

Missional Listening – Next Steps



UPPER BRAES PARISH CHURCH

Following on from the Missional Listening Proposals shared in April 2026, feedback forms and an online survey were made available for members to indicate which of the ideas they were interested in exploring and supporting. There was also the invitation to attend a workshop evening at the beginning of June 2026. Copies of the proposals are still available in each ministry centre and give more detail on each initiative.

From the feedback and workshop, we are now looking at exploring four opportunities, which are detailed below. If anyone else is interested in supporting these initiatives, then please complete the sign-up sheets at the front and rear doors – we would encourage you to pick only one, bearing in mind none of us can do everything. Your involvement could range from prayerful support, to being part of planning meetings, to helping run events, for example.

If one of the Missional Listening Proposals you were interested in, is not listed below, then the sign-up sheets give space for you to put yourself forward to be involved in that initiative – if enough people do similarly, then it is possible we may also explore it.

Baby and Toddler Group in Slamannan Ministry Centre

With the closing of the community centre and other venues, the previous local group had to also close and now there is no such group in the village, despite a rise in number of children in this age range. We invite anyone who wishes to help with prayer, setup, being present, etc to get involved. No set day or time has been chosen yet, as we are still in the early stages of confirming who is available to help. Please speak with Scott or Linda McGarry if you have questions. We are planning a meeting for Sunday 28th June after morning worship at SMC to discuss next steps.

Christmas Outreach

We are planning to run a Christmas Tree-Lighting Event for people of all ages to gather in the front grounds of the Brightons Ministry Centre in early December (or around the start of Advent) for a simple, welcoming neighbourhood moment—singing carols, sharing in a countdown, and lighting a community Christmas tree. Following this, people are invited indoors for hot chocolate, refreshments, and the possibility of other activities (TBC). Please speak with Gayle McLachlan if you have questions. We are planning a meeting for Sunday 28th June after morning worship at BMC to discuss next steps.

Intentional Neighbouring

'Love your neighbour as you love yourself' is a direct command of Jesus. We all have neighbours and we can be more intentional in loving them. That 'love' may take many forms and many of us already neighbour naturally. Perhaps you'd like to share some of your own practices. Perhaps you'd like some ideas on how to connect with your neighbours. If any of this resonates with you, we'd love to have you engage with this pathway. Please speak with James Falconer if you have questions. We are planning a meeting for Monday 10th August to move things forward.

menoPAUSE Café

A space where people could come together to enjoy refreshments while talking openly about menopause. Our aim is to encourage conversation, break down stigma, and remove the shame that can often surround this topic. It would be an open space for people of all ages and genders—we believe it's important that we all feel able to talk about menopause. The café would meet once a month in the evening, in a local venue. We are looking for people who would pray for this initiative, as well as others to be a volunteer on the planning team – and of course, your general encouragement and affirmation would also support us as we seek to serve the local community in this way. Please speak with Carolyn McEwan or Laura Eckles if you have questions.