



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 5th July 2026 (10.30am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome, Notices and Gathering Moment

(Judith Norton)

Call to Worship

Hymn MP 857 – I, the Lord of sea and sky

Hymn MP 133 – Father, I place into Your hands

All Together Time

(Summer Kid's Club)

Hymn – Sticky Song

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:22-33 (Page 981)

(Margo Graham)

Prayers for Others

(George MacDonald)

Hymn – Will your anchor hold

Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP 272 – I have decided to follow Jesus

Benediction Threefold Amen

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

We have groups for children and young people up to S3, and a creche space.

Refreshments are available after in the Heriot Hall.

➤ *New items are identified with this icon.*

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. **All primary school aged children are welcome either to stay during the service or to go out to Summer Kids Club/session for young people to S3. 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.

Summer Services at Brightons Ministry Centre

From 28th June to 9th August inclusive, the services at the Brightons Ministry Centre will move to a 10.30am start time, with the morning prayer at 10-10.15am. There will also be a Summer Kids Club and summer provision for young people.

Is Upper Braes your spiritual family? Consider joining!

We’ve had some interest in folks exploring the meaning of membership and formally identifying the Upper Braes as their spiritual family and home. If you would like to join in this conversation, after the summer break, then let Scott or Judith know.

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.

➤ 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.

Volunteering opportunities



➤ **Bible Alive Storytelling Session - Volunteer Training Opportunity**

Valerie Sim, the Bible Alive Development Coordinator is going to be leading a Storytelling Session on Tuesday 18th August at 7.30pm at Brightons Ministry Centre. Everyone loves a good story! As Christians, we have the best story to tell, but how can we do this in a way which will engage, be memorable and cause children to reflect and respond? Come and explore techniques to improve presentation, enhance your storytelling and fascinate even the most wriggly child! If you intend to come to this session please let Caroline know.

Flower Rota 2027

Next year's flower rota for the Brightons Ministry Centre is displayed on the notice board at the back door. Please select your preferred date along with a contact number. If you do not wish to display a contact number please advise Anne Tomlinson or contact her on Tel 01324 712906 or by text 07703 473933. Alison Cassells is stepping down from the role as flower co-ordinator from the 1st January 2027 with Anne taking over the role. We thank Alison for all she has done during her time as Flower Co-ordinator.

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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