



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 Brent Haywood**

Order of Service – Sunday 19th October 2025 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices

(Judith Norton)

Gathering Moment with **MP 38 – As we are gathered**

Call to Worship

Hymn - MP 1259 Bless the Lord O my Soul

Hymn - MP 1008 The Lord's my Shepherd

All Together Time

Hymn - MP 99 Come on and celebrate

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

Scripture Reading: John 6:25-35 (page 1070)

Revelation 2:12-17 (page 1234)

(Jennifer Gallivan)

Prayer for Others

(Caroline Whittit)

Hymn MP 1086 Light of the World

Message 'A white stone with a new name'

(Brent Haywood)

We respond to God

Hymn - MP 560 Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven

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.***



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 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 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.

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.

➤ **Missing Music/Choir Mission Praise.**

We have quite a large number of the music edition of both Mission Praise 1&2 missing. Please do have a look for them at home. If you have borrowed one, we would be delighted to have it returned to the cupboard behind the organ. The books are expensive and we currently are short. To replace the number we need would cost around £350.

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



****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 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 30th October at 11.30am in Brightons Ministry Centre.

➤ **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.

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!

➤ **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>

Minister	Rev Scott Burton	☎: 341590 scott.burton@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Friday 16:00 - Saturday 16:00
Lead Pastoral Assistant	Rev Monica MacDonald	On Holiday from 20th October to 2nd November inclusive
Pastoral Assistant	Gayle Miller	☎: 07720 256336 gayle.miller@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Friday 16:00 - Saturday 16:00
Youth Development Worker	Caroline Whittit	On Holiday from 20th to 26th October inclusive
Session Clerk	Judith Norton	☎: 07919 998300 sessionclerk@upperbraes.org.uk
Safeguarding Coordinator	Eileen Hope	safeguarding@upperbraes.org.uk
Church Office	☎: 713855	info@upperbraes.org.uk
Church Website		www.upperbraes.org.uk
Newssheet Notices	Heather O'Neill	☎: 07745 564094 heather.oneill5@btinternet.com newssheet@upperbraes.org.uk

Volunteering opportunities



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. 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.

➤ **Blythwood 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 Blythwood envelope.

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.

➤ **Flower Delivery Rota**

Once again I am looking for help with the delivery of flowers from Brightons Ministry Centre. After each Sunday service the flowers from the church are delivered to a member of the congregation. If you would be like to be added to the next flower delivery rota which will start in January 2026 please contact me or e.mail: carol.callahan@blueyonder.co.uk or telephone 01324711808.

Rotas, thanks and contact details



Tea and Coffee- Brightons Ministry Centre

19th October – Eileen McArdle, Alex Davis, Jane Bell, Maralyn Stirling.

26th October – Norma Thompson, Alison Cassells, Catherine McIntosh, Jamie McIntosh.

Flowers in Church – Brightons Ministry Centre

The Flowers in the Church this week are provided by Fiona McLuckie in loving memory of her Mum, May.

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

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

Thanks to all those who contributed in different ways

Jennifer Gallivan, Brent Haywood, Jean Meek, Judith Norton, Heather O'Neill, Caroline Whittit, AV Team, Organist, Praise Band, Welcome Team and Refreshment team.

The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

Date	Time	Activity	Location
TODAY Sunday 19 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
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 20 th 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 st October	7.30pm	Church Conference Meeting	Online Event
Wednesday 22 nd 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 rd 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 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
	6.30pm	Evening Service	Brightons Ministry Centre