



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 Jim Hope.

Order of Service – Sunday 18th 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-94 Come let us sing of a wonderful love

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

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:17–25; 6:1–3

(Linda McGarry)

Hymn MP-495 O for a heart to praise my God

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

(Eileen Hope)

Hymn MP-463 May the mind of Christ my Saviour

Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP-133 Father I place into Your hands

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. Zoom only for Thursday 22nd May.

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, Brent Haywood will be preaching.

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.

Please Remember in your Prayers

The family of Mr James Pearce who passed away on 6th May. Formerly Shieldhill, James was latterly in Abbeyfield House, Stirling. James' funeral will be held on Friday 30th May 2025 at 12.30pm in Brightons Ministry Centre followed by the committal service at Falkirk Crematorium at 1:45pm. Please keep James' son Stephen and wider family in your prayers. Also, Mrs Marion Arthur, of Slamannan passed away on 8th May. Funeral arrangements are still to be confirmed. Please remember Marion's son, daughters and wider family in your prayers.

Thank You

Roy and Marion Graham would like to thank the Church family for all the kindness, cards and enquiries they have received following the sudden passing of Roy's younger brother, John. The prayers and kindness have been greatly appreciated.

Friends of Jesus Fundraiser

A big thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event to raise funds for the work of Prospects Across Scotland. We raised nearly £450.00. If anyone who was unable to attend would still like to make a donation then please speak to Wendy Dick or Norma Thompson. Thank you.

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.

Seniors Lunch Club

Please note that the next Seniors Lunch will take place on Wednesday 21st May at Slamannan Ministry Centre at 12.30pm. All are welcome.

Friendship Plus

The next Friendship Plus Meeting will take place on Wednesday 21st May at 2.00pm at Brightons Ministry Centre. This will be an Afternoon Tea to close the current session and all are welcome.

Kirk Session Meeting

Please note that the next Kirk Session Meeting will take place on Tuesday 27th May at 7.15pm in the small hall at Brightons Ministry Centre.

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.

Alpha Course Starting 18th June at The Cross

We are delighted to be starting an Alpha course shortly, with 2 weeks running before the summer break on 18th and 25th June. It will run from The Cross café at 7.30pm. With a mixture of videos and discussion, Alpha is a great way to gain an (re)introduction to the Christian faith and have space to ask questions. If you, or someone you know, are interested then please let Scott, Judith or Tom and Annabella Nimmo know. Useful for members, sceptics, seekers and all!

Minutes of Committee Meetings

The Minutes for the Kirk Session, Pastoral Care Team, Communications Team, Community Outreach Team and Local Mission Church Leadership Team have been uploaded to the Church website and copies are also available in the foyer at both Ministry Centres.

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 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
	7.45pm	Young Adults Group	UBPC Manse
Monday 19 th May	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Discipleship Team Meeting	Off Site Event
	7.00pm	Fellowship Group CA	Off Site Event
Tuesday 20 th May	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.30pm	Sunday School Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 21 st May	10.00am	Muiravonside Prayer Time	Muiravonside Building
	12.30pm	Seniors Lunch Club	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	2.00pm	Friendship Plus	Brightons Ministry Centre
	5.15pm	Bible Fun Club	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 22 nd May	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Prayer	Online Event (Zoom only)
Friday 23 rd May	6.15pm	BB Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 25 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
	6.30pm	Evening Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Fellowship Group T	Off Site Event