



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 Monica MacDonald.

Order of Service – Sunday 1st June 2025 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices

(Judith Norton)

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

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-237 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty

All Together Time

Hymn MP-1040 Come, now is the time to worship

Hymn MP-881 Lord, I lift your name on high

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

Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:1–17 (Page 77-78)
Matthew 5:17-19, 27-30 (page 969)

(Judith Norton)

Message

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

(Monica MacDonald)

We respond to God

Words of Invitation

The Choir: We come as guests invited

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

during which we sing: **Hymn MP-64 Break Thou the bread of life**

Sharing the Peace and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn MP-51 Be Thou my vision

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Doxology: Oh may the God of heaven above

***We have Sunday groups for children and young people up to S4 and 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 who love the Lord are welcome to take Communion. ** 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 space 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. This week, there will be a Braes Youth Prayer Time at 7.30pm in the Brightons Ministry Centre.

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 – Today

There is a retiring offering today 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.

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 Scott Burton will be preaching.

Updated Privacy Notices for Upper Braes Parish Church

We'd like to draw your attention to the updated General Privacy Notice we have in place which outlines the way in which the Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale and Upper Braes Parish Church will use any personal information provided to us. Personal information includes any information that identifies you personally, such as your name, address, email address or telephone number. An electronic copy of this updated Notice is available on the Governance page of our website and a paper copy is displayed on the noticeboard in the hall vestibules of both Ministry Centres and in the Policy Master Files. If you have any questions, please see Judith Norton.

Men's Book Group

Please note that the next Men's Book Group will be on Monday 2nd June at 7.30pm in the Vestry at Brightons Ministry Centre.

Transport to Church – Can You Help?

The Pastoral Care team are looking for volunteers to take members to and from church. Many of our members are finding it difficult to come to church as they are no longer able to drive themselves, or they don't drive and have no family or friends who can bring them. We don't want them to miss out on their spiritual journey. If you can help in this matter, please speak to Sheila MacLennan, Sandra Anderson, Jean/Robert Callahan, who will be able to give more information.

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!

Huddle

Are you interested in growing and maturing as a disciple of Jesus? We are planning to start a Huddle group after the summer. Huddle seeks to develop our understanding and practices as disciples in relation to our church's Purpose and Values. A small group of 6-8 people allows individual and collective exploration in a safe environment. It does ask for a bit of a commitment: meeting every 2 weeks for about a year, but the journey is well worth it! If you feel prompted to enquire further please speak to Scott, Heather McManus or James Falconer by the end of June.

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

1st June – Catherine McIntosh, Jamie McIntosh, Ian Lawson, Maralyn Stirling.

8th June – Sandra Smillie, Bill Smillie, Norma Thompson, Karen Fulton.

Flowers in Church – Brightons Ministry Centre

The Flowers in the Church this week are provided by Jennifer Gallivan in loving memory of her Mum and Dad.

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

Delivering the Flowers after next week's service will be Anne Swinney.

Thanks to all those who contributed in different ways

Monica MacDonald, Jean Meek, Judith Norton, Heather O'Neill, AV Team, Organist, Praise Band, The Choir, Welcome Team and Refreshments Team.

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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

Date	Time	Activity	Location
TODAY 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
Monday 2 nd June	7.30pm	Men's Book Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group CA	Off Site Event
Tuesday 3 rd June	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	9.45am	Craig Harvie Funeral Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
Wednesday 4 th June	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	5.15pm	Bible Fun Club	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Preaching Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 5 th June	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Braes Youth Prayer Time	Brightons Ministry Centre
Friday 6 th June	1.00pm	ASN Support Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 8 th June	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
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