



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 Gayle Miller.

Order of Service – Sunday 13th July 2025 (10.30am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices (Judith Norton)

Gathering Moment with **MP 691 - This is the day**

Call to Worship (Gayle Miller)

Hymn – MP 1244 You are Holy (Prince of Peace)

Song - CH3 418 - Jesus Loves Me (Traditional)

All Together Time (Heather Haywood/SKC/STC)

Hymn – JP 94 If I were a butterfly

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139: 1-18 (Page 628) (Marion Zacks)

Video

Prayer for Others (Ewan Norton)

Hymn - MP 456 Make me a channel of your peace

Message (Emmanuel – God with us)

We respond to God

Song – MP 1036 Blessed be your name

Benediction and Threefold Amen

* The words for the Lord's Prayer will appear on screen, if you find these helpful *

** *We have a Summer Kids Club and Summer Teens Club 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 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. Today at Slamannan Ministry Centre, Rev Monica MacDonald will be preaching.

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 at 10.00am 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 via Zoom only (over summer). 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.

Summer Teaching Series

Over the summer weeks from 29th June, we will be exploring some of the names and attributes of God. Those chosen come from a new song we will also learn over the summer. We hope the teaching, with the aid of the song, will deepen our wonder, trust and devotion to our God and our Lord.

Letter to Congregation

A letter has been sent out to the congregation from the Kirk Session. Extra copies are available at the front and rear doors of both ministry centres. Please consider how you could help with any of the four opportunities this autumn.

Nomination of 2026-2027 Moderator

Presbytery have asked us to advise that the Committee to Nominate the Moderator is now accepting recommendations for the person who will be nominated as Moderator of the General Assembly in May 2026. After moderating the business of the General Assembly, the Moderator acts as the Church's ambassador during the following year, visiting Presbyteries, meeting and encouraging Church people in a variety of settings, and representing the Church at public events. You can access more information and the recommendation form (to be returned by 15th August) in the following article: <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/articles/nominations-are-open-for-the-2026-27-moderator>. Please keep the Committee in your prayers.

Blood Donor Service.

The Blood Donor Service will be at the Brightons Ministry Centre on Monday the 14th July from 1.00pm to 9.00pm. If you are able to donate please come along to help with this worthy cause

Brightons Ministry Centre – Starting 29th June:

Early Summer Service and Summer Kids/Teens Clubs

Over the weeks the school are closed, our Summer Kids and Teens Clubs will be ON for all of our young people from age 3 up to S4. Any young person can come along – occasionally or every time. We will gather in the Brightons Ministry Centre halls from 10.15am and then go into the **earlier summer** church service for a short time at 10.30am. We will finish up at the same time as the service. If you would like any more information, please contact Heather Haywood at:

summerkidsclub@brightonschurch.org.uk. **Please also note that our BMC morning prayer time will be 10.00-10.15am during the summer.**

Scott's Study and Summer Leave – 30th June to 3rd August

During this time, please contact Rev Monica MacDonald for pastoral support, or Judith Norton, our Session Clerk, for other church queries.

Alpha Course

Our Alpha course start back after the summer break. If you, or someone you know, are interested then please let Judith or Tom and Annabella Nimmo know.

Marthas Pantry Slamannan

The pantry needs more volunteers. Our existing team of volunteers do a great job, however, there are times that personal commitments, holidays, illness and caring mean people need to step back for a time. Volunteering at the pantry involves either a 90 minute session on a Monday preparing the pantry for the Wednesday. This is usually done by two volunteers from 10am to 11.30am. Or the second shift is a Wednesday from 12.45 to 3.45pm, when the pantry is open. You will greet people and help them as they select items. Full training is given. We need volunteers who can offer one shift a month or those who are happy to be called upon when we are struggling to complete the rota. Please talk to Lesley Mann or Rev. Monica MacDonald for more information. If you do not drive, we can try to arrange for you to be collected by another volunteer.

Youth Event - Magnitude 2025 - Lendrick Muir

On Monday 21st July a group of young people and youth leaders are going to the Scripture Union Magnitude Event. It is a festival-like event where we worship Jesus, hear practical and engaging teaching from the Bible, and respond to what He's saying to us. The main meeting is a safe space for us to encounter God, pray for one another and enjoy being a family. There will be other activities, seminars, workshops, an option to join in sports, or if chilling with a good book and a nice cup of coffee is more your vibe, there's a bunch of cafes on site where you can kick back and relax! A day pass is £40. If you would like to come along then speak to Caroline Whittit - contact details are on the back of newssheet!

Tea and Coffee – Brightons Ministry Centre

13th July - Tom Nimmo, Edna Oliver, Jim Kerr, Agnes Bruce.

20th July – Roy Graham, Marion Graham, Heather McManus, Yvonne Anderson.

Flowers in Church – Brightons Ministry Centre

The Flowers in the Church this week are provided by Sandra and Bill Smillie.

Delivering the Flowers after this week's service will be Denise Beggs.

Delivering the Flowers after next week's service will be May Kennedy.

Thanks to all those who contributed in different ways

Jean Meek, Gayle Miller, Ewan Norton, Judith Norton, Heather O'Neill, Marion Zacks, AV Team, Organist, Praise Band, Summer Kids Club and Summer Teens Club Team, Welcome Team and Refreshment Team.

Minister	Rev Scott Burton	On leave 30th June – 3rd August
Lead Pastoral Assistant	Rev Monica MacDonald	☎: 07833 102874 monica.macdonald@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Friday
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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

Date	Time	Activity	Location
TODAY Sunday 13 th July	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.30am	Morning Service Live Streamed	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.30am	Sunday Kids/Teens Club	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
Monday 14 th July	10.00am	UBPC Ministry Team Meeting	Off Site Event
Wednesday 16 th July	10.00am	Muiravonside Prayer Time	Muiravonside Church
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 17 th July	8.15pm	Thursday Live Prayer	Zoom only
Sunday 20 th July	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.30am	Morning Service Live Streamed	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.30am	Sunday Kids/Teens Club	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre