



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 Gayle McLachlan.**

Order of Service – Sunday 27th September 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 20 – All people that on earth do dwell

All Together Time

Hymn - Father Abraham had many sons

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Foundations Matter Presentation

(Matt Hulse)

Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

(John McGarry)

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

Prayer for Others

(Jim Hope)

Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP 133 – Father, I place into Your hands

Benediction and Threefold Amen

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 and the hills
shall break forth before you. There'll be
shouts of joy and the trees of the field shall
clap, shall clap their hands, and the trees of
the field shall clap their hands, and the trees
of the field shall clap their hands, and you'll
go out with joy.

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.

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.

➤ Testimony Sunday – 11 October 2026

At both ministry centres, we are having our next time of hearing stories of faith in action, God speaking, or what has encouraged or built you up as a follower of Jesus. If you have a story to share, no matter the size or shape, please let Scott know within the next week.

➤ Betty Mercer Funeral Service

The funeral service for the late Mrs Betty Mercer of Station Road Slamannan will take place on Tuesday 6th October 11.30am in the Slamannan Ministry Centre, followed by the burial at Slamannan Cemetery.

Thursday Live Prayer - on all platforms again

From Thursday 3rd September, Thursday Live Prayer will be back every fortnight across all platforms: Zoom, Facebook and YouTube. Many find it a helpful rhythm to make space for praying for the wider world as well as more locally. Join us! Email the office for Zoom login details.

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.

➤ Bible Society Magazine

There are copies of the latest Magazine from the Bible Society of Scotland which are available to collect from the front or back door.

➤ Kirk Session

The next Kirk Session Meeting will take place on Tuesday 29th September at 7.15pm in Brightons Ministry Centre.

Upcoming events



➤ Guild

Please note that the next Guild Meeting will be held on Monday 28th September at Brightons Ministry Centre at 2.00pm. Liz Rankine will be speaking about her recent travels to the Far East.

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? There is a shopping list at the front door with a list of items that are required.

➤ Youth Alpha

Youth Alpha is starting soon, and young people are invited to come along. It's a relaxed space to explore faith, ask questions, and chat about real life. Each week includes a short video, food, and time to talk. If you'd like to join in or find out more, speak to Caroline, Peter Gilmour or Mirjam. It will run for 8 weeks and begin on Monday 28th October, from 7-8.15pm, at The Cross, Brightons.

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.

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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Pastoral Assistant	Gayle McLachlan	☎: 07720 256336 gayle@upperbraes.org.uk Sabbath Fri 4pm-Sat 4pm
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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church



TODAY Sunday 27th 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
	6.30pm	Evening Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 28th September	2.00pm	Guild	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Fellowship Group (KW)	Off Site Event
Tuesday 29th September	9.30pm	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.15pm	Kirk Session	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 30th 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
Thursday 1st October	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.45pm	Friends of Jesus Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer	Online Event
Friday 2nd October	6.00pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 4th October	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	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre