



# 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 Monica MacDonald.**

## **Order of Service – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2025 (10.45am)**

*We offer ourselves to God in worship*

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment

**The Choir: ‘Abide with me’**

Call to Worship

**Hymn MP-237 – Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty**

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer\*

Act of Remembrance

(Monica and Ally MacLennan)  
(congregation stands)

**Hymn MP-428 Lord, for the years**

(remain seated)

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

(Ewan Norton)

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-12 (page185)

(Maralyn Stirling)

**Hymn MP-806 Beauty for brokenness**

Message

*We respond to God*

**Hymn MP-188 God is our strength and refuge**

Benediction and Threefold Amen

National Anthem

(Colour Party leaves)

\* 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 P3,  
as well as a creche space available for those under 3,  
which will begin at 10.45am due to this being Remembrance Sunday.\**

### **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.

### **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.

### ➤ **Joint Service Next Sunday**

Please note next Sunday will be a joint service at Brightons Ministry Centre as we gather for a baptism. Anyone from Slamannan needing a lift should contact Linda McGarry in the first instance.

### ➤ **Kirk Session Meeting**

Please note that the next Kirk Session Meeting will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.15pm at Brightons Ministry Centre.

### ➤ **Please Remember in Your Prayers**

Please remember Jean Meek and the family in your prayers at this time following the passing of her sister Anne Muirhead last weekend. Anne's Funeral will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Please continue to remember Drew Easton and the wider family in your prayers following the passing of his mother, Anne Easton.

### ➤ **Church Conference Follow-Up: Have Your Say**

Following our Church Conference, we are inviting feedback via the online form, or printed forms at the doors. If you missed the conference, you can have your say on the questions by using the online form or printed form, also at the doors. For links to either form, please email Scott.

### **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.

### **Prospects Across Scotland**

Help yourself to a book at the front door about the story of Prospects Across Scotland and the people that have been helped by their valuable work.

## **Faith Mission Stall**

In addition to our usual greeting cards stall, we will have Christmas cards, diaries and calendars from Faith Mission Bookshops on the stall.

## **Upcoming events**



### **YWAM Team Update**

The London Team will be joining us THIS week, from 10-18 November. Please extend a warm welcome whenever you see them. Please also join with the team for a Praise and Prayer evening, 7.30-9pm, on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November; a Youth Night on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 6-7.30pm; and then a Send-Off Night on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30-8.30pm – all events at Brightons Ministry Centre.

#### ➤ **Guild – Brightons Ministry Centre**

The next Guild Meeting will be tomorrow, 10<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm in Brightons Ministry Centre. Sean Szmalc will give a talk on Titanic – Honour and glory.

#### ➤ **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 email [communications@upperbraes.org.uk](mailto:communications@upperbraes.org.uk)

### **Oliver with a Christmas Twist - Saturday 13th Dec 2pm and 7.15pm**

Buy your tickets asap, for this show at the Brightons Ministry Centre! Open to all in community with a early and late show. Flyers at the doors, posters in each ministry centre. A fun way to enter into the Christmas season with a professionally produced show. Tickets available after the service from Maggy or via the links below or the QR codes at the ministry centre noticeboards. Please invite neighbours, family, etc. <https://tinyurl.com/oliver25early> and <https://tinyurl.com/oliver25late>

### **Christmas Family Singalong - Sunday 14th Dec 3pm**

Buy your tickets asap, for this Christmas event at the Brightons Ministry! Open to all in community and with proceeds going to Tearfund. Flyers at the doors, posters in each ministry centre. Tickets available after the service from Alison Cassells at Brightons Ministry Centre. Please invite neighbours, family, etc.

## Volunteering opportunities



### **Blythwood Shoeboxes Appeal Update**

The last day to hand in shoeboxes at the church is **TODAY, 9<sup>th</sup> November**. Thank you for all your help and support this year.

### **Flower Delivery Rota – Brightons Ministry Centre**

Help is needed with the delivery of flowers from Brightons Ministry Centre. If you would be like to be added to the next flower delivery rota please contact Carol: [carol.callahan@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:carol.callahan@blueyonder.co.uk) or 01324 711808.

### ➤ **Wed 26th November – Christmas Decorations**

The property team require some Christmas helpers on the morning of Wed 26th November to dress the sanctuary for Christmas. If you are able please be at church from 9am.

## Rotas, thanks and contact details

### **Tea and Coffee- Brightons Ministry Centre**

9<sup>th</sup> November – Janet Crosthwaite, Jennifer Gallivan, June and Peter Arkless.

16<sup>th</sup> November - Tom Nimmo, Edna Oliver, Margaret Waddell and Ian Lawson.

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

The Flowers in the Church this week are provided by Irene Stewart.

Delivering the Flowers after this week's service will be Ray Heeps.

Delivering the Flowers after next week's service will be Sandra Anderson.

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

Monica MacDonald, Alistair MacLennan, Jean Meek, Ewan Norton, Heather O'Neill, Maralyn Stirling, Brigades, AV Team, Organist, Praise Band, Welcome Team and Refreshment team.

## The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

TODAY Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	10.45am	Morning Service Live Streamed	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.45am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Youth Church	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	11.00am	UBPC Ministry Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	12.00pm	Pastoral Staff Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Guild	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group K	Off Site Event
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am	Pre 5s Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.15pm	Kirk Session Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	8.45am	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.00am	Wednesday Book Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	2.00pm	Friendship Plus Committee	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	GB Juniors and Explorers	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Alpha Course	Off Site Event
	7.30pm	Huddle	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	GB Brigaders	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	4.45pm	Friends of Jesus Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.00pm	Thursday Evening Prayer In- Person	Brightons Ministry Centre
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	2.00pm	Long Covid Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	5.30pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am	Men's Breakfast	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	YWAM Prayer and Praise Night	Brightons Ministry Centre

Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	JOINT Morning Service Live Streamed	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Youth Church	Brightons Ministry Centre
	12.30pm	Welcome Lunch	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	YWAM Youth Event	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre

<b>Minister</b>	Rev Scott Burton	☎: 341590 scott.burton@churchofscotland.org.uk <b>Sabbath on Friday 16:00 - Saturday 16:00</b>
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