



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 24th May 2026 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome, Notices and Gathering Moment

The Choir: 'Open my eyes'

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-770 Will your anchor hold

Prayer and Lord's Prayer (BB Company Section)

BB Company Presentations and Awards (Colin Heggie, Captain)

Presentation of Long Service Award

Hymn MP-1350 – Speak O Lord as we come to You

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

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:4 (pages 1196) (BB Juniors)

All-Age Message

Hymn - I'm following the King

We respond to God

Prayer of Response

Hymn MP-1004 Send the fire

Benediction and Threefold Amen

The National Anthem

Colour Party Leaves – please remain standing

** The words for the Lord's Prayer will appear on screen, if you find these helpful.*

***We have Youth Church for children age 3 – P1,
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. Today’s service is all-age, but our groups for age 3 – P1 and S1-S4 are running. Any children and young people in these age groups are welcome to take part. 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.

➤ **Please Remember in your Prayers**

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Mrs Angela Cameron on 8th May. Angela’s funeral will be on Monday 1st June 2026 at Brightons Ministry Centre at 10.30am, followed by a burial at Muiravonside Cemetery. Please keep Angela’s husband Bill and their family in your prayers.

We also remember the family of Janet Fleming, a legacy Slamannan member, who passed on 11th May. Janet’s funeral will take place at Falkirk Crematorium on 9th June at 2.30pm. Please keep Janet’s niece, Lisa, and wider family in your 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.

➤ **Connect Magazine**

There are a few bundles of our new Connect Magazine remaining for delivery. If you are able to help deliver these, then please lift a bundle from the tables at the back door of Brightons Ministry Centre.

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.

➤ **Friends of Jesus Group**

The Friends of Jesus Group would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came and supported us at our Visitor’s Night on Thursday 14th May. We had a great evening praising God and hearing about what our group had learnt through the words in songs about ‘What God is Like?’. Thank you too for all the kind donations which raised £259.40. This will be shared between Prospects Across Scotland and our Friends of Jesus Group.

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'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>. Upper Braes Parish Church members attend for free with discount code: **upperbraes2026**. Any questions, see Judith.

➤ **No Evening Service in May**

To make space for our partnership event with Thrive Scotland, we are not having an evening service in May. Evening services will resume at the end of August.

➤ **Communion Sunday**

Our next opportunity for sharing in Communion within the morning service will be Sunday 7th June, at either ministry centre, and all are welcome to gather, remember and celebrate.

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.

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?

Minister	Rev Scott Burton	☎: 341590 scott.burton@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Friday 2.30pm to Saturday 2.30pm
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Pastoral Assistant	Gayle McLachlan	☎: 07720 256336 gayle@upperbraes.org.uk On holiday 18th – 30th May inclusive
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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church



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 - Beginners	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
Tuesday 26 th May	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.15pm	Kirk Session	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 27 th May	8.45am	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	7.30pm	Huddle 25	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 28 th May	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.30am	Half-Hour Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	Alpha Course	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.45pm	Friends of Jesus group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Thrive '26	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
Friday 29 th May	6.00pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 31 st 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
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