



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 Gayle McLachlan.**

Order of Service – Sunday 23rd 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 617 – Stand up, stand up for Jesus

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn MP 162 – The Servant King

We ask for God's help and listen to Him speaking to us

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

(Kelly Templeman)

Hymn MP 624 – Take my life and let it be

Prayers for Others

(Jim Hope)

Hymn MP 52 - God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus

Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP 167 – Give me oil in my lamp

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Doxology with 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.

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 their hands) (x 3)
And you'll go out with joy.

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



Stated Annual Meeting - Today

After morning worship, 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 - Enrolment

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.

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
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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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	6.30pm	Evening Service	Brightons Ministry Centre