April, particularly his son, Alan, and daughter, Jean.

Private funeral services have taken place this week for both.

Funeral – Andrew Jamieson

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Andrew Jamieson on 7th April. Please remember his wife Susan and daughters Lesley and Gail in your prayers at this time. The Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday 23rd April at 11.00am at Brightons Ministry Centre and burial service after at 11.45am at Polmont Old Cemetery.

Holy Week Services

Please note the Good Friday Service will be held at Brightons Ministry Centre on 18th April at 7.00pm. There will also be services at Polmont Old Church on Wednesday 16th April at 7.00pm and Laurieston Church on Thursday 17th April at 7.00pm.

Safeguarding Training – Provisional Date

It is hoped that a Safeguarding Introductory Training course will be hosted here on Saturday 17th May starting at 10am and lasting about 2 hours. This is for anyone who has not attended a training course since joining the PVG scheme, or who last attended a course more than 3 years ago and needs to attend a refresher course. If this applies to you, please note the date and give your name to Eileen Hope to reserve a place. You can do this in person or e mail:

safeguarding@upperbraes.org.uk.

Friendship Plus

The next meeting of Friendship Plus will be on Wednesday 16th April at 2.00pm in Brightons Ministry Centre. All are welcome.

Easter Cards

Easter Cards from Faith Mission Bookshop are now available to buy from the card stall in the Heriot Hall after Sunday services in the Brightons Ministry Centre.

Prison Outreach at Easter

At Easter, Upper Braes Parish Church sends an Easter Card together with a small Easter egg to all the inmates at the local HMP/YOI at Polmont. At present there are 600 inmates there. To cover the cost of these gifts, roughly £260, we would invite you, our church family, to consider donating £1 (a suggestion). Should you wish to donate the wooden donation box and contactless device can be found in the front vestibule at the Brightons Ministry Centre.

Articles for Connect

Please can you send articles for the summer edition of Connect to Margaret Sim at connect@upperbraes.org.uk by Sunday 20th April. Look forward to hearing from all the teams. Thank you.

Tea and Coffee Rota

If you would like to be part of the Refreshment Team. Please speak to Maralyn Stirling. Your help would be very much appreciated. A great way to get to know more of your church family! Also, all donations given for your after-church cuppa will go to Tearfund.

Pastoral Visitors Needed

The Pastoral Care Team is looking for ONE person 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.

Volunteers for Creche

We are looking to restart the crèche in the small hall as we did prior to COVID times to let parents return to the service. This would be on a 4 weekly rota basis to help with the care of our under 3s. I am looking for at least 8 helpers to accommodate this. We are also looking for an additional helper for the junior section (P2 to p4). If you hear god calling you to either of these posts please get in touch with Alie Drackford at sundayschool@upperbraes.org.uk

Fund-raiser for Strathcarron Hospice's Big Birthday Tea - 44 years old!

A warm invitation is extended to you to come along to Brightons Ministry Centre Halls on Friday, 25th April at 10.30am - 1pm and enjoy sharing fellowship over a cup of tea or coffee and savour some home baking and support the marvellous work Strathcarron provides in the community. Donations of baking would be gratefully accepted. I will be setting up an online fundraising page and will share details next week. Thank you. Maralyn Stirling.

Friends of Jesus Group Fundraiser

Please put Wednesday, 14th May, 7pm in your calendar. Friends of Jesus group would love you to join them for an evening of fun and entertainment with 'the People's Puppets'. It will be a show suitable for adults and children of all ages. Entry will be by donation and all proceeds will go to support the work of Prospects Across Scotland. Thanks.

Golf Outing

The next church golf outing will be held at Binny Golf Club, Ecclesmachan, Broxburn, West Lothian, EH52 6NL on Thursday 29th May. Please contact Billy Rankine if you're interested in playing. Billyrankine@btinternet.com or 07860527899.

Tea and Coffee – Brightons Ministry Centre

13th April – Eileen Hope, Jim Hope, Ian Lawson, Maralyn Stirling.

20th April – Alex Davis, Eileen McArdle, Jane Bell, Jim Kerr.

Flowers in Church

The Flowers in Church today have been provided by Lesley and Ian Baillie.

Delivering the Flowers after today's service will be Kathleen Frew.

Delivering the Flowers after next week's service will be Sheila Colebrook.

Thanks to all those who contributed in different ways

Jim Cowan, Jean Meek, Judith Norton, Heather O'Neill, Maralyn Stirling, Caroline Whittit, the Praise Band, the AV Team, the Choir and the Welcome Team.

Minister	Rev Scott Burton	On holiday 7th-13th April inclusive.
Pastoral Assistant	Rev Monica MacDonald	☎: 07833 102874 monica.macdonald@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Friday
Youth Development Worker	Caroline Whittit	On holiday 7th-13th April inclusive.
Session Clerk	Judith Norton	☎: 07919 998300 sessionclerk@upperbraes.org.uk
Safeguarding Coordinator	Eileen Hope	safeguarding@upperbraes.org.uk
Church Office	☎: 713855	info@upperbraes.org.uk
Church Website		www.upperbraes.org.uk
Newsheet Notices	Heather O'Neill	☎: 07745 564094 newsheet@upperbraes.org.uk heather.oneill5@btinternet.com

The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

Date	Time	Activity	Location
TODAY Sunday 13 th April	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	Easter Kids' Club	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Fellowship Group (T)	Off Site Event
	7.45pm	Young Adults Group	UBPC Manse
Monday 14 th April	10.00am	UBPC Ministry Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Fellowship Group (A1)	Off Site Event
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group (K)	Off Site Event
Tuesday 15 th April	7.00pm	Fellowship Group (A2)	Off Site Event
Wednesday 16 th April	10.00am	Muiravonside Prayer Time	Muiravonside Building
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	2.00pm	Friendship Plus	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Holy Week Service	Polmont Old Parish Church
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 17 th April	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Holy Week Service	Laurieston Parish Church
Friday 18 th April	2.00pm	Long Covid Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Good Friday Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
Saturday 19 th April	2.00pm	Easter All Age Event	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 20 th April	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	All Age Morning Service Live Streamed	Brightons Ministry Centre

Men's Breakfast & Fellowship

“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity”

Saturday 17th May 9:30am-11:30am



Guest Speaker Andy Brady



For Info contact ~ Richard T: 07939315652

E: haywoori@hotmail.co.uk

T: Scott :07739838784

E: scott.burton@churchofscotland.org.uk

Brightons Ministry Centre of

Upper Braes Parish Church

Main St, Brightons, Falkirk FK2 0JT

Psalm 133:1

The Blessings of True Unity