



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 Gayle McLachlan

Order of Service – Sunday 31st May 2026 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Gathering Moment with MP-38 As we are gathered*

Welcome and Notice

(Linda McGarry)

Call to Worship

Hymn MP 54 – Bind us together

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn MP 50 – Be still for the presence of the Lord

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

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

(Janette Craig)

Hymn MP 1072 – In Christ Alone

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

(David MacAskill)

Hymn MP 746 – What a friend we have in Jesus

Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP 272 – I have decided to follow Jesus

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Doxology with May the God of peace go with us* (Tune: Ae fond kiss)

Gathering Moment

As we are gathered, Jesus is here
us 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
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**

Please continue to remember the family of Mrs Angela Cameron who passed away 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.

Please also continue to 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.

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.



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.

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. Relevant for those interested in initiatives for Slamannan too, like the baby and toddler group. Sign-up sheets at the front and rear doors.

➤ **Sunday School BBQ – Save the Date**

The church BBQ is on Sunday June 21st. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Sign up sheets will be out in the next few weeks. Anyone able to help please speak to Caroline or Maggy.

➤ **Seniors Lunch Club**

The Next Seniors Lunch Club at Slamannan Ministry Centre will be on Wednesday 3rd June at 12,30am. Please let either Monica or Linda McGarry know if you wish to attend.

➤ **Thrive Sunday Feedback**

For all our members across both ministry centres, we are looking for feedback on where each of us is sensing God's leading in this season of change, as we respond to the Thrive Sundays and seek for all to thrive across our broad parish. To help with this, we have made an online version of the feedback form, which can be accessed via the QR code and link. It will only take 5 minutes or less to complete. <https://tinyurl.com/thrivefeedback-may26>



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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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church



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
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
Monday 1 st June	10.30am	Funeral Service Angela Cameron	Brightons Ministry Centre
Tuesday 2 nd June	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 3 rd June	8.45am	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	12.30am	Seniors Lunch Club	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 4 th June	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	Alpha Course	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer	Online Event
Friday 5 th June	1.00pm	Asn Support Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 7 th June	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	Book Group Gathering	Brightons Ministry Centre