



UPPER BRAES PARISH CHURCH

We seek to invite,
encourage and
enable people to
follow Jesus Christ.

**Welcome! We join together to worship God in the Name of
Jesus Christ. Our service to God is led today by Rev Scott Burton.**

Order of Service – Sunday 13th September (11.00am)

Gathering Moment with MP-38 As we are gathered*

Welcome and Notices

The Choir: Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-881 Lord, I lift Your name on high

Hymn MP-1221 Praise is rising

All Together Time: Testimonies

Hymn – It's an adventure following Jesus

Scripture Readings: Matthew 5:13-16; Jeremiah 29:4-7 (Jean Gilmour)

All Age Message

Hymn MP-936 Teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart

Prayer of Response and Lord's Prayer

Hymn MP-445 Shine, Jesus, shine

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 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.

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.

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.

➤ **Please Remember in your Prayers**

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Bobby Carr, husband of Isabella Carr on 6th September. Please remember Isabella and the family in your prayers.

Also, Mrs Maureen Strang who passed away on 7th September. Maureen lived at 11 Murray Crescent, Maddiston. Maureen’s funeral service will be held at 11.30am on Tuesday 22nd September at Brightons Ministry Centre. Please remember Maureen’s daughter, Claire and the family in your prayers at this time.

Upcoming events



Upper Braes Guild

The Upper Braes Guild will commence on Monday, 14th September 2026 at 2.00pm in the Rankine Hall at Brightons Ministry Centre. New and returning members will be welcome.

Friendship Plus

Friendship Plus will restart on Wednesday 16th September at 2.00pm in the Rankine Hall. We look forward to existing members returning and welcoming anyone new who wishes to attend.

➤ **Alpha Course**

We intend to begin a new Alpha Course on Wednesday the 16th of September. Anyone interested in attending this course should add their name and telephone number to the Alpha sheet at the front or rear door of the church. This course will be held in The Cross – the coffee shop/charity shop at Brightons Cross and will commence at 7:00 pm. Further information can be obtained from Tom or Annabella Nimmo 07952 865 596

Men's Breakfast - Saturday 19 September

Our next event is coming up soon - sign up sheets are at the doors. We look forward to reconnecting with men across the area and beyond, and being encouraged in our faith by being together.

Volunteering opportunities



Friends of Jesus Group

The Friends of Jesus Group are 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. Please note that the first meeting of the new Session will be on Thursday 17th September at 6.45pm. This is open to all Adults with Learning Disabilities and they will be made very welcome.

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.

Connect Magazine

The Comms Team are currently seeking someone to take on the role of collator/editor of our Connect Magazine - we produce a Summer and Winter edition each year.. The role includes pulling together the various articles for contributors across UBPC, editing into magazine format (Canva publishing software) and sending for printing. Others in the Comms Team arrange for its distribution. If this is a role you might consider please speak to James Falconer, Comms Team Convener.

➤ NEW FLAIM Leader Volunteer Opportunity

FLAIM is our Youth Church group which runs most Sunday mornings, and is for our high school young people. We are looking for a new leader to help us run sessions once a month, build great relationships with the young people, and support them as they grow in faith and confidence. If you are interested in joining us and finding out more, then let Caroline, George Mann, Nadia Cowan, Rachel or Doug Gilmour know - Caroline's contact details are on the back of the newssheet if needed.

➤ Half Hour Service - Thursday 24 September

The next Half Hour Service will be at 11.30am in the Brightons Ministry Centre.



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
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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

TODAY Sunday 13 th September	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Primary School
	11.00am	Upper Braes Joint Service	Slamannan Primary School
	2.00pm	St Margaret's Care Home Service	Off Site Event
Monday 14 th September	11.00am	UBPC Ministry Team Meeting	UBPC Manse
	12.00pm	Pastoral Staff Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Guild	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Worship and Teaching Working Group Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Community Outreach Working Group Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Tuesday 15 th September	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Youth Church Leaders Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.00pm	YDP Management Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 16 th September	8.45am	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	2.00pm	Friendship Plus	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	GB Juniors/Explorers	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	GB Brigaders	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Preaching Team Meeting	UBPC Manse
Thursday 17 th September	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.45pm	Friends of Jesus Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer	Online Event
Friday 18 th September	6.00pm	BB Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Saturday 19 th September	9.30am	Men's Prayer Breakfast	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 20 th September	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Youth Church	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service Live Streamed	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	12.30pm	Youth Band	Brightons Ministry Centre