



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. Scott Burton.

Order of Service – Sunday 24th August 2025 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices

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

Call to Worship

Hymn – Hallelujah

Hymn MP-799 All I once held dear

All Together Time

Song – It's an adventure

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

Scripture Reading: Mark 8:27-35 (page 1012)

(Billy Rankine)

Prayer for Others

(Richard McManus)

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

Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP-1101 Over all the earth You reign on high

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.

New items in the newssheet are highlighted with ➤.



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 for Zoom login details. Note, no Thursday prayer this week.

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.

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, Gayle Miller will be preaching.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

We previously announced that 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. Please remember Archie’s family in your prayers at this time.

Also, please continue to remember the families of Janet (Jenny) Campbell and Roy Morrison at this time, following their recent deaths.

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



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.

➤ Closing Service for Muiravonside Building – Sunday 7th September 3pm

With the sale of the Muiravonside building drawing closer, it is our intention to have a closing service on Sunday 7th September 3pm. There will also be an open morning on Monday 8th September, 10am-12noon, where church and community members are welcome to view items within the building and take home those which might be meaningful or beneficial to a good home.

➤ **Men's Breakfast - Saturday 20th September 9.30am**

Sign-up sheets for the next men's breakfast are at the front and rear doors - please add your name if you plan to attend to help plan for catering. We look forward to a time of encouragement together!

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.

➤ **1st Polmont Girls' Brigade New Session**

The new session will recommence on Wednesday 28th August in the Church Halls when we look forward to welcoming back girls from last session and also any new girls who would like to join us on a Wednesday evening.

Explorers.	P1-P3.	6.15pm - 7.30pm
Juniors.	P4-P7	6.15pm - 7.30pm
Brigaders	S1-S6.	7.30pm - 8.45pm

If you require an enrolment form or more information, please email Sandra Blair gb@upperbraes.co.uk.

Volunteering opportunities



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.

➤ **YWAM Trip – Programme Planning and Meal Coordinator**

Jonathan and Miriam Greenaway are helping coordinate the programme for the YWAM trip. If you have an idea for the group to get involved with, or a request for them to visit your group/area of ministry, then contact Jonathan and Miriam on ywam@upperbraes.org.uk. We are also looking for someone to help coordinate lunch and dinner locations – not to do all the cooking(!), but to be a point of contact for willing homes/providers. If you could take this on, please speak with Scott.

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

24th August – Flaim and Youth Fellowship Groups.

31st August – Catherine McIntosh, Jamie McIntosh, Marie Burns, Jim Kerr.

Flowers in Church – Brightons Ministry Centre

The Flowers in the Church this week are provided by Cathy Playfair.

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

Delivering the Flowers after next week's service will be Sheila Colebrook.

Thanks to all those who contributed in different ways

Alison Cassells, Jim Hope, Richard McManuse, Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, Billy Rankine, AV Team, Organist, Praise Band, Welcome Team and Refreshment Team.

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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

Date	Time	Activity	Location
TODAY 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
	11.00am	Sunday School Groups	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
Tuesday 26 th August	9.00am	Pre 5s Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.15pm	Kirk Session	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 27 th August	10.00am	Braes Ministry Get Together	Muiravonside Church
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	5.15pm	Bible Fun Club	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	GB Explorers	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Alpha Course	The Cross, Brightons
	7.30pm	Forth Together in Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	GB Brigaders	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 28 th August	11.30am	Thursday Half-Hour Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
Saturday 30 th August	9.00am	Youth Worker Training	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 31 st 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	Youth Church	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	6.30pm	Evening Service	Brightons Ministry Centre