



# 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 Sandra Mathers.**

## **Order of Service – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025 (11.00am)**

*We offer ourselves to God in worship*

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

Welcome and Notices

(Linda McGarry)

Call to Worship

**Hymn MP-33 And can it be**

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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

**MP-784 Ye servants of God**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 121 and John 15:1-17

(Janette Craig)

**Hymn MP-1003 My Jesus, my Saviour**

(sing twice)

Prayers for Others

**Hymn MP-544 Open my eyes that I may see**

Message

*We respond to God*

**Hymn MP-936 Teach me to dance**

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 and general updates



### **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](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.

## Upcoming events



### **Kirk Session Meeting**

Please note that the next Kirk Session Meeting will be held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15pm in the small hall at Brightons Ministry Centre.

### **UBPC Church Conference – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2025**

#### **Building our future together**

We invite you to join us over the weekend to eat, talk, pray and share together as we discern God’s path and our way forward for the Upper Braes. This is our collective responsibility and opportunity so we’d love to see you there for whatever part of the weekend you can attend. Tickets can be obtained from Linda McGarry. To contribute towards catering costs we’re asking, if you’re able, for a suggested donation (cash or contactless) of £10 Adult / £5 Child (whole weekend), or £6 Adult / £3 Child (Friday or Saturday only). We’re also looking for some volunteers to help with some tasks over the weekend. If you have any questions please see Scott, Judith or Jean Meek.

#### ➤ **Guild – Brightons Ministry Centre**

The next meeting of the Guild will take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm in Brightons Ministry Centre. All are welcome. The meeting will be about the Guild project, Build my Church Bulgaria.



### **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](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.

### **Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal**

They have arrived! The Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal leaflets are now available at the front of the church. Last year, over 85,000 shoeboxes were sent to six different countries. Can you help this year by filling a shoebox for a child or adult? See the leaflet for suggested items. Or you can now fill a virtual shoebox via the Blythswood website. As yet we do not have a collection date for the shoeboxes but once we find out I will let you know. Any questions please speak to Jim Dick.

## 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.

<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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<b>Church Website</b>		www.upperbraes.org.uk
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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 28 <sup>th</sup> 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	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	6.30pm	Evening Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Youth Fellowship	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Guild	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	BB Competition	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Huddle Planning Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group K	Off Site Event
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.15pm	Kirk Session	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	8.45am	Property Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	6.15pm	GB Explorers and Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Alpha Course	The Cross, Brighton
	7.30pm	Huddle	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	GB Brigaders	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	10.00am	Coffee Morning	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 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	1.00pm	ASN Support Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	5.30pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	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
	1.00pm	Flaim Bake Off	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.15pm	Youth Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre