



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 11th May 2025 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment with **MP-38 As we are gathered**

Call to Worship

Hymn – Hymn of the Saviour

Hymn MP-1019 You are my strength

All Together Time: Moving Up Presentations

Hymn JP–252 The wise man built his house upon the rock

Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:26-28, 31; 2:1-3 (pages 3-4) (George Mann)

The Choir: 'I need Thee every hour'

Prayer for Others (Jason Glass)

Hymn MP-626 Teach me Thy way

Message

Hymn MP-1346 One more step along the world I go (v1-2, 4-5)

Benediction & Threefold Amen

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

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

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 various Sunday School groups. Families are welcome to accompany them if they wish. There is a creche room for children under three, where the service is live streamed.

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 at Slamannan Ministry Centre, Rev Jim Cowan 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: 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.

Summer Kids Club / Summer Teens Club

Over the school holidays we will run another Summer Kids Club during the Sunday worship service in the Brightons Church Halls. If you would like to serve God helping in this capacity please speak to Heather Haywood - we are hoping for a small team who can offer to be fairly consistent over the 7 Sundays from the end of June - for those not usually involved in the term time rota.

Door duty for services and funerals held in Brightons Ministry Centre (BMC)

We're looking for more volunteers to join the current duty team in BMC so we have representation across all the legacy congregations. This would involve being added to the monthly rota to cover front or rear door duty and/or helping with the count on a Sunday morning. It would also involve, subject to your availability, carrying out door duty at the occasional evening, Christmas, Easter or adhoc service and at funerals. Training, including fire evacuation procedures, will be provided. Please speak to Judith Norton if you're interested or would like more information.

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.

Tea and Coffee – Brightons Ministry Centre

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

18th May – Peter Arkless, June Arkless, Pauline O'Rorke, Alison Cassells.

Flowers in Church – Brightons Ministry Centre

The Flowers in the Church this week are provided by in loving memory of her husband, Jim.

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

Delivering the Flowers after next week's service will be Frances McCabe.

Thanks to all those who contributed in different ways

Jason Glass, George Mann, Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, the Praise Band and Organist, the A/V team, the Welcome team and the Refreshments Team.

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

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