



# 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 Scott Burton.**

## **Order of Service – Sunday 19<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 CH4-124 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

All Together Time

*We listen for God speaking to us*

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:12-17

(John McGarry)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

(Jason Glass)

*We ask for God's help and respond to Him*

**Hymn CH4-374 From heaven You came**

Message

**Hymn CH4-159 Lord, for the years (v1-2, 4-5)**

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](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!

### **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.

### **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](mailto:connect@upperbraes.org.uk) by 26th October 2025. Alternatively, please speak to Margaret Sim.

## Upcoming events



### **\*\*UPDATED: UBPC Church Conference – Fri 31st Oct to Sun 2nd Nov – Venue change on Friday evening - Building our future together**

We invite you to join us over the weekend - come for whatever part of the weekend you can attend. Please note the **venue change to Polmont Old Parish Church Hall (Main Street, Polmont) on the Friday evening only.**

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 30<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30am in Brightons Ministry Centre.

### **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.

### ➤ **YWAM – List of Worship Songs**

Ahead of their visit, the YWAM Team have put together a list of worship songs. If you wish, you can click on this code to download and listen to them.

<https://bit.ly/YWAM-UB>

### ➤ **Fund Raising Concert**

An evening of song with Glenmavis Community Songsters hosted by Upper Braes Parish Church at Slamannan Ministry Centre Friday 28th November 2025 7pm.

Entry by ticket only - tickets by donation (suggested donation £10) with proceeds to Upper Braes Parish Church & CHAS. Refreshments served at end of evening.

Tickets available from: *Jean Gilmour* – Slamannan (tel. 07939971234); *Linda's Shop* - Slamannan; *James Falconer* – Brightons or e mail

[communications@upperbraes.org.uk](mailto:communications@upperbraes.org.uk).

## Volunteering opportunities



### ➤ **Blythswood Shoeboxes Appeal Update**

The last day to hand in shoeboxes at the church is **Sunday 9th November**.

If you are unable to fill a shoebox but would like to contribute, you can give a monetary doantion to cover the cost of transporting the boxes this year. This can be done through the website or in a Blythswood envelope.

### ➤ **YWAM Trip – Meal Hosting and/or Provision**

Thank you to everyone who has already offered meals or donated money for the YWAM team's food while they're here. There are still a few spaces to fill, so if you're able to provide a meal for all 8 team members—or even just 3 or 4—please get in touch with Heather McManus at [ywammeals@upperbraes.org.uk](mailto:ywammeals@upperbraes.org.uk). You can host the team in your home, take them out to a café or restaurant, bring lunch to the ministry centre, or even make a big pot of soup. All offers of help are gratefully received.

## 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	<b>On Holiday from 20<sup>th</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November Inclusive</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	<b>On Holiday from 20<sup>th</sup> October to 26<sup>th</sup> October inclusive</b>
<b>Session Clerk</b>	Judith Norton	☎: 07919 998300 sessionclerk@upperbraes.org.uk
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<b>Church Website</b>		www.upperbraes.org.uk
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## The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

Date	Time	Activity	Location
TODAY Sunday 19 <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	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	11.30am	Thanksgiving Service for Tom Grieve	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Bible Study Group – A Nimmo	Off Site Event
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	7.30pm	Church Conference Meeting	Online Event
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</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	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.00pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer (In Person)	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 26 <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
	6.30pm	Evening Service	Brightons Ministry Centre