



# 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 Jim Cowan.**

## **Order of Service – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October (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 MP-106 Come, you thankful people, come**

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:1-7

(Jean Gilmour)

**Hymn MP-732 We plough the fields and scatter**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

(James Falconer)

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

Message

*We respond to God*

**Hymn MP-445 Lord, the light of Your love is shining**

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](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.

### ➤ **Annual Business Meeting**

Our Annual Business Meeting will be held at 7pm in the Brightons Ministry Centre on Thursday 9th October. This is an opportunity to review the 2024 accounts. We hope also to share a financial update to end August 2025 and make space for questions you may have about our church finances or wider congregational life. Copies of the accounts are available at the doors.

### ➤ **Teaching Series Over October and November**

In this season of change and invitation, we are beginning our new teaching series leading up to Advent. In this series we will explore the letters Jesus sent to the churches in Revelation. Many of these churches were experiencing huge change, and repeated invitations from Jesus. What did He say, and what might His message to them say to us? Join us this Autumn!

### ➤ **Hugh Davidson**

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Hugh Davidson. Hugh's funeral service will be held at Falkirk Crematorium on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 1.00pm. Please remember Hugh's family in your prayers at this sad time.

### ➤ **Tom Grieve**

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Tom Grieve on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, at Strathcarron Hospice. Funeral details are not yet confirmed. Please remember Tom's wife, Eleanor, and daughters, Shirley and Lynn, as well as the wider family in your prayers at this sad time.

### ➤ **Macmillan Cancer Care Support Coffee Morning**

A huge "Thank You" to everyone who came along to the coffee morning, who baked who donated to make this event such a success. The sum of **£805 was raised**.

➤ **CrossReach Christmas Card and Calendar Brochures are now available**

To save on postage, orders may be given to Maralyn Stirling who will happily deal with collating orders. Brochures available to uplift at front and back vestibules.

## Upcoming events



➤ **Men's Book Group**

The next Meeting of the Book Group will be at 7.30pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 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.

➤ **Invitation to Baptism, Membership and Welcome Lunch**

We are planning a baptism service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November for one of our young people. If you have not been baptised and would like to explore being baptised on that day too, or on another date, then please contact Scott. There is also the option to come into membership on that Sunday, if you have been baptised before, as a way to mark the Upper Braes as your "spiritual home and family" - again, speak with Scott or Judith. Finally, to have space to get to know the Upper Braes, share some information and ask your questions, we are having a Welcome Lunch on the 16<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30pm - flyers and sign-up sheets at the doors, open to all who are "new" to the Upper Braes.

➤ **Monthly Senior's Lunch at Slamannan Ministry Centre**



Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Lunch served at 12.30 and costs just £5.00.

For catering purposes please let Linda McGarry know Tel: 01324-851840. The next Lunch will be on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

## Volunteering opportunities

**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>
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<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

Date	Time	Activity	Location
TODAY 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	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Fellowship Group A Nimmo	Off Site Event
	7.30pm	Men's Book Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.00am	UBPC Ministry Team Meeting	UBPC Manse
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Discipleship Team Meeting	Off Site Event
	7.30pm	Communications Team Meeting	Off Site Event
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	8.45am	Property Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.00am	Wednesday Book Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	12.30pm	Seniors Lunch Club	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	7.00pm	Alpha Course	The Cross, Brightons
	7.30pm	Preaching Team Meeting	UBPC Manse
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Annual Business Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.00pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	5.30pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre

Sunday 12 <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
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