



# 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 Jim Hope.**

**Order of Service – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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-664 – The Spirit lives to set us free (v1-2, 5-6)**

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

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

Story and Reading

**Hymn MP-64 – Break Thou the bread of life (v1-3)**

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

(Jean Gilmour)

**Hymn MP-1350 – Speak O Lord as we come to You** (see insert for words)

Conversation and Message

*We respond to God*

Prayer for Others

(Eileen Hope)

**MP-1072 – In Christ alone**

Benediction and Threefold Amen

**Doxology with May the God of peace go with us\***

## **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 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 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



### **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,** **28<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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?

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<b>Minister</b>	Rev Scott Burton	☎: 341590 scott.burton@churchofscotland.org.uk <b>Sabbath on Friday 2.30pm to Saturday 2.30pm</b>
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## The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church



Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.15pm	Kirk Session	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> May	6.00pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> 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