



UPPER BRAES PARISH CHURCH

We seek to invite,
encourage and
enable people to
follow Jesus Christ.

**Welcome! We join together to worship God in the
Name of Jesus Christ. Our service to God is led by Rev. Scott Burton.**

Order of Service – Sunday 4th May 2025 (11.00am)

Gathering Moment with **Mission Praise 38 - As we are gathered***
(stand as Bible brought in)

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

Hymn: Old 100th (All creatures)

Hymn: Mission Praise 1040 – Come now is the time to worship

All Together Time: Give Thanks

Hymn: Mission Praise 881 – Lord I lift Your name on high

Scripture Readings: Exodus 3:1-5, 9-10, 13-14 (Kelly Templeman)

All Age Message

Hymn: Mission Praise 998 – Jesus, what a beautiful name

Prayer of Response and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Mission Praise 870 – Jesus is the name we honour

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Doxology: 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 our all-age joint service today.

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.

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.

Teaching Series up to Summer Break

From 27th April, we will be exploring the 10 Commandments from the Old Testament. We pray that this series will help us appreciate the timeless relevance of these words and how they are still to shape our lives to God’s glory. Today, Rev. Scott Burton will be preaching.

St Margaret’s Service

There will be a service at 2.00pm this afternoon at St Margaret’s Care Home. All are welcome to come along.

Returning Information Request or Pastoral Support forms

Just a reminder to those who have received a letter from Judith, our Session Clerk, to return your Information Request or Pastoral Support forms if you haven't yet done so. Also, if anyone has any updates to be made to their contact/emergency contact details, or you would like Pastoral Support and may not have received a letter please let Judith know. Many thanks.

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.

Thank You

Thank you to all those who attended the fundraising coffee morning in aid of Strathcarron Hospice and contributed so generously. Over £700 was raised. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Men’s Book Group

The group will meet on Monday 5th May at 7.30pm in the Vestry at Brightons MC.

Bereavement Service – 11th May 2025

Our annual Bereavement Service will be held this year on Sunday, 11th May at 3pm in Brightons Ministry Centre led by Mr. Ian Baillie. All are very welcome to come along to this Service, whether your loss is recent or some time ago. Refreshments will be served in the Rankine Hall after the Service.

Safeguarding Training – Saturday 17th May

There will be an Introductory Safeguarding Training course at our Brightons Ministry Centre 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 email safeguarding@upperbraes.org.uk.

Joint Youth Prayer Time – Thursday 5th June 7.30pm

In partnership with Maddiston Community Church, but open to all churches in the Braes area, the local youth workers will lead a time of prayer in the Brightons Ministry Centre for young people and particularly Braes High School. We've been encouraged by the growing Scripture Union Group and other young people coming to church, but this must be underpinned by prayer – so please join us! Refreshments from 7pm.

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.

Slamannan Baby Basket Ministry needs stock!

It has been customary over the years to make up a hamper for newborns in the villages of Slamannan and Limerigg (formerly the Slamannan Parish). This has been part of an outreach ministry to young parents. Now stocks of knitted baby clothes and other items like vests, baby sleepwear – everything really, is seriously low. Anyone who enjoys knitting is invited to help us to keep this ministry to young parents going. For further information, please contact Monica MacDonald. Her contact details are on the back of this news sheet.

Volunteers for Creche

We are looking to restart the crèche in the small hall at our Brightons Ministry Centre, 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

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

11th May – Tom Nimmo, Edna Oliver, Jim Kerr, Ian Lawson

Flowers in Church – Brightons Ministry Centre

Maralyn Stirling will provide flowers next week, in loving memory of her husband, Jim.

Delivering the Flowers after next week's service will be Maralyn Stirling.

Thanks to all those who contributed in different ways

Neil Matheson, Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, Kelly Templeman, the Praise Band, the A/V team, the Welcome team.

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 4 th May	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Joint Service	Slamannan Primary School
	2.00pm	St Margaret's Service	St Margaret's Care Home
	7.00pm	Fellowship Group (Ian Lawson)	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Young Adults Group	UBPC Manse
Monday 5 th May	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Men's Book Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group (CA)	Off Site Event
Tuesday 6 th May	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Local Mission Church Leadership Team	Off Site Event
	7.30pm	Sunday School Leaders Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	GBV Meeting	Off Site Event
Wednesday 7 th May	9.30am	Youth Project Management Team Meeting	Off Site Event
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	5.15pm	Bible Fun Club	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Communications Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 8 th May	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.45pm	Friends of Jesus Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Prayer	Online Event
Friday 9 th May	6.15pm	BB Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 11 th May	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
	3.00pm	Bereavement Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.30pm	Holy Spirit Workshop	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Fellowship Group (T)	Off Site Event