



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 Burton. God's Word will be preached by Stephen Appleton from Tearfund.

Order of Service – Sunday 23rd August 2026 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome, Notices and Gathering Moment

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-1244 You are holy

Hymn MP-454 Majesty, worship His majesty

All Together Time

(Stephen Appleton)

Hymn – It's an adventure following Jesus

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

Scripture Reading: Mark 6:30-44 (page 1009)

(Fiona Kantzidis Jnr)

Prayers for Others

(Jason Glass)

Hymn MP-162 From heaven You came (v1, 3-4)

Message

(Stephen Appleton)

We respond to God

Hymn MP-806 Beauty for brokenness (v1-2, 5)

Benediction and Threefold Amen

** The words for the Lord's Prayer will appear on screen, if you find these helpful.*

We have Youth Church for children and young people, 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 children and young people are welcome either to stay during the service or to go out to the various Youth Church groups. 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.

➤ Quiet Room – open to all

We know that sometimes a quiet space is helpful, and so once the service has started, the vestry is available for this purpose – you can also watch the service there on the big TV. If a number of people need this space, please be collaborative.

➤ Teaching Series Overview

From mid-August to the end of September, we are in a teaching series called, “Sent into God’s Story of Shalom”. From Genesis to Revelation, we will explore a “golden thread” of the Bible as it reveals a unified story of God bringing Shalom within His creation — and inviting His people to participate in that mission.

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.

Upcoming events



Stated Annual Meeting - Today

After morning worship today, 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.

1st Polmont Girls' Brigade New Session

The new session will commence this Wednesday 26th August 2026 at the times below. We look forward to welcoming back the girls from last session and also welcome anyone who would like to join us on a Wednesday evening.

Explorers P1 - P3 6.15pm - 7.30pm

Juniors P4-P7 6.15pm - 7.30pm

Brigaders S1 - S6 7.30pm - 8.45pm

If you require an enrolment form please e-mail sandrablair69@btinternet.com

Kirk Session

Please note that the next Kirk Session meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th August at 7.15pm in the small hall at Brightons Ministry Centre.

Half-Hour Service: 27th August 2026, 11.30am

Our shorter, mid-week service is coming up soon and will include Communion. Please share with others who usually attend.

Men CAN Bake Coffee Morning – 2 weeks to go - September 5th

Men and boys of Upper Braes still time to sign up for this unique and fun event. Organised by men - welcomed by men - home baking by men - served and sold by men. We already have a number signed up but we need more. Baking can be tray bakes to gateaux. Scones, pancakes, banana/date loaves, shortbread, tablet, cakes etc, etc. Food hygiene requirements will be issued nearer the time. Ladies and those not involved: keep Saturday 5th September (10.00 - 13.00) free and tell your friends. Three great charities are being supported - Christians Against Poverty (CAP), Martha's Pantry Slamannan, Strathcarron Hospice. Each charity will have a display at the event. To get involved, complete sign up flyers at front and back doors (post in boxes provided); or contact Roy Graham for more info on roymunro13@gmail.com

Weekend of Prayer in September

Our next Weekend of Prayer runs from 11–13 September in the prayer room, which will be set up in the small hall at the Brightons Ministry Centre. We'll be holding 48 hours of non-stop prayer for our church, community, and anything God has placed on your heart. The sign-up sheet is now out on the table in the rear vestibule next to the side door. Also, a reminder to anyone who wrote a bold prayer and put it in an envelope to open in September - it is nearly time to open them!

Volunteering opportunities



➤ **Friends of Jesus Group**

The Friends of Jesus Group is looking for helpers to join our team to lead and help at our meetings which are held every other Thursday evening. If you would be interested in helping with this group, do see Rachel Meek and she will give you more information on this special ministry for adults with learning disabilities.

➤ **Introductory Safeguarding Training**

Is planned to hold an Introductory Safeguarding Training here on Monday 21st September from 7pm to 9pm. This is required training for those who have recently joined the PVG scheme and is also appropriate as Refresher training. Refresher training is required every 5 years so if it is over 4 years since your initial training you should consider attending. If you want to reserve a place, please speak to Eileen Hope or email safeguarding@upperbraes.org.uk.



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:

Minister	Rev Scott Burton	☎: 341590 scott.burton@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Friday 2.30pm to Saturday 2.30pm
Pastoral Assistant (lead)	Rev Monica MacDonald	☎: 07833 102874 monica.macdonald@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Friday
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
Session Clerk	Judith Norton	☎: 07919 998300 sessionclerk@upperbraes.org.uk
Safeguarding Coordinator	Eileen Hope	safeguarding@upperbraes.org.uk
Church Office	☎: 713855	info@upperbraes.org.uk
Church Website		www.upperbraes.org.uk
Newsheet Notices	Heather O'Neill	☎: 07745 564094 heather.oneill5@btinternet.com newsheet@upperbraes.org.uk

The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church



TODAY Sunday 23 rd August	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Youth Church Groups	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service Live Streamed	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	12.30pm	Stated Annual Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 24 th August	6.30pm	Light Up Brightons Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Community Outreach Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Tuesday 25 th August	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.15pm	Kirk Session Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 26 th August	8.45am	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.00am	Braes Ministry Get Together	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	6.00pm	GB Explorers/Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	GB Brigaders	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 27 th August	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.30am	Thursday Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.00pm	Thursday Live Prayer In Person	Brightons Ministry Centre
Friday 28 th August	6.00pm	BB Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Slamannan Ministry Centre
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