



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 Judith Norton.

Order of Service – Sunday 10th May 2026 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome, Notices and Gathering Moment

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

The Choir: I stand amazed

Call to Worship

Hymn MP 1267 - Come people of the risen King

Hymn – I will wait for You (Psalm 130)

All Together Time: Moving Up

Alie and Youth Church

Hymn – Jesus, You are here with me

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings: Psalm 78:1-8 (page 590)
Mark 5: 18-20 (page 1007)

Isabel Scougal

Prayer for Others

Ewan Norton

Hymn MP 1087 - Lord, I come before your throne of grace

Message and Testimonies

We respond to God

Hymn MP 631 - Tell out, my soul

Benediction and Threefold Amen

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.**

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.

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.

➤ **Presbytery approval for upgraded sound and loop system in BMC**

Approval was granted on 25th April 2026 for the upgrading of the sound and loop system at a cost of £16,001.00 (inc. VAT) to be paid from our Consolidated Fabric Fund Capital.

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.

➤ **Faith Mission Bookshop card stall and bookstall**

Faith Mission Bookshops will be closing both of their shops in Scotland this month. As they supply the cards for our church card stall, we will sadly have to finish our card stall ministry. So the last date for sales of cards will be Sunday 17th May. Also on this date we will be selling Bibles, books, gifts etc. with 10% of all sales going to church funds. Many thanks to those who have supported the card stall ministry and blessed others through sending cards, and thanks to those who have supported Faith Mission Bookshops.
Cammy and Wendy.

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



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.

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 - TODAY

The annual bereavement service is at Brightons Ministry Centre this afternoon 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.

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!

➤ **Share your stories of faith!**

As we'll mention in our service today our stories of faith (our 'testimonies') are so important. Our Preaching Team are keen to include more of these in our services, so if you'd like to share a story of how God has been working in your life; maybe how He has been teaching you, helping you, journeying with you, answering prayer, or how you came to faith – then please fill out one of the Testimony cards (found on the pews) or scan the QR code (dotted around the ministry centres). Options to share upfront, in a question-and-answer format, or as a written story are available.

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 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
Monday 11 th May	10.00am	UBPC Ministry Team Meeting	UBPC Manse
Tuesday 12 th May	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 13 th May	8.45am	Property Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Book Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	2.00pm	Friendship Plus Committee Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Huddle	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 14 th May	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	Alpha Course	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.45pm	Friends of Jesus Visitors Evening	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.00pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer (In Person)	Brightons Ministry Centre
Friday 15 th May	6.00pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Glenmavis Community Songsters Concert	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Saturday 16 th May	9.30am	Men's Breakfast	Brightons Ministry Centre
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	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre