



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 Scott Burton.

Order of Service – Sunday 20th September 2026 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-770 Will your anchor hold

Prayer with The Lord's Prayer

Acts of Dedication by leaders, young people and congregation

Hymn – Our God is a great big God

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

Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:1–5 (page 1249)

The Choir: 'We Are Marching'

All Age Message

Hymn MP-1072 In Christ alone

We respond to God

Prayer of Response

Hymn MP-835 Great is the darkness

Benediction and Threefold Amen

National Anthem

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

Beginners and FLAIM Youth Church are on, and we have 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 up to P1 are welcome either to stay during the service or to go out to the Beginners Youth Church group. We also have FLAIM for high school young people. 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.

➤ Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to remember the family of Isabella Carr in your prayers following the passing of her husband, Bobby. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday 22nd September at Falkirk Crematorium at 11.30am and then afterwards at the Park Hotel.

➤ Prayer weekend

We were blessed by 48 hours of prayer last weekend. Around 60 people spent an hour or more in the Prayer Room. The Comments Book reflects how blessed they felt by having a quiet space to sit in God's presence. This could not have happened without the support of a fabulous door duty team of around 20 folks. Particular thanks to Carolyn McEwan and Keith Wansborough for their creativity for the prayer stations, and to their support team. Please take time to look at the display soon.

➤ CrossReach News and CrossReach Christmas & Calendar Collection

The above items are now available for uplift from both front and back vestibules from Sunday 20th September. Please support the work of CrossReach. St Margaret's House in Polmont and the Prison Visitors Centre at HMP/YOI Polmont are supported by this charity. Orders for Christmas Cards and Calendars will be collated by Maralyn Stirling and so save on postage.

Upcoming events



Alpha Course

A new Alpha Course started on Wednesday 16th 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 Book Group**

Please note that the Men's Book Group will resume on Monday 21st September at 7.30pm at Brightons Ministry Centre. All welcome. Please speak to Jim Hope or Jim Kerr if you would like more information.

Half Hour Service - Thursday 24 September

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

➤ **Harvest service - food donations for Martha's Pantry**

On Sunday 4th October we will be having our harvest service, and we are asking folk to bring along groceries, toiletries and cleaning products to support Martha's Pantry in Slamannan. Over the next couple of weeks when you are shopping, could you buy some items to help local people in need? Please see the shopping list insert of items that Martha's Pantry are requiring.

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.

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.

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.

➤ **Blythswood Shoebox Appeal**

"Remember Me." This is the theme for the shoebox appeal this year. Will you remember someone this Christmas by filling a shoebox either for a child or adult in need? Shoebox leaflets are now available at the front of the church. Please take one and fill a shoebox so someone will not be forgotten this Christmas. Our church have been so supportive of this good cause over many years. For more information see Jim Dick or call 01324 714417.

Sermon Notes

key verses:

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 20 th September	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	Youth Band	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Fellowship Group I Lawson	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 21 st September	9.30am	Slamannan Pre 5s	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.30pm	Safeguarding Training	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Men's Book Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Team Convener's Meeting	UBPC Manse
Tuesday 22 nd September	9.30pm	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.30am	Funeral Service Mrs Strang	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Huddle 26S	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Discipleship Team Meeting	Off Site Event
Wednesday 23 rd September	8.45am	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	6.00pm	GB Juniors/Explorers	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	GB Brigaders	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.00pm	Huddle Catch Up	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 24 th September	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.30am	Thursday Half Hour Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.15pm	BMC Redevelopment Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.00pm	Live Prayer (In Person)	Brightons Ministry Centre
Friday 25 th September	3.45pm	BMC Redevelopment Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 27 th September	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
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