



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 Rev Monica MacDonald.

Order of Service – Sunday 9th August 2026 (10.30am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices

(Monica MacDonald)

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

Call to Worship

Hymn MP 1086 – Here we are to worship

All Together Time

(Summer Kid's Club)

Hymn – The wise man built his house upon a rock

We listen for God speaking to us

Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

Hymn MP 25 – All to Jesus I surrender

Scripture Reading: Acts 12:1-18 (page 1106)

(Alison Cassells)

Message

We respond to God and ask for His help

Hymn MP 73 – Christ is made a sure foundation

Prayers for Others

(Norma Thompson)

Hymn MP 708 – To God be the glory

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Doxology: May the God of peace go with us

(Tune: Ae Fond Kiss)

** 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.

➤ Return to Normal Service Times

From Sunday 16th August, the morning service at the Brightons Ministry Centre will return to 11am. We also look forward to Youth Church restarting then too.

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.

➤ Welcome Team Rota

If you are part of the Welcome Team, then the new rota is available to uplift from the table at the front of the ministry centre. Please pick up your copy if you do not already have it.

Upcoming events



➤ Coffee Morning

Please note that the Coffee Morning will start again on Thursday 20th August at 10.00am at Brightons Ministry Centre.

➤ Stated Annual Meeting

After morning worship on Sunday 23rd August, we will present the annual accounts at BMC at our Stated Annual Meeting. All are welcome, whatever your level of understanding of the accounts, which will be available ahead of the SAM – we will explain the accounts and take the opportunity to look back and forward a little.

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.

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.

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! 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.

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 and back doors if you would like to attend. For more details contact Carolyn Costello at carolyncostello1@outlook.com.

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. We need donations of some toys and volunteers: 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). 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.

➤ Evening Service - Teas

As we start a new session, we are looking for new volunteers to go on a rota for preparing and serving teas after our monthly evening service at BMC. Any individual is asked to serve on once every 2-3 months. Please contact James Falconer if you would like to be part of this ministry.

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 Sabbath on Friday 2.30pm to Saturday 2.30pm
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Pastoral Assistant	Gayle McLachlan	☎: 07720 256336 gayle@upperbraes.org.uk Sabbath Fri 4pm-Sat 4pm
Youth Development Worker	Caroline Whittit	☎: 07848 480801 cwhittit@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Saturday
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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church



TODAY 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
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
Monday 10 th August	11.00am	UBPC Ministry Team Meeting	UBPC Manse
	12.00pm	Pastoral Staff Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Intentional Neighbouring Network	Brightons Ministry Centre
Tuesday 11 th August	7.00pm	BMC Redevelopment Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 12 th August	8.45am	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.00am	Wednesday Book Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	7.00pm	Youth Church Beginners Catch Up	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.00pm	Huddle Network Catch Up	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 13 th August	7.45pm	Youth Development Project Management Team Meeting	UBPC Manse
	8.00pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer In Person	Brightons Ministry Centre
Friday 14 th August	2.00pm	Long Covid Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
Saturday 15 th August	9.00am	Kirk Session Conference	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 16 th August	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service Live Streamed	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Youth Church Groups	Brightons Ministry Centre
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