



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 14th September 2025 (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 CH4-398 Sing, my tongue, how glorious battle (v1, 4-5)

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

Scripture Reading: John 15:1-8 (Linda McGarry)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others (Eileen Hope)

Hymn CH4-404 I danced in the morning (v1-2, 4-5)

Message

We respond to Him

Hymn CH4-192 All my hope on God is founded (v1, 4-5)

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.

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.

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 be 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 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.

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.

➤ **Thank You**

Pauline O’Rorke would like to thank everyone for their cards, visits and kindness following the passing of her husband Jim.

➤ **Please Remember in Your Prayers**

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Elizabeth Paterson on 31st August. Please remember her family in your prayers at this time. Elizabeth’s Funeral will be held on Tuesday 16th September at 10.30am at Brightons Ministry Centre. It is also with sadness that we announce the passing of Mary Ballantine on 28th August. Please remember her family in your prayers. Mary’s Funeral will be held on Thursday 18th September at 12.45pm at Brightons Ministry Centre. Monica will conduct both these Funerals.



Art Group

The first meeting of the Autumn will take place in Brightons Ministry Centre on Monday 15th September at 2.00pm. All those interested are very welcome

Upper Braes Guild

The new session of the Guild starts on Monday, 15th 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.

UBPC Church Conference – Friday 31st Oct to Sunday 2nd Nov 2025

Building our future together

We invite you to join us over the weekend to eat, talk, pray and share together as we reflect on what has been and what is to come. This is our responsibility; our opportunity to talk about our way forward as we discern God's path for the Upper Braes. So, we'd love to see you there! You can sign up and get your tickets from Maggy Dick at the rear door each Sunday after the service. To contribute towards catering costs we're asking, if you're able, for a suggested donation (cash or contactless) of £10 per adult / £5 per child (15 and under) for the whole weekend, or £6 per adult / £3 per child for either the Friday or Saturday only. Further details can be found in the conference flyer. We'll also need some help during the weekend, so please complete the volunteer sheet at the back door if you'd like to get involved! If you have any questions please see Scott, Judith or Jean Meek.

Upper Braes Guild

The new session of the Guild starts on Monday, 15th 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.

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.

➤ **Half Hour Service**

Please note that the next Half Hour Service will be on Thursday 25th September at 11.30am in Brightons Ministry Centre.

➤ **Friendship Plus**

The next session of Friendship Plus starts on 24th September. Please see the enclosed flyer for details of what is on during this session. All are welcome.



Volunteer needed for Braes High School Pupil Support

The Braes High School has asked if there is a female volunteer (or two) who could help a pupil with additional support needs to get the bus to/from Falkirk College on a Friday. The pupil needs to be at college for 10am and finishes 2pm. This could be shared with other church volunteers for a fortnightly commitment, or for one to cover travel to college and one from college. Anyone interested to contact Scott please.

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.

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. Dates/times to be confirmed in late October, but please put forward offers now to help us plan ahead.

Date for your Diary – Saturday 27th 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.

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.

Prayer

*This, this is the God we adore,
Our faithful, unchangeable friend,
Whose love is as great as His power,
And neither knows measure nor end.
'Tis Jesus, the first and the last,
Whose Spirit shall guide us safe Home;
We'll praise Him for all that is past,
And trust Him for all that's to come.*

The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

Date	Time	Activity	Location
TODAY Sunday 14 th September	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Congregational Prayer Time	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
	2.00pm	St Margaret's Service	St Margaret's Care Home
Monday 15 th September	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Guild	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Friends of Jesus Planning Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group K	Off Site Event
Tuesday 16 th September	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.30am	Elizabeth Paterson Funeral	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00p	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	5.15pm	Bible Fun Club	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Junior YC Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 17 th September	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	5.15pm	Bible Fun Club	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	GB Explorers and Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Huddle	UBPC Manse
	7.00pm	Alpha Course	Off Site Event
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	GB Brigaders	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 18 th September	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	12.45pm	Mary Ballantine Funeral	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.45pm	Friends of Jesus Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer	Online Event
Friday 19 th September	5.30pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre

Sunday 21 st September	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Congregational Prayer Time	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
	7.00pm	I Lawson Bible Study Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Youth Fellowship	Brightons Ministry Centre

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