



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 Jim Hope**

Order of Service – Sunday 12th October (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-225 He's got the whole world in His hands (v1-2)

All Together Time: Poem

Repeat MP-225 (v1-2)

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

We listen for God speaking to us

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:8-11

(Sharon Mercado)

Hymn MP-975 Before the throne of God above

Message

We respond to God and ask for His help

Hymn MP-766 Who can sound the depths of sorrow

Prayers for Other

(Rev Monica MacDonald)

Hymn MP-288 I need Thee every hour

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.

➤ **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>



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 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 20th 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 2nd 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.

➤ **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.

➤ **Connect Magazine**

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

➤ **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.

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. 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 information 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 30th 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 9th 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 16th 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 15th 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.

Volunteering opportunities



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.

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.

Minister	Rev Scott Burton	On holiday from 13th to 17th October inclusive
Lead Pastoral Assistant	Rev Monica MacDonald	☎: 07833 102874 monica.macdonald@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Friday
Pastoral Assistant	Gayle Miller	On holiday from 13th October to 19th October inclusive
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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

Date	Time	Activity	Location
TODAY 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
Monday 13 th 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 th 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 th 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 th October	2.00pm	Long Covid Group	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
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	7.00pm	Fellowship Group Ian Lawson	Brightons Ministry Centre