



UPPER BRAES PARISH CHURCH

We seek to invite,
encourage and
enable people to
follow Jesus Christ.

Welcome! We join in the sanctuary to worship God in the Name of Jesus Christ. Our service to God is led today by Rev. Scott Burton

Order of Service – Sunday 17th August (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Gathering Moment with MP-38 As we are gathered*

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

Hymn CH4-173 Sing to God new songs of worship

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

We listen for God speaking to us and ask for His help

All Together Time: Discussion Question

Hymn CH4-43 O God, You are my God alone

Intro to new Teaching Series

Scripture Reading: Mark 8:27-37

(Fiona Miller)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

(Linzi Matheson)

Hymn CH4-506 All I once held dear

Message

We respond to Him

Hymn CH4-533 Will you come and follow Me (v1-2, 5)

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Doxology with May the God of peace go with us*

(Tune: Ae fond kiss)

* the short songs at the beginning and end are copied within the news sheet, and during these we stand as the Bible is brought in and taken out.



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. Today at Brightons Ministry Centre, Rev. Sandra Mathers will be preaching.

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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 27th August. If you, or someone you know, are interested then please let Judith, or Tom and Annabella Nimmo know.

Forth Together In Prayer – Wednesday 27th August 7.30pm

Churches from across the Forth Valley area will be joining for prayer on 27th 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 28th 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 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. 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 5th - 7th 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 2nd

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 Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

Gathering Moment

As we are gathered, Jesus is here
one with each other, Jesus is here;
joined by the Spirit, washed in His blood,
part of the body, the Church of God.
As we are gathered, Jesus is here,
one with each other, Jesus is here.

Doxology

May the God of peace go with us
As we travel from this place
May the love of Jesus keep us
Firm in hope and full of grace.

Minister	Rev Scott Burton	☎: 341590 scott.burton@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Friday 14:00 - Saturday 14:00
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Pastoral Assistant	Gayle Miller	☎: 07720 256336 gayle.miller@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Friday 16:00 - Saturday 16:00
Youth Development Worker	Caroline Whittit	☎: 07848 480801 cwhittit@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Saturday
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Date	Time	Activity	Location
TODAY Sunday 17 th 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 th 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 th 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
	7.00pm	Girls' Brigade Enrolment	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Local Mission Church Leadership Team Meeting	UBPC Manse
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 21 st August	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Prayer	Online Event
Saturday 23 rd August	6.00pm	Games Night	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 24 th August	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service Live Streamed	Brightons Ministry Centre
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