



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 Monica MacDonald.**

Order of Service – Sunday 2nd August 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 708 – To God be the glory!

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn MP 33 – And can it be

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

Scripture Readings: Acts 11:1-18

(John McGarry)

Hymn MP 173– Glorious things of Thee are spoken

Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP 744 - We've a story to tell to the nations

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

(Annabella Nimmo)

Hymn MP 201 - Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Doxology with MP 460 - May God's blessing surround you each day

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: Sing 2x

May God's blessing surround you each
day as you trust him and walk in his way.
May his presence within guard and keep
you from sin. Go in peace, go in joy,
go in love.

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. The family have asked those attending to wear bright colours. Please continue to remember Helen and George’s daughters, Janet and Pamela and the wider family in your prayers at this time.

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.

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.

➤ **Trauma Informed Workshop – Save the Date**

Are you in a pastoral or youth church role? We are holding a Trauma Informed Workshop on Wednesday 19th August, 7-9pm in the Brightons Ministry Centre for volunteers and staff. If you are serving people of any age, then we would like you to be trauma informed. We're not looking to become experts but to grow together in being equipped to support our community. This workshop will help us all to recognise where people are affected by trauma and adversity, and be more able to confidently respond in ways that prevent further harm and support recovery. Please add your name to the sign-up sheets at the front door if you would like to attend. For more details contact Carolyn Costello at carolyncostello1@outlook.com.

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.

➤ **Slamannan Pre 5s and Toddlers Group**

Slamannan Pre5s Baby and Toddlers Group will start on 31st August 2026, and will be held on the last Monday of every month at Slamannan Ministry Centre from 9.30am to 11.00am. A friendly and welcoming group for babies and toddlers and their grown-ups. To make this happen we need your help. We need donations of some toys and Volunteers. A suggested list of toys: Dolls and prams, jigsaws, books suitable for toddlers and pre-school age, babies gym, rattles, teethingers, kitchen toys, cars and trucks. Please make sure that all the toys are clean and in a useable condition (no broken toys please). Please also make sure that there are no small parts that can be eaten by the toddlers. Volunteers would be required to provide drinks, prepare snacks and serve for both the children and grown-ups. If you can help with this then please contact Sharon or Kelly on 07852 196970.

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 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
Tuesday 4 th August	1.00pm	Huddle 26	Slamannan Ministry Centre
Wednesday 5 th August	8.45pm	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 6 th August	8.15pm	Thursday Live Prayer	Online Event
Sunday 9 th 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
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