



# 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. Sandra Mathers.**

## **Order of Service – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025 (11.00am)**

### *We offer ourselves to God in worship*

- Welcome and Notices (Jean Meek, Depute Session Clerk)  
Gathering Moment with MP 50 – Be still for the presence of the Lord (v1)  
Call to Worship (Rev. Sandra Mathers)  
Hymn: Mission Praise 64 – Praise to the Lord the Almighty  
All Together Time (Alie Drackford, Sunday School Coordinator)  
Song – Our God is a great big God

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

- Prayer and Lord's Prayer\*  
Introduction to new Teaching Series (Rev. Scott Burton)  
Scripture Reading: Revelation 1 (page 1233) (Alison Cassells)  
Hymn: Mission Praise 367 – Jesus is Lord  
Prayer for Others (Eileen Hope)  
Hymn: Mission Praise 1000 – King of kings, Majesty  
Message

### *We respond to God*

- Hymn: Mission Praise 200 – Great is Thy faithfulness  
Benediction and Threefold Amen

*\*The words to the Lord's Prayer will appear on screen.*

*\*\*We have Sunday groups for children and young people up to S4,  
as well as 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.

### **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, 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**

It is with sorrow that we share news of three recent bereavements. Please keep the families of Jenny, Roy and Archie in your prayers at this time.

Janet (Jenny) Campbell died on Thursday 7th August at Carrondale Care Home, aged 93. Jenny was a member of the Slamannan legacy congregation, but latterly stayed in Bonnybridge near her family before moving to the care home. Her funeral will be at Slamannan Ministry Centre on Thursday 21st August at 10am, and thereafter interment at Slamannan Cemetery.

Roy Morrison, husband to Annette, passed on Friday 8th August and the funeral will be a private family cremation.

Archie Orr died on 11th August. Archie was a member of the legacy Muiravonside congregation, and a past Elder and Session Clerk there. His funeral service will be held in Muiravonside Church on Wednesday 27th August at 2.00 pm and thereafter to Camelon Cemetery for the interment.

### **Upper Braes Church Calendar**

As we are about to start a new session at both ministry centres it would be good to keep both centres informed of all that is happening. If you are involved with any group or events please could you let me know dates and times so I can add them to the church calendar. Please contact Jim Dick via email at [lets@upperbraes.org.uk](mailto:lets@upperbraes.org.uk).

## **Current Teaching Series**

After our return from the summer break and up to the end of September, we have a six-part teaching series titled "The Unchanging God and the Call to Change". The messages around change will be given by Scott, with each ministry centre hearing the same message; these are shaped by some of the material from the Remissioning Course he undertook over the past year. The other half of the series will be covered by the preaching team and help ground us in the God who does not change. We pray that this series will help prepare our minds and hearts for the season ahead, and particularly the Church Conference later this term. At Slamannan Ministry Centre today, Rev. Scott Burton will be preaching.

## **Upcoming events**



### **Prayer Time at Muiravonside**

All are welcome to our time of prayer this Wednesday 20th August, 10am-11am, at our Muiravonside building. Come any time, for as little or long as you like. No pressure to pray out loud, plenty of space for quiet and reflection. This may be the last, or second last, opportunity before the building is sold.

### **Alpha Course**

Our Alpha course starts back on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August. If you, or someone you know, are interested then please let Judith, or Tom and Annabella Nimmo know.

### **Forth Together In Prayer – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 7.30pm**

Churches from across the Forth Valley area will be joining for prayer on 27<sup>th</sup> August in the Brightons Ministry Centre – all are welcome to attend and pray for local area, national and international needs. Various slots of prayer will be led by church leaders from the Falkirk Evangelical Leaders' Forum. Worship led by the UBPC band members.

### **Half Hour Service**

The next Half Hour Service is on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 11.30 am and this will also include Communion.

### **Youth Worker Half Day Training Session at Brightons Ministry Centre**

If you're part of the youth ministry at Upper Braes Parish Church or would like to be a youth volunteer, you're invited to a special half-day event on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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. A time to grow your skills, connect with others in youth ministry, and share best practice. Please let Caroline know if you'd like to attend.

### **Global Week of Prayer 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> September**

From 5 to 7 September, we invite the church family to join part of the Global Week of 24/7 Prayer. Countries from all over the world will be praying non-stop, lifting up the name of Jesus and asking God to move in our hearts and across the earth, and we're seeking to fill 48 hours with prayer here in the Upper Braes. To be part of this special time of prayer, sign up for an hour (or more) at the entrance doors of both ministry centres. For more information, contact Caroline Whittit.

## **World Day of Prayer Gathering – Saturday 20th September**

The World Day of Prayer Gathering this year will be held on Saturday 20th Sept at Park Church, Stirling from 10.30 - 3.30. The Theme is United in Prayer. It is an opportunity to join in Christian Fellowship, to look back on this year's service from the Cook Islands and to look forward to next year's WDP by the women from Nigeria in March 2026. Posters advising of the programme of events will be displayed in both ministry centres. An indication of numbers wishing to attend is required **by the end of August**, so if you are intending to go along, please write your name on the sign-up sheet next to the poster.

## **Seniors Lunch Club at Slamannan Ministry Centre**

The dates for this session's lunch clubs have now been set – please note them in your calendar!

### **2025**

September 10th  
October 8th  
November 5th  
December 3rd or 10th - tbc

### **2026**

March 4th  
April 8th  
May 6th  
June 3rd  
September 2nd  
October 7th  
November 4th  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>

## **Volunteering opportunities**



### **Martha's 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. 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.

### **Join the Bible Fun Club Team**

The Bible Fun Club meets every Wednesday term time, 5:15–6:30pm at Slamannan Ministry Centre for songs, prayer, crafts, and Bible stories with children from P1–P7. We're looking for volunteers who enjoy working with children and want to make a difference - no experience needed, training provided, with potential to grow into leadership. If interested, please contact Caroline Whittit.

**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, or 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>

## Rotas, thanks and contact details



### Tea and Coffee – Brightons Ministry Centre

17<sup>th</sup> August – Sandra Smillie, Bill Smillie, Karen Fulton, Alison Cassells.

24<sup>th</sup> August – Flaim Group.

### Flowers in Church – Brightons Ministry Centre

The Flowers in the Church this week are provided by:

John Kerr, in loving memory of Helen – and by Fiona McLuckie, remembering Mum and Dad, May and Scott Young.

Delivering the Flowers after this week's service will be Shona Forrest.

Delivering the Flowers after next week's service will be Kathleen Frew.

### Thanks to all those who contributed in different ways

Alison Cassells, Alie Drackford, Eileen Hope, Neil Matheson, Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, AV Team, Organist, Praise Band, Welcome Team and Refreshment Team.

<b>Minister</b>	Rev Scott Burton	☎: 341590 scott.burton@churchofscotland.org.uk <b>Sabbath on Friday 14:00 - Saturday 14:00</b>
<b>Lead Pastoral Assistant</b>	Rev Monica MacDonald	<b>On holiday 15-26 August inclusive.</b>
<b>Pastoral Assistant</b>	Gayle Miller	☎: 07720 256336 gayle.miller@churchofscotland.org.uk <b>Sabbath on Friday 16:00 - Saturday 16:00</b>
<b>Youth Development Worker</b>	Caroline Whittit	☎: 07848 480801 cwhittit@churchofscotland.org.uk <b>Sabbath on Saturday</b>
<b>Session Clerk</b>	Judith Norton	<b>On holiday 12-24 August inclusive.</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 17 <sup>th</sup> August	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service Live Streamed	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Sunday School Groups	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Young Fellowship	Brightons Ministry Centre Small Hall
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	9.00am	Pre 5s Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	9.30am	YDP Management Team Meeting	Off Site Event
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Missional Conversations Workshop	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00am	Muiravonside Prayer Time	Muiravonside Church
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	1.30pm	Friendship Plus Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Local Mission Church Leadership Team Meeting	UBPC Manse
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Prayer	Online Event
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	6.00pm	Games Night	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service Live Streamed	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Sunday School Groups	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre