



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 Monica MacDonald.

Order of Service – Sunday 5th October 2025 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome, Notices

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

(Candle: Juniors)

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-732 We plough the seeds and scatter

(Offering: Beginners)

Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

The Choir: How deep the Father's love for us

All Together Time: Harvest

Hymn MP-23 All things bright and beautiful

We listen for God speaking to us

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:1-7 (page 1234)

(Isabel Scougal)

Message

We respond to God and ask for His help

Hymn MP-7 All creatures of our God and King (v1, 3-5 with chorus)

Prayer for Others

(Annabella Nimmo)

Hymn MP-806 Beauty for brokenness (God of the poor)

Benediction and Threefold Amen.

** The words for the Lord's Prayer will appear on screen, if you find these helpful.*

***We have groups for children and young people up to S4,
as well as a creche space available for those under 3.***

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 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.

➤ **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 10th 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 2nd 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.

➤ **Church library**

Don't forget we have a church library of Christian books for both adults and children to help you build up your faith. The library is located before the entrance to the Rankine Hall. Due to the small space, we aren't able to take in donations of books at the moment. For more information, speak to Cammy Dick.

➤ **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



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 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 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 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 16th 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 info and ask your questions, we are having a Welcome Lunch on the 16th November at 12.30pm - flyers and sign-up sheets at the doors, open to all who are "new" to the Upper Braes.

➤ **Men's Book Group**

The next Meeting of the Book Group will be at 7.30pm on Monday 6th October at Brightons Ministry Centre.

Volunteering opportunities



YWAM Trip – Meal Hosting and/or Provision

We are still 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.

Blythwood Shoe Box Appeal

They have arrived! The Blythwood 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 Blythwood 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.

➤ Stick drama

The team will be doing our next performance at the church conference. New people are more than welcome to join the team and take part. If you are interested or want more information, please speak to Cammy Dick

Rotas, thanks and contact details



Tea and Coffee- Brightons Ministry Centre

5th October – Iris O'Neill, Margaret Sim, Eileen Hope, Jim Hope.

12th October – Catherine McIntosh, Jamie McIntosh, Agnes Bruce, Ian Lawson.

Flowers in Church – Brightons Ministry Centre

The Flowers in the Church this week are provided by Jean Meek in memory of her dear Mum, Jean.

Delivering the Flowers after this week's service will be Leslie Baillie.

Delivering the Flowers after next week's service will be Jane Bell.

Thanks to all those who contributed in different ways

Monica MacDonald, Jean Meek, Annabella Nimmo, Heather O'Neill, Isabel Scougal, AV Team, Organist, Praise Band, Welcome Team and Refreshment team.

The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

Date	Time	Activity	Location
TODAY Sunday 5 th 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 th 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 th 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 th 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 th 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 th October	5.30pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre

Sunday 12 th 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

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