



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**

Order of Service – Sunday 3rd May 2026 (11.00am)

Gathering Moment with MP-38 As we are gathered*

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-1009 The King of love

Hymn MP-809 Blessed be the name of the Lord

All Together Time

Hymn – The Father Himself loves you

Scripture Readings: Acts 6:1-7 (NLT)

(Kelly Templeman)

All Age Message

Hymn MP-1261 Brother, sister, let me serve you

Prayer of Response and Lord's Prayer

Hymn MP-54 Bind us together, Lord

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.

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**

It is with sadness that we announce that Raymond Baird passed on 22nd April. Please remember his daughter Charlene and the family in your prayers at this time. The Funeral service will be held at Slamannan Ministry Centre on Monday 4th May at 2.00pm.

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>

➤ **Christian Institute Scottish Election Briefing**

The Christian Institute have also updated their Election Briefing to reflect parties’ manifesto commitments which can be found on their website:

<https://www.christian.org.uk/scottish-election-briefing-2026-3/>

➤ **Thankyou**

A big Thankyou to everyone who came along and supported the McMillan Coffee Morning last Friday. We raised in excess of £1,000 for Strathcarron Hospice. Thank you all.

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



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!

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

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!

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.

Annual Bereavement Service

The annual bereavement service at Brightons Ministry Centre 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.

➤ **Men's Book Group**

Please note that the next Men's Book Group will be at 7.30pm on Monday 4th May at Brightons Ministry Centre

➤ **Glenmavis Community Songsters – Slamannan Ministry Centre, Friday 15th May, 7:00 PM**

You are invited to come along and join us for a special evening of music to help raise funds for SMC. Tickets cost £10 and are available from Jean Gilmour, Linda McGarry or Linzi Matheson. Refreshments will be provided. We'd love to see you there for an enjoyable and uplifting evening!

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.

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



Sunday 3 rd May	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Primary School
	11.00am	Morning Service Joint Upper Braes Service	Slamannan Primary School
	2.00pm	St Margarets Service	St Margarets Care Home
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 4 th May	7.30pm	Men's Book Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
Tuesday 5 th May	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	9.30am	YDP Management Team Meeting	Off Site Event
	7.30pm	Community Outreach Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 6 th May	8.45am	Property Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	12.30pm	Senior's Lunch Club	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	7.30pm	Preaching Team Meeting	Off Site Event
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 7 th May	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	Alpha Course	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer	On Line Event
Friday 8 th May	1.00pm	ASN Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Saturday 9 th May	9.00am	Youth Worker Event	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 10 th May	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	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	3.00pm	Bereavement Service	Brightons Ministry Centre