



# 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 Jim Cowan.**

## **Order of Service – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (6.30pm)**

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment and Call to Worship

**Hymn MP- 1116 There is a higher throne**

**Hymn MP-1221 Praise is rising**

**Hymn - Yet not I but through Christ in me**

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: John 15:1-9

(Jean Meek)

Message

### **Time of Prayer**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion during which we sing

**Hymn MP- 1076 Jesus, be the centre**

Sharing the Peace and Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Hymn MP- 1012 These are the days of Elijah**

Benediction and The Grace

## **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 this evening.

## **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](mailto: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](http://www.upperbraes.org.uk). You can download material from the website, see the calendar and news, as well as revisit previous sermons.

## **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.

## **Kirk Session Meeting**

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

## **Half Hour Service – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

There will be a Half Hour Service at Brightons Ministry Centre on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## **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.

## **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 Prayer Ministry Team.

<b>Minister</b>	Rev Scott Burton	☎: 341590 scott.burton@churchofscotland.org.uk <b>Sabbath on Friday 13:30 - Saturday 13:30</b>
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## The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
TODAY Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> May	7.00pm	Fellowship Group A1	Off Site Event
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group K	Off Site Event
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.30am	Thursday Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Prayer	Online Event
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	12.30pm	John Pearce Funeral Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> 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