



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 25th May 2025 (11.00am)

Welcome and Notices

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

The Choir: 'Let the beauty of Jesus'

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-770 Will your anchor hold

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Boys' Brigade

Presentations and Awards

(Colin Heggie)

BB Video of the Year

Hymn – I'm following the King

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:21-22, 43-48 (pages 969-970)

Boys' Brigade

All Age Message

Hymn MP-987 Here is love vast as the ocean

Prayer for others

Hymn MP-1094 Men of faith rise up and sing

Benediction & Threefold Amen

The National Anthem

Colour Party Leaves – please remain standing

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

We have Sunday groups for children and young people up to S4, except no group for P5-P7 today, and we have a creche space 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 the 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.

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.

Retiring Offering – Communion Service

There is a retiring offering next week at the Communion Service for the work of Christian Aid. Cash or contactless payments can be given on the way in or out to support the vital work of this charity.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

The family of Mr John Pearce who passed away on 6th May. Formerly Shieldhill, John was latterly in Abbeyfield House, Stirling. John's 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 John's 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.

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, Jill Dickson will be preaching.

Links Related to Today's Message

Due to time and context, it will not be possible to share deeply on some important topics related to the Commandment we are looking at today in the all-age message. As such, here are a few links from Scott to provide further biblical input to a particular social debate at present:

<https://christianconcern.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/CC-Resource-Booklet-Euthanasia-and-Assisted-Suicide-200828.pdf>

<https://care.org.uk/uploads/blocks/Peter-Saunders-What-does-the-Bible-say-about-euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide.pdf>

https://www.christian.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Assisted_suicide_briefing_202410.pdf

Delivery of Remaining Connect Magazines and Electronic Copies

There are some bundles of magazines to be delivered still, some of which are for care homes - these can be simply handed to office staff with the covering note provided with the bundle. We also remind the church family that if not a member, please pick up a spare copy from the front or rear doors. Additionally, if anyone wishes to receive an electronic copy, then pass your email address and request to Scott or Judith.

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.

Half Hour Service – Thursday 29th May

There will be a Half Hour Service at Brightons Ministry Centre on Thursday 29th May at 11.30am. All are welcome.

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!

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. E mail address is summerkidsclub@upperbraes.org.uk.

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.

Tea and Coffee – Brightons Ministry Centre

25th May – Alison Cassells, Heather McManus, Yvonne Anderson.

1st June – Catherine McIntosh, Jamie McIntosh, Marie Burns, Maralyn Stirling.

Flowers in Church – Brightons Ministry Centre

The Flowers in the Church this week are provided by Winnie Patrick.

Delivering the Flowers after this week's service will be Lesley Baillie.

Delivering the Flowers after next week's service will be Jane Bell.

Thanks to all those who contributed in different ways

Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, the Boys' Brigade, the Praise Band and Organist, the A/V team, the Welcome Team and the Refreshments Team.

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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

Date	Time	Activity	Location
TODAY 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
	11.00am	Sunday School Groups	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.30pm	Evening Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Fellowship Group T	Off Site Event
Monday 26 th May	7.00pm	Fellowship Group A1	Off Site Event
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group K	Off Site Event
Tuesday 27 th May	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Fellowship Group A2	Off Site Event
	7.15pm	Kirk Session	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 28 th May	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	5.15pm	Bible Fun Club	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 29 th May	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.30am	Thursday Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Prayer	Online Event
Friday 30 th May	12.30pm	John Pearce Funeral Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 1 st June	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	Youth Fellowship	UBPC Manse