



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 Brent Haywood.

Order of Service – Sunday 26th July 2026 (10.30am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices

(Judith Norton)

Gathering Moment with MP 38 – As we are gathered

Call to Worship

Hymn MP 1000 - King of Kings, Majesty

Hymn MP 1151 - Amazing Grace (my chains are gone)

All Together Time

(Summer Kid's Club)

Hymn MP 167 - Make me a fisher of men (verses 2-4)

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

Scripture Reading: Acts 2: v41, 14-41 (Pages 1093-1094)

(Sandra Anderson)

Prayers for Others

(Eileen Hope)

Hymn MP 784 - Ye Servants of God

Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP 41 - At the name of Jesus

Benediction and 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 start at 10.30am, with the morning prayer at 10-10.15am. There will also be a Summer Kids Club and summer provision for young people.

➤ **Today's message**

In today's message Brent will be asking us to ponder on these words from the Apostle Paul in Romans 8: 9-11 (NIV): ⁹You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

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.

➤ **Please Remember in your Prayers**

A Memorial Service for George and Helen will be held at Brightons Ministry Centre on Monday 3rd August at 11.00am. Helen passed on 8th July at FVRI, followed by George on 14th July, also at FVRI. Please continue to remember Helen and George's daughters, Janet and Pamela and the wider family in your prayers at this time.

Staff Holidays

Scott and Monica are both on annual leave, returning Sunday 2nd August. During their leave, please speak with Gayle for pastoral matters or Judith for wider church matters.

Recruitment of new Treasurer

After a number of years' service, Sharon Glass has stepped down as Treasurer from 1st July 2026. 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.

Upcoming events



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.

➤ Missional Listening Next Steps – sign-up sheets reminder

Sign-up sheets for the Slamannan Pre-5s, Christmas Outreach, Intentional Neighbouring and menoPAUSE café ideas are available at the front and back doors. Please add your name to one of these if you would like to be involved.

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 26th 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
Tuesday 28 th July	7.00pm	Youth Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 29 th July	8.45pm	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 30 th July	6.00pm	Alpha Course	Brightons Ministry Centre
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