



UPPER BRAES PARISH CHURCH

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

Welcome! We join in the sanctuary to worship God in the Name of Jesus Christ. Our service to God is led today by Rev Jim Cowan.

Order of Service – Sunday 11th May 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 MP-1087 Lord, I come before your throne of grace

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

We listen for God speaking to us

Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:8-11; 31: 12-16

(Mike Kapusniak)

Hymn MP-251 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

(Annabella Nimmo)

We ask for God's help and respond to Him

Hymn MP-275 I heard the voice of Jesus say

Message

Hymn MP-1008 The Lord's my Shepherd

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.

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 at Brightons Ministry Centre, Rev Scott Burton will be preaching.

Bereavement Service – TODAY

Our annual Bereavement Service will be held this year will take place TODAY 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.

Holiday of Pastoral Assistant

Monica is on holiday from 13th-27th May inclusive. In her absence, please reach out to Scott or Judith with queries and needs, in particular if there are pastoral updates or requests.

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.

Links Related to the Message Today

As part of his research for the message today, Scott came across the following links, which might be helpful (especially for families) in applying the principles raised. Whilst most are written from a particular context, there are some useful ideas to explore – so don't be completely put off by the titles of the links/blogs:

www.desiringgod.org/articles/should-christians-keep-the-sabbath

www.desiringgod.org/articles/sabbath-for-moms

<https://tinyurl.com/acorns-sabbath>

<https://tinyurl.com/sabbath-kids>

<https://bridgetown.church/sabbath>

General Assembly – Beginning 17th May 2025

Each year around 400 Ministers and Elders from across the Church of Scotland meet across Saturday to Thursday to discuss the way forward for the denomination. Reports are available, as well as a live stream – you may wish to consider reading and/or watching. These can be found: <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/about-us/general-assembly/general-assembly-2025>

Update on The Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

Presbytery have provided us with an update on the above bill which will be debated in the Scottish Parliament on Tuesday 13 May at Stage One. We are all encouraged to write to our MP and share our own views with them before the debate. Paper copies of the update and details of how to write to our MP are available in the vestibules of both Ministry Centres. An email with this information has also been issued to the usual church family email distribution list. If you are not on this list and would like to be added please see Judith.

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.

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.

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 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 Worship and Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Fellowship Group T	Off Site Event
Monday 12 th May	11.00am	UBPC Ministry Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Property Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Fellowship Group A1	Off Site Event
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group K	Off Site Event
Tuesday 13 th May	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Fellowship Group A2	Off Site Event
	7.30pm	Missional Conversations Workshop	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 14 th May	10.00am	Wednesday Book Group	Off Site Event
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	5.15pm	Bible Fun Club	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	6.30pm	Friends of Jesus Group Fundraiser Event	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 15 th May	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Prayer	Online Event
Friday 16 th May	11.00am	Wallacestone Primary Visit P3	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Long Covid Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company	Brightons Ministry Centre
Saturday 17 th May	9.30am	Men's Breakfast	Brightons Ministry Centre

Sunday 18 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
	7.45pm	Young Adults Group	UBPC Manse