



# 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 Scott Burton.**

## **Order of Service – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (11.00am)**

*We offer ourselves to God in worship*

Welcome, Notices and Gathering Moment with **MP-38 As we are gathered**

Call to Worship

**Hymn – All people that on earth do dwell (Old 100<sup>th</sup>)**

**Hymn MP-1040 Come, now is the time to worship**

All Together Time

**Hymn – The Father Himself loves you**

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer\*

Introduction to Teaching Series

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:8-11 (page 1234)

(Helen Brodie)

**The Choir: 'Eternal Father, strong to save'**

Prayer for Others

(David MacAskill)

**Hymn MP-1116 There is a higher throne**

Message

*We respond to God*

**Hymn – I will wait for You (Psalm 130)**

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 newsheet 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.

#### ➤ **Are you new?**

We are delighted to have you here! Please ask any questions, grab a Welcome Pack, check out our website or social media channels for more info, stay for a cuppa after the service and/or sign up for the next Welcome Lunch! We also send occasional e-news, which you can sign up to here or via the QR code: <http://eepurl.com/hBttdH>



### **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.

### **Thursday Evening Live Prayer**

Join us online (via Zoom, YouTube or Facebook) 8.15-9pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Email [info@upperbraes.org.uk](mailto:info@upperbraes.org.uk) for Zoom details. Then we meet in-person on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, 8-9pm, in the small hall.

### **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.

#### ➤ **Tom Grieve – Funeral Service**

Tom's funeral service will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October in Brightons Ministry Centre at 11.30am and then at 12.30pm at Muiravonside Cemetery. Please continue to remember Tom's wife, Eleanor, and daughters, Shirley and Lynn, as well as the wider family in your prayers at this sad time.

#### ➤ **Staff October Holidays**

Please note the following dates for staff holidays: Scott will be off 13-17 October inclusive; Gayle will be off 13-19 October inclusive; Caroline is off 20-26 October inclusive; Monica is off 20 October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November inclusive. Whilst Scott is on leave, please contact Monica in the first instance for pastoral matters, and Judith Norton, our Session Clerk, for church matters.

### ➤ **Connect Magazine**

Please can you email all articles for the next issue of Connect to [connect@upperbraes.org.uk](mailto:connect@upperbraes.org.uk) by 26th October 2025. Alternatively, please speak to Margaret Sim.

### ➤ **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.

### ➤ **Martha's Pantry**

We are so grateful to everyone who contributed to the Harvest Thanksgiving gifts for Martha's Pantry ~ thank you, thank you, thank you! Your gifts have meant that our shelves are well stocked and, right now with money from our reserves needing to be spent on the little shop Falkirk Council have given us to use to make it fit for purpose (due to the Community Centre in Slamannan being closed), your donations have meant we have a little extra cash to spend on fixing up the shop and making it a welcoming place for our service-users.

### **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 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. Come 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. 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.

### ➤ **Half Hour Church Service**

The next half hour Thursday service will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30am in Brightons Ministry Centre.

### ➤ **Guild Meeting**

The next Guild meeting is an outing to Laurieston Bowling Green on Monday 13th October. Guild members should meet at 1.30 pm at Brightons Ministry Centre Church Hall and we will make our way by car to Laurieston.

### ➤ **Some YWAM Youth Events dates to save!**

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November, from 5.30pm-7.00pm, we are having a YWAM Brazilian Food Social for those aged S1-S6, at Brightons Ministry Centre! YWAM will be teaching us how to make some tasty Brazilian food! If you would like to come along, please let Caroline know. If you know someone who would like to come along then please share this with them and invite them along! Caroline's contact details are on the back of the Newssheet. Also, on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November, from 6.00pm to 7.30pm, young people are invited along to a YWAM Youth Event at Brightons Ministry Centre with Maddiston Community Church and Falkirk Vineyard. All young people are invited to come along for some games, worship, testimonies and snacks! So spread the word!

### ➤ **YWAM Prayer and Praise Day – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

As part of their time with us, the YWAM Team would like to facilitate a day of praise and prayer. Plans are still being confirmed, but the morning could feature a Women's Praise and Prayer at the same time as the Men's Breakfast, then an afternoon for "drop in" prayer (like the prayer room), and then an evening of collective worship and intercession. Consider taking a note of the date and making some space in the diary to be a part of it!

<b>Minister</b>	Rev Scott Burton	<b>On holiday from 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October inclusive</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	<b>On holiday from 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> October inclusive</b>
<b>Youth Development Worker</b>	Caroline Whittit	☎: 07848 480801 cwhittit@churchofscotland.org.uk <b>Sabbath on Saturday</b>
<b>Session Clerk</b>	Judith Norton	☎: 07919 998300 sessionclerk@upperbraes.org.uk
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## 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](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.

### **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**

12<sup>th</sup> October – Sandra Smillie, Bill Smillie, Agnes Bruce, Ian Lawson.

19<sup>th</sup> October – Eileen McArdle, Alex Davis, Jane Bell, Maralyn Stirling.

### **Flowers in Church – Brightons Ministry Centre**

The Flowers in the Church this week are provided by Mary Stewart in memory of her Mum.

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

Delivering the Flowers after next week's service will be Anne Swinney.

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

Helen Brodie, David MacAskill, Jean Meek, Heather O'Neill, AV Team, Organist, Praise Band, Welcome Team and Refreshment team.

## The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

Date	Time	Activity	Location
TODAY 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
	11.00am	Youth Church Groups	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	1.30pm	Guild	Off Site Event
	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group (K)	Off Site Event
	7.30pm	Men's Book Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	8.45am	Property Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	2.00pm	Friendship Plus	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Alpha Course	The Cross, Brightons
	7.30pm	Huddle	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.45pm	Friends of Jesus	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer	Online Event – Zoom only
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	2.00pm	Long Covid Group	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
	11.00am	Youth Church Groups	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Fellowship Group Ian Lawson	Brightons Ministry Centre