



UPPER BRAES PARISH CHURCH

We seek to invite,
encourage and
enable people to
follow Jesus Christ.

**Welcome! We join in the sanctuary to worship God in the Name
of Jesus Christ. Our service to God is led today by Linzi Matheson.**

Order of Service – Sunday 17th May 2026 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Gathering Moment with MP-38 As we are gathered*

Welcome and Notices

(Linda McGarry)

Call to Worship

Hymn MP 1086 – Light of the world

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn MP 1003 – Shout to the Lord (My Jesus, my Saviour)

We listen for God speaking to us

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:12-17 and John 4:22-24 (Sharon Mercado)

Hymn MP 454 – Majesty, worship His majesty

Message

Hymn MP 1016 – The heart of worship

We ask for God's help and respond to Him

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

(Jason Glass)

Hymn MP 990 – I will offer up my life

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.

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.

Welcome and general updates



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.

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.

➤ Please Remember in your Prayers

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of one of our members, Allan Napier. Allan lived in Polwarth Avenue, prior to moving to a care home in Chester. Please remember Allan's sons Derek and Frank in your prayers at this time. Also, please keep Fraser and Diane Tait in your prayers at this time following the passing of Fraser's father.

➤ Update on Ian Baillie

We give thanks to God that Ian is making a very successful recovery from his spinal surgery on 7th May. Ian thanks the extended church family for the flowers he received last Sunday and the accompanying kind thoughts and prayers.

➤ Gayle on Holiday

Gayle will be on holiday 18th-30th May inclusive. Please see Monica or Scott for any pastoral concerns during this period.

➤ Heather on Holiday

Please note that Heather is on holiday from 15th – 22nd May inclusive. Please send any items for the Newssheet to newssheet@upperbraes.org.uk

Upcoming events



Thrive'26: Faith at Work: One Church, many workplaces,

28th May 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Join us at the Brightons Ministry Centre as we host one of Thrive Scotland's '26 Gatherings, connecting Christians who want to live out faith in the workplace. Over the informal 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. Come and discover how God is moving in workplaces across Scotland; and how you can be part of it. **Sign up online** via <https://thrivescotland.org/Thrive26>. To get an idea of numbers we're asking for sign up by **Sunday 17th May**. Upper Braes Parish Church members attend for free with discount code: **upperbraes2026**. Any questions, see Judith.

➤ Kirk Session Meeting

Please note that the next Kirk Session Meeting will be on Tuesday 26th May at 7.15pm in the Small Hall at Brightons Ministry Centre.

➤ Half Hour Service

The next Half Hour Service will be held on Thursday 28th May at 11.30am at Brightons Ministry Centre. There will also be Communion served.

➤ Missional Listening “Next Steps” Workshop

For individuals and groups who wish to begin exploring one of the 8 ideas from the Missional Listening Proposals, we invite everyone to gather on Tuesday 9th June 7.30pm at the Brightons Ministry Centre for a time of discussion, reflection and planning. Sign up sheets at the front and rear doors.

The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church



Sunday 17 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
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
Tuesday 19 th May	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Communications Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 20 th May	8.45am	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	2.00pm	Friendship Plus	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 21 st May	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	Alpha Course	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer	Online Event
Friday 22 nd May	2.00pm	Long Covid Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 24 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

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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