



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 Gayle McLachlan.**

Order of Service – Sunday 26th July 2026 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Gathering Moment with MP 38 As we are gathered*

Welcome and Notices

(Linda McGarry)

Call to Worship

Hymn MP 664 – The Spirit lives to set us free

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn MP 456 – Make me a channel of your peace

We listen for God speaking to us and ask for His help

Scripture Readings: Acts 2:14-18, 22-24, 32-41

(Janette Craig)

Hymn MP 167 – Give me oil in my lamp

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

(Irene Stewart)

Hymn MP 624 - Take my life and let it be

Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP 549 - Our eyes have seen the Glory

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Doxology with MP 796 - You shall go out with joy*

* 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.



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.

➤ **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.

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.

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!

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.

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**

As well as the Slamannan Pre 5s group, three other teams are taking forward ideas from the Missional Listening Proposals shared in April 2026. From the feedback forms, online survey and workshop evening in June the following opportunities were identified - Christmas Outreach, Intentional Neighbouring and a menoPAUSE café. More details on these can be found in the Missional Listening Next Steps flyer, available at the front door. If you would like to be involved in any of these, please add your name to the sign-up sheet, also at the front door.

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 Holiday 19th July – 1st August
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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
Sunday 2 nd August	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

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

You shall go out with joy
 And be led forth with peace,
 And the mountains & hills
 shall break forth before you
 There will be shouts of joy
 And the trees of the fields
 shall clap, shall clap their hands.

And the fields of the trees shall clap
 their hands (x3)
 And you'll go out with joy.