



# 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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 (11.00am)**

*We offer ourselves to God in worship*

Welcome, Notices and Gathering Moment

(Judith Norton)

Call to Worship

**Hymn JP 258 – This little light of mine**

**Hymn MP-988 How deep the Father's love for us**

All Together Time

**Hymn – God's love is the best love**

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer\*

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29: 1-14 (page 789)

(Rena Moore)

Reflective music

Prayer for Others

(Jason Glass)

**Hymn MP-1072 In Christ alone**

Message

*We respond to God*

**Hymn CH4-198 Let us build a house where love can dwell**

Benediction and Threefold Amen

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

*\*\*We have 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 Youth Church 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**

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.

### ➤ **A New Season for Thursday Evening Live Prayer**

Thursday Live Prayer will restart this Thursday, 4th September, in its usual format (online via Zoom, YouTube and Facebook; 8.15-9pm roughly) for the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month only. Please email: [info@upperbraes.org.uk](mailto:info@upperbraes.org.uk) for Zoom login details. This will allow us from Thursday 11th September to meet in person on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, 8-9pm, in the small hall. The focus of the prayer times will be more local and draw upon a structure and rhythm from the Local House of Prayer movement. The doors will open from 7.45pm and we’d encourage everyone to arrive a bit sharp and be ready for an 8pm start.

### **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.

### **Current Teaching Series**

We currently 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.

### ➤ **Please Remember in your Prayers**

Please remember Pauline O’Rorke and her family in your prayers at this time following the passing of her husband, Jim, on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August.

### ➤ **Financial Contributions from September 2025 Onwards**

In June, a letter was circulated from the Kirk Session to highlight the year-on-year deficit we have as a congregation. Copies of this letter are available at the front doors. To help fund this deficit, the Elders are asking everyone to reassess their giving to the church funds and where possible to increase your personal contributions from this September by £20 per month per adult. If you have questions, please speak with Scott, Judith or any of the Elders.

## **Upcoming events**



### **Alpha Course**

Our Alpha course started 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.

### ➤ **Upper Braes Guild**

The new session of the Guild starts on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00 p.m. in the Rankine Hall of the Brightons Ministry Centre. We look forward to seeing everyone again and would warmly welcome any new members.

### **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.

### **Closing Service for Muiravonside Building – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 3pm**

With the sale of the Muiravonside building drawing closer, a closing service will be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 3pm. There will also be an open morning on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> September**

The World Day of Prayer Gathering this year will be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### ➤ **Men's Book Group**

The Men's Book Group will meet on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Minister's Vestry. Curious newcomers are welcome as well as regulars.

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

The new session started on Wednesday 28th August in the Church Hall. 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](mailto:gb@upperbraes.co.uk)

### ➤ **Boys' Brigade is Back**

New boys are welcome at any of the sections. For more information on any of the sections, please contact [1stpolmontjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:1stpolmontjuniors@gmail.com)

Anchor Boys (P1 – P3) - Tuesday 6.15pm – 7.30pm  
Juniors (P4 – P6) - Friday 6.15pm – 7.45pm  
Company/Seniors (P7 – S6) – Friday 7.30pm – 9.45pm

### ➤ **Date for your Diary – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September – McMillan Cancer Support**

There will be a Coffee Morning held in aid of McMillan Cancer Support from 10.30am to 1.00pm in Brightons Ministry Centre. All are welcome to come along and support this very worthwhile cause.

## **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.

### ➤ **Choir**

The choir will begin meeting again on Thursday 11th September 7.30pm- 8.45pm and would love to welcome more singers. Please speak to any of the choir or Morag Lang for more information.

### **YWAM Trip – Programme Planning**

If you have an idea for the YWAM team to get involved with our church family and mission, or a request for them to visit your group/area of ministry, then contact Jonathan and Miriam Greenaway on [ywam@upperbraes.org.uk](mailto:ywam@upperbraes.org.uk)

## ➤ YWAM Trip – Meal Hosting and/or Provision

We are also looking for individuals and families to sign up to provide lunch or dinner for the YWAM team - this is a great way to hear their stories and be inspired, as well as support and encourage the team as they help us share Jesus with the community! You are welcome to have 3 or 4 members of the team, or all 7, and you could have them to your home, out to a cafe/restaurant, or bring in lunch to the ministry centres. All offers to be involved can be sent to Heather McManus in person or via [ywammeals@upperbraes.org.uk](mailto:ywammeals@upperbraes.org.uk). Dates/times to be confirmed in late October, but please put forward offers now to help us plan ahead.

## Rotas, thanks and contact details



### Tea and Coffee – Brightons Ministry Centre

31<sup>st</sup> August – Catherine McIntosh, Jamie McIntosh, Marie Burns, Jim Kerr.

7<sup>th</sup> September - Eileen McArdle, Alex Davis, Margaret Frickleton, Maralyn Stirling

### Flowers in Church – Brightons Ministry Centre

The Flowers in the Church this week are provided by Norma and Alan Thompson.

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

Delivering the Flowers after next week's service will be Carol Callahan.

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

Jason Glass, Jean Meek, Gayle Miller, Rena Moore, Judith Norton, 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 16:00 - Saturday 16:00</b>
<b>Lead Pastoral Assistant</b>	Rev Monica MacDonald	☎: 07833 102874 monica.macdonald@churchofscotland.org.uk <b>Sabbath on Friday</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>
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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 31 <sup>st</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	Youth Church Groups	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	6.30pm	Evening Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	1.00pm	Guild Committee Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	9.30am	Pre 5s Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	5.15pm	Bible Fun Club	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	GB Juniors and Explorers	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Huddle	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Preaching Team Meeting	UBPC Manse
	7.30pm	GB Brigaders	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Live Prayer	Online Event
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	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 Groups	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	3.00pm	Muiravonside Closing Service	Muiravonside Building
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Youth Fellowship	UBPC Manse