



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 Scott Burton and Judith Norton

Order of Service – Sunday 26th April 2026 (11.00am)

Welcome, Notices and Gathering Moment

The Choir: ‘Love lifted me’

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-51 Be Thou my vision

Scripture Reading: Acts 8:1b-8 (page 1101)

(George Mann)

All Together Time

Hymn – It’s an adventure

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Missional Listening Update

Hymn MP-302 I want to walk with Jesus Christ (v1, 3, 5)

Lunch in Rankine and Heriot Halls

Discussion Time 1

Comfort Break

Discussion Time 2

Return to Sanctuary for Closing Remarks and Prayer

(Judith Norton)

Hymn MP-445 Shine, Jesus, shine

Benediction and Threefold Amen

(Judith Norton)

** 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.*

Refreshments are available after in the Heriot Hall.

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.

➤ **Please Remember in your Prayers**

Please continue to remember May Anderson, daughter Sandra and family in your prayers after the passing of James (Jim) Anderson on Wed 15th April at FVRI. Jim's funeral service will be on Monday 27th April at 1.45 in Falkirk Crematorium.

Teens - Meet with a Mentor!

Our mentoring scheme gives teens a space to talk, reflect and receive honest guidance from a supportive adult. It's free, flexible, and designed to help young people grow in confidence, faith and life skills. If you are or you know a young person who'd benefit, just let Caroline know.

National Christian Hustings

With the Scottish elections coming up on 7th May, Logos Scotland held the only national Christian hustings on YouTube. We encourage you to visit the weblink and watch what the seven candidates have to say about their beliefs and the role of Christians in politics, education, housing and more.

<https://tinyurl.com/LogosHustings26>

➤ **Playlist during the prayer stations at tonight's evening service**

If you enjoyed the playlist or wish to listen to the full playlist again, it can be found on the church's YouTube channel or by using this link

<https://tinyurl.com/ubpc-apr26>

Volunteering opportunities



Youth Church - Creche

Our creche team are looking for 3-4 new helpers to join the rota on a 1-in-4-week basis. Please speak to Alie for more info or to sign up.

Kintsugi Hope - Train the Trainer!

Kintsugi Hope is a wellbeing programme that creates safe, supportive spaces for people to explore emotional health and resilience. We are looking for volunteers to help run sessions in Braes High School and with adults in the community. No previous experience is needed, but a heart to care for and support others is essential. Please pray, and if you feel led to be part of this, or would like more information, let Caroline Whittit know (contact details on the back of the newsheet).

Upcoming events



Thrive Sunday - 26th April (TODAY)

Today, we have a Thrive Sunday at our Brightons Ministry Centre where we'll hear feedback on the community audit project and take time over lunch around 12pm and afterwards to discuss the way forward together. We'll have an all-age accessible option and we aim to finish by 2pm.

Half Hour Service

Please note that the next Half Hour Service will be held on Thursday 30th April at 11.30am in Brightons Ministry Centre.

Scottish Women Of the Word

The Scottish Women of the Word are holding a Day Conference on Saturday 9th May at Castlecary Hotel, Castlecary. There will be two speakers Sheila Park and Ruth Box. I have been to these day conferences before and they have been a real blessing to me. For more details see www.scottishwomenoftheword.org or speak to Wendy Dick.

➤ **Youth Workers! A Save the Date!**

To all youth workers at UBPC, please save the date for our training and upskilling half day event which takes place in the morning of Saturday 9th May! If you volunteer or work with children or youth at the church, then this invite is for you! This is a free event, and more info will come through via email - so save the date for now and speak to Caroline if you'd like any more info! Looking forward to it!

➤ **Upper Braes Joint Service – Sunday 3rd May**

There will be joint service for Upper Braes Ministry Centres on Sunday 3rd May at Slamannan Primary School. If you require help with transport, then please let Judith know.

Kirk Session Meeting

Please note that the next Kirk Session Meeting is on Tuesday 28th April at 7.15pm in the Small Hall at Brightons Ministry Centre.

Friends of Jesus – Visitors Night

The Friends of Jesus Group are having their Visitor's Evening on Thursday May 14th in the Upper Braes church from 6.45pm. We would like to invite everyone to come along and share in this evening of celebration and fellowship, plus refreshments afterwards. There will be a donation box should you wish to support the work of our Friends of Jesus Group and Prospects across Scotland.

➤ **Martha's Pantry AGM**

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 9th May 2026 at our premises, No 9 High Street, Slamannan FK1 3EX starting at 11am. Refreshments will be available from 10.30am, providing an opportunity for anyone wishing to find out how our service to the community works and to see how we are set up. Questions? Contact Monica MacDonald on email: marthaspantryfk1@gmail.com

➤ **Thrive'26: Faith at Work: One Church, many workplaces, 28th May, 7.30pm - 9.00pm**

Join us here at Brightons Ministry Centre as we host one of Scotland's Thrive'26 Gatherings, connecting Christians who want to live out their faith in their workplace. Over the evening we'll have the opportunity over tea and cake to hear stories from the workplace, pray and have fellowship, as we look to God for encouragement, strength & support in community. There is also an option to join a national online seminar (from your own location) on Saturday 30th May, 10am-12.30pm for teaching, further encouragement and practical tools for workplace mission. Come and discover how God is moving in workplaces across Scotland; and how you can be part of it. Find out more / sign up on <https://thrivescotland.org/Thrive26>. Upper Braes Parish Church members are invited to attend for free with discount code: **upperbraes2026**. Any questions, please see Judith.

➤ **Men's Breakfast - Saturday 16th May 9.30am**

Sign-up sheets for the next men's breakfast are at the front and rear doors - please add your name if you plan to attend. Speaker is Mike Stewart from Ellel Ministries who has encouraging testimony to share about God's work in his life. We look forward to a time of encouragement together!

➤ **Annual Bereavement Service**

The annual bereavement service at Brightons MC will be held on Sunday 10th May at 3pm. Those recently or longer ago bereaved are welcome to attend. The service will be led by Gayle McLachlan. There will be tea & coffee served in the Rankine Hall following the service.

➤ **St Margarets Service**

Please note that the next service at St Margarets will be next Sunday, 3rd May at 2.00pm.

Sermon Notes

key verses:

Since we have some space this week, why not take a note of the things in the sermon or service that speak to your heart?

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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church



TODAY Sunday 26 th April	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service (also online)	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Youth Church	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	6.30pm	Evening Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 27 th April	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
Tuesday 28 th April	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.15pm	Kirk Session	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 29 th April	8.45am	Property Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.00am	Braes Ministry Get Together	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	7.30pm	Huddle	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 30 th April	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.30am	Thursday Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	Alpha Course	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.45pm	Friends of Jesus Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
Friday 1 st May	6.00pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 3 rd May	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Primary School
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Primary School
	2.00pm	St Margarets Service	St Margarets Care Home
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service (also online)	Slamannan Primary School