



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 Rev Jim Cowan.**

Order of Service – Sunday 5th July 2026 (11.00am)

Gathering Moment with **MP-38 As we are gathered***

Welcome and Notices

(Linda McGarry)

Call to Worship

Hymn MP 51 Be Thou my vision

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

(Linda McGarry)

Hymn MP 712 Turn your eyes upon Jesus

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

(Annabella Nimmo)

All together Time

Hymn MP 1375 Who, O Lord, could save themselves

Message

Hymn MP 1072 In Christ alone

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.

➤ *New items are identified with this icon.*

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. If you are here with children, we have some resources available to share with your family.

Sunday Morning Prayer

Join us for a time of prayer on Sunday mornings 10.00 to 10.15am in the small hall of our Brightons Ministry Centre, or 10.40am in our Slamannan Ministry Centre.

Recruitment of new Treasurer

After a number of years' service, Sharon Glass is stepping down as Treasurer from 1st July 2026, and we are deeply thankful for all Sharon has done, which we will mark at the Stated Annual Meeting (SAM). In the meantime, Jason Glass is temporarily taking on the functions of the role, and can direct you to the appropriate members of the Finance Team (or otherwise) when your query is better taken forward by someone else. The Treasurer email address is monitored by our external Finance Consultant, Louise Collingwood, who we will introduce at the SAM too. We need to find a replacement Treasurer in due course, a role the Kirk Session have significantly revised, reducing time commitments and role responsibilities now we have an external Finance Consultant as part of our Finance Team. We will update on recruitment to fill this crucial post at the SAM.

A Lending Library in Slamannan

Following the Thrive Sundays at SMC, we now have donations of Christian (auto)biographies in a local lending library in the sanctuary. Please help yourself and complete the sheet with your name and the title of the book. Keep as long as you require and let us know what you thought of it!

➤ Pastoral Care Team

The sum of £450 was donated this week to Maggie's Forth Valley. Voluntary donations were collected at the monthly Thursday morning services. Sincere thanks to all those who contributed to this very worthwhile cause. The donation was very much appreciated.

➤ Staff Holidays

Scott is on study leave 6th July for 2 weeks, then annual leave for 2 weeks, returning Sunday 2nd August. During this leave, please speak with Monica or Gayle for pastoral matters or Judith for wider church matters. Caroline is on leave 13-19 July, Gayle is on leave 13-14 July, Monica is on leave 26 July to 1 August.

Upcoming events



St Margaret's Service – TODAY

Please join us at St Margaret's Care Home for our short service at 2pm, where we encourage residents with our presence, singing, prayers and short reflection.

Blood transfusion service

Did you know it takes just one hour to save a life? The Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service is visiting Brightons Ministry Centre on Monday 13 July. To book your appointment, phone 0345 90 90 999 (Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm), visit scotblood.co.uk, or email nss.snbtsequiry@nhs.scot. You must book your appointment by 5pm the day before. Thank you.

Weekend of Prayer in September

Please save the date for our next Weekend of Prayer, running from 11–13 September. We'll be holding 48 hours of non-stop prayer for our church, our community, and anything God has placed on your heart. We will have a sign-up sheet nearer the time where you can sign up for an hour to pray in the prayer room, which will be set up in the small hall at the Brightons Ministry Centre.

➤ Coffee Morning with a Difference

On Saturday 5th September there will be a Coffee Morning held. This is a call to all men (and boys) associated with the Upper Braes to take part in the “sure to be fun” event. The Coffee Morning will be organised by Men and delicious cakes and sweets will be served. We hope to benefit 3 charities supported by Upper Braes. Further details will follow nearer the time. Please speak to Roy Graham if you are interested in this event.

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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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church



TODAY Sunday 5 th July	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.15am	Summer Kids Club	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.30am	Morning Service Live Streamed	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	St Margaret's Care Home Service	Off Site Event
Wednesday 8 th July	8.45am	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.00am	Wednesday Book Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off-Site Event
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 9 th July	6.00pm	Alpha Course	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.00pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer In Person	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 12 th July	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
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