



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 Jill Dickson.

Order of Service – Sunday 25th 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 506 - How great Thou art

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

We listen for God speaking to us

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:17-26

(Janette Craig)

Hymn MP 51 - Be Thou my vision

Message

We ask for God's help and respond to Him

Hymn MP 31 - Amazing grace

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

(Richard McManus)

Hymn MP 560 - Praise my soul the King of heaven

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.

Retiring Offering – Communion Service

There is a retiring offering at the Communion Service next week 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 Brightons Ministry Centre, Rev Scott Burton will be preaching.

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

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 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
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
	7.45pm	Youth Fellowship	UBPC Manse