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 Brent Haywood

Order of Service – Sunday 3rd August 2025 (10.30am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices (Jean Meek)

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

Call to Worship

Hymn – MP1376 Worthy is the Lamb

Hymn – MP 1072 In Christ Alone

All Together Time (SKC - Brent Haywood)

Song - The Sticky Song

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer* (Brent Haywood)

Scripture Reading: John 1: 29- 36 (page 1063)
Revelation 5: 1-10 (page 1236) (Sandra Anderson)

Prayer for Others (Monica MacDonald)

Hymn – MP 396 Just as I am

Message (Brent Haywood)

We respond to God

Hymn – MP 975 Before the throne of God above

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.

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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 Summer Clubs. Families are welcome to accompany them if they wish. There is a creche space for children under three. Today at Slamannan Ministry Centre, Judith Norton will be preaching.

Message Today

Our message today is entitled 'Behold, the Lamb of God'; words spoken by John the baptiser in John chapter 1. As we look at those words we will be journeying through the Bible. You might want to have handy the following passages: Genesis 22; Exodus 12; Isaiah 53 and, most of all, Revelation 5.

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.

Muiravonside Building

We can now confirm that an offer above the asking price has been accepted by the General Trustees at 121 (Central Church Office). The offer is from a private buyer, so hopefully will proceed quickly. In time, we will be holding a closing service at Muiravonside which we hope you will join us for - more details of which will be shared in due course.

September Communion Card

If there are any upcoming dates for events from September onwards that should be included on the back page of the Communion Card please send them to Margaret Sim connect@upperbraes.org.uk by 3rd August.

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Nomination of 2026-2027 Moderator

Presbytery has 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.

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**.

Alpha Course

Our Alpha course starts 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 Slamannnan

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 Worker Half Day Training Session at Brightons Ministry Centre

If you're part of the Youth Work team at Upper Braes Parish Church or would like to be a youth worker, you're invited to a special half-day event on **Saturday 30th August** at the **Brightons Ministry Centre**, running from **9am to 1pm**. The session will be hosted by **Paul Beautyman** from Youth Work Journeys alongside **Caroline**, our Youth Development Worker. It's a chance to grow your skills, connect with others in youth ministry, and share best practice. Please let Caroline know if you'd like to attend - contact details are on the back of the Newssheet!

The Cross Café (next to Premier shop on the corner) is looking for volunteers. Just a couple of hours a week.

Mornings 10am till 1pm
Afternoons 1pm till 3pm

If you are interested, or would like to find out more, please contact Malcolm Field 01324 714946 https://wholenessthroughchrist.org.uk/shop

Forth Valley (FV) CAP - Summer Newsletter

FV CAP Debt centre was fully booked through May, June and July and already has a booking for August. Referrals are coming in thick and fast from a range of sources. Since the Spring Newsletter, another four people have gone debt free.

A word from Fiona (Forth Valley CAP Centre Manager)

Bookings over the last 12 months have consistently increased upon previous years and we are supporting more people than ever before. We currently have 27 people working with us and some of them are on an extremely low income. We've helped someone get a bed, bedding and a carpet, have redirected pre-loved clothes to a child who needed them and have done several foodbank referrals.

Thinking of taking on a challenge in the next 12 months?

If you're running a marathon, taking on a long walk or cycle or something similar, would you consider using it to raise funds for FV CAP? Approx. £8000 of our annual funding comes from one off gifts or fundraisers. CAP can provide you with a fundraiser pack and a Justgiving page. For more details on this, please speak to Roy Graham.

Newssheet – Next Week

Please note that Heather is on Holiday next week so please can you send all items for the Newssheet to newssheet@upperbraes.org.uk and Neil Matheson will pick these up. Thanks to Neil for covering this.

Tea and Coffee – Brightons Ministry Centre

3rd August – Monica MacDonald, George MacDonald, June Arkless, Peter Arkless.
10th August – Alex Davis, Jane Bell, Jim Kerr, Maralyn Stirling.

Flowers in Church – Brightons Ministry Centre

The Flowers in the Church this week are provided by Annet Sellar.
Delivering the Flowers after this week's service will be Nancy Lees.
Delivering the Flowers after next week's service will be Pat Paterson.

Thanks to all those who contributed in different ways

Sandra Anderson, Brent Haywood, Monica MacDonald, Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, AV Team, Organist, Praise Band, Summer Kids Club and Summer Teens Club Team, Welcome Team and Refreshment Team.

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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

Date	Time	Activity	Location
TODAY Sunday 3rd August	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 4th August	10.00am	UBPC Ministry Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Tuesday 5th August	7.30pm	Community Outreach Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 6th August	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.00pm	Huddle Catch Up	UBPC Manse
Thursday 7th August	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Prayer	Zoom Only
Sunday 10th August	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

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