



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 Scott Burton.**

Order of Service – Sunday 9th August 2026 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Gathering Moment with MP-38 As we are gathered*

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-1267 Come people of the risen King

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

(David MacAskill)

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

Scripture Readings: Acts 12:1-18

(Bobby Robertson)

Hymn MP-1201 Longing for light (v1-2, 5)

Message in Conversation

We respond to God

Prayer of Response

Hymn MP-1087 Lord, I come before Your throne

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Doxology with May the God of peace go with us* (Tune: Ae fond kiss)

* 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.

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

May the God of peace go with us
As we travel from this place
May the love of Jesus keep us
Firm in hope and full of grace.

Welcome and general updates



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.

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



➤ **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.



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.

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.

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?

Minister	Rev Scott Burton	☎: 341590 scott.burton@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Friday 2.30pm to Saturday 2.30pm
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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
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre