



# 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 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 (11.00am)**

*We offer ourselves to God in worship*

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment

**The Choir: ‘Praise Him, Praise Him’**

Call to Worship

**Hymn MP-1024 All my days I will sing**

**Hymn MP-809 Blessed be the name of the Lord**

All Together Time

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

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

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading: Galatians 3:23-4:7 (page 1170)

(Margaret Scott)

Prayer for Others

(David MacAskill)

**Hymn MP-582 Rock of ages, cleft for me**

Message

*We respond to God*

**Hymn MP-473 My hope is built on nothing less (v1,3-4)**

Benediction and Threefold Amen

*\* The words for the Lord’s Prayer will appear on screen, if you find these helpful.*

*\*\*We have Sunday groups for children and young people up to S4,  
as well as a creche space available for those under 3.\*\**

*Refreshments are available after 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 the service or to go out to the various Youth Church groups. Families are welcome to accompany them if they wish.

### **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.

#### ➤ **Please Remember in your Prayers**

Please remember Jean and Tom Risk in your prayers following the sudden passing of Hazel last weekend. Hazel was a member of the Friends of Jesus Group here at Upper Braes Parish Church.

#### ➤ **Evening Service Music Playlist**

If you enjoyed the music playlist that was used in the background during the prayer stations and want to listen to it again, the full playlist can be found <https://tinyurl.com/feb26evening> or using this QR code.



#### ➤ **Communion retiring collection - an opportunity to support our neighbours**

The retiring collection after Communion on Sunday 1st March will be for Martha's Pantry, an outreach ministry within the Upper Braes Parish to households in Slamannan and Limerigg. It offers a dignified food response, cooking classes and pastoral support to people in need. Please give what you can to support our neighbours.

#### ➤ **Thrive Sunday - 22 March**

After our first "Help Slamannan Thrive" service, lunch and discussion we are going to repeat it on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March to give us another opportunity to input into the way forwarding, building on the dreams, ideas and proposals already gathered. Please put the date in the diary and join us to see Slamannan Thrive!

## Volunteering opportunities



#### ➤ **Stick drama**

We are potentially performing another stick drama piece at Easter. Would you like to join the team and be part of the performance? If you are interested or want more information, please speak to Cammy Dick.

### **Youth Church – Beginners and Juniors**

Beginners and Juniors are both looking for helpers to join the rota and assist the group. For Beginners, please speak to Maggy, Alie or Gillian for more info. For Juniors, please speak with Edna or Alison for more info.

## **Volunteer Opportunity at Braes High School**

Scripture Union at Braes High School is looking for a committed volunteer to help lead our Monday lunchtime group during term time. The role involves giving short talks, building positive relationships with young people, and helping the young people grow in their faith. We're seeking someone who can attend most Mondays and has a heart for supporting young people. To apply or find out more, contact Caroline at [cwhittit@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:cwhittit@churchofscotland.org.uk)

## **Volunteer Sunday Drivers Needed**

With rising costs, we are working towards reducing the Sunday minibus from Shieldhill to the first Sunday from April onwards. In anticipation of this, we are looking for 6-8 drivers to give 1 Sunday a month to pick up and return up to 4 church members each (8 people total) from Shieldhill for worship. If you can help, please let Scott or Judith know.

## **Pre 5's**

Do you have some spare time on a Tuesday morning between 09.00 and 11.00? We are in need of more helpers, men or women, on a rota basis. It would involve helping with snacks and speaking to the parents and carers who attend. If you are interested please speak to either James Falconer or Jim Dick, many thanks.

## **Upcoming events**



### **Sunday Morning 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.

#### ➤ **Guild**

Please note that the next Guild Meeting will be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 2.00pm.

#### ➤ **Kirk Session**

Please note that the next Kirk Session Meeting will be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7.15pm in the Small Hall at Brightons Ministry Centre.

### **Half Hour Church Service**

The next half hour Thursday service will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30am in Brightons Ministry Centre, with the sacrament of Holy Communion.

#### ➤ **Thursday Evening Live Prayer**

Curious about how to pray in a simple, real way? Wondering what is prayer about and why we would do it? Or, sensing a call to deepen your prayer life, to encounter God and His heart for the world? This Thursday at 8pm we are gathering for 1 hour, to grow and practice praying for God's Kingdom to come in our patch of the earth. You are welcome. Each meeting we will follow a theme of the prayer course from 24/7 and practice using what we learn in a safe and gentle way. This week the focus is petition: prayer that connects us to God in our daily lives.

## **Alpha Course**

We intend to begin an Alpha Course on Wednesday 4th March in "The Cross" at Brightons Cross, beginning at 7.00 p.m. Anyone interested should contact either Scott or Tom and Annabella Nimmo. Sign-up sheets are available at the front and rear doors.

## **Seniors Lunch Club – Slamannan Ministry Centre**

The first Senior's Lunch Club of 2026 in Slamannan Ministry Centre will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026. The next one will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April. After that it will be held on the first Wednesday of each month with a break in July and August. Cost is £5 for a main course and a pudding. Booking is essential - please contact Linda McGarry on 01324-851840.

## **Mission Calling Workshop – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, BMC, 1-4.30pm**

Come for a time of equipping, conversation and prayer to help you discern where God might be leading in this season of change. The aim is to give space and resources to support a way forward for each of us into mission in 2026. Sign-up sheets the doors.

## **World Day of Prayer Service**

Join us on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 3pm at the Brightons Ministry Centre, as we gather with the Braes Churches to mark the World Day of Prayer with material for the service crafted by women from Nigeria. The theme this year is "I will give you rest: come". An alternative day and time were arranged this year in the hope of enabling more to attend. We also will use a format of service more like our normal services, but still drawing on parts of the material prepared, so that we learn of needs, issues, hopes and prayers of the Church in Nigeria and its wider nation, but in a style more readily accessed in our context. Feel free to bring a friend or two.

## **Embrace the Middle East – Evening Service Guest Speakers**

With our Galatians series taking us into theological issues such as ancient and modern Israel, we have organised an additional evening service for 15<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30pm at BMC, to hear from guest speakers of *Embrace the Middle East*. They are a Christian development charity, partnering with Christians in the Middle East to transform lives and restore the dignity of the most excluded and marginalised communities. Their goal is to contribute to a culture of human flourishing in a troubled region, such that their vision is to see love in action, following Jesus' invitation to care for those most in need.

## **Daffodil Tea – Everyone Welcome! Entry £5**

You're warmly invited to join us for a Fundraising Daffodil Tea at Slamannan Ministry Centre on Saturday 28th March, from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Come along and enjoy a cuppa, some tasty treats, and good company, all while supporting our Local Mission Church. All proceeds will go directly to the mission of our congregation, and your support will be very much appreciated. Home baking would be very much welcomed. Please feel free to bring a friend — we'd love to see you there!



## The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church



TODAY Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service (also online)	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Youth Church	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	6.30pm	Evening Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Guild	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Missional Listening Workshop	Brightons Ministry Centre
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.15pm	Kirk Session Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	8.45am	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.00am	Braes Ministry Get Together	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	5.45pm	GB Juniors/Explorers	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Alpha Course	Off Site Event
	7.30pm	GB Brigaders	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
8.00pm	Huddle Catch Up	Brightons Ministry Centre	
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.30am	Half Hour Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.00pm	Thursday Live Prayer In Person	Brightons Ministry Centre
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	6.00pm	BB Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service (Live Streamed)	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Youth Church	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.15pm	Youth Fellowship	Brightons Ministry Centre