



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 Sandra Mathers.

Order of Service – Sunday 26th 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-564 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn MP-3 Abba Father

All Together Time

Hymn MP-49 Be bold, be strong

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:18-28 (page1234)

(Norma Thompson)

Hymn MP-631 Tell out my soul

The Choir: 'My faith looks up to Thee'

Prayer for Others

(Annabella Nimmo)

Hymn MP-50 Be still for the presence of the Lord

Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP-664 The Spirit lives to set us free

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. This morning Donald Meek is preaching at Slamannan and Scott is undertaking Moderatorial duties at Crossford and Kirkfieldbank in South Lanarkshire.

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.

➤ Please Remember in your Prayers

It is with sadness that we announce that Myra Maden passed away on Tuesday 21st October. Please remember Charlie, Doug, Jennifer, Laura and Douglas in your prayers at this time. We will announce funeral details once they are known.

➤ Staff October Holidays

Please note that Monica is off 20th October to 2nd November inclusive. Please speak to Gayle in the first instance regarding any pastoral care matters.

Connect Magazine

Please can you email all articles for the next issue of Connect to connect@upperbraes.org.uk TODAY, 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**

Please note our venue on Friday evening will be Polmont Old Parish Church Hall (Main Street, Polmont). You can park in the carpark behind the church hall or in the community centre. Saturday will be held in Brightons Ministry Centre and our Sunday Service we will be worshipping in Slamannan Primary School. A sandwich lunch will be provided on Sunday after the service which we hope you can join us for. If you have any questions please see Scott, Judith or Jean Meek

➤ **Pre-Conference Handout - Collect Today**

On the way out today, we invite everyone to take home a summary of the previous teaching series, whether you are coming to the conference or not - we hope it helps equip us all.

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.

➤ **Kirk Session Meeting**

There will be Kirk Session Meeting TODAY at 6.00pm in the Small Hall at Brightons Ministry Centre.

➤ **YWAM Team Update**

As was intimated last Sunday, the Scotland Team cannot join us now for their trip, but we hope the London Team will come up for a week from 10-18 November so that we can begin to build bridges towards a possible trip next year.

➤ **Men's Breakfast - 15th November 9.30am**

The next Men's Breakfast is coming up - all are welcome! Scott is speaking. Please use the sign-up sheets at the doors to help the team gauge numbers.

➤ **Scottish Women of the Word Conference 14th -16th November**

The Scottish Women of the Word Conference is on Friday 14th to Sunday 16th November at Keavil House Hotel, Crossford, Dunfermline. You can stay and attend all weekend or go for the day on Saturday 15th November. The speaker is Jennifer Gordon. Wendy has been attending this ladies conference for many years and has been blessed by it. There are fliers about it at the front of the church or you can get more information from Wendy Dick.

➤ **Guild**

Please note that the next Guild Meeting is on Monday 27th October in Brightons Ministry Centre at 2.00pm. All are welcome. Frances McCabe will be leading a crafting afternoon.

➤ **Youth Church Today**

There are groups on today for Flaim and Triple S. The Flaim and Triple S groups will join together today.

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	☎: 07848 480801 cwhittit@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Saturday
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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 donation to cover the cost of transporting the boxes this year. This can be done through the website or in a Blythswood envelope.

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 email: carol.callahan@blueyonder.co.uk or telephone 01324711808.

Rotas, thanks and contact details



Tea and Coffee- Brightons Ministry Centre

26th October – Norma Thompson, Maralyn Stirling, Catherine McIntosh, Jamie McIntosh.

Flowers in Church – Brightons Ministry Centre

The Flowers in the Church this week are provided by Helen MacLeod. Delivering the Flowers after this week's service will be Anne Smith.

Thanks to all those who contributed in different ways

Sandra Mathers, Jean Meek, Annabella Nimmo, Judith Norton, Heather O'Neill, Norma Thompson, AV Team, Organist, Praise Band, Welcome Team and Refreshment team.

The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

Date	Time	Activity	Location
TODAY Sunday 26 th October	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	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
Monday 27 th October	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Guild	Brightons Ministry Centre
	4.00pm	SU Meeting	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	BB Competition	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group K	Off Site Event
Tuesday 28 th October	9.30am	Pre 5s Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Missional Conversations Workshop	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 29 th October	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	2.00pm	Friendship Plus Committee	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Huddle	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	GB Brigaders	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 30 th October	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.30am	Thursday Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.45pm	Friends of Jesus	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
Friday 31 st October	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Saturday 1 st November	9.30am	Church Conference	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 2 nd November	10.40am	Congregational Prayer Time	Slamannan Primary School
	11.00am	Joint Morning Service	Slamannan Primary School
	12.30pm	Sandwich Lunch	Slamannan Primary School