



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 11th October 2026 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome, Notices and Gathering Moment

Gathering Moment and Call to Worship

Hymn – Your kingdom come

Hymn MP-1036 Blessed be Your name

All Together Time

Hymn – Jesus, You are here with me

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

Testimonies

Prayer for Others and Lord's Prayer

(Caroline Whittit)

Choir: Lord, make me a mountain

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 1:6-10 (Page 756)

Jeremiah 7:1-4 (Page 765)

(Marion Zacks)

Message

We respond to God

Prayer Ministry is available, as we sing...

Hymn – Yet not I but through Christ in me

Hymn MP-631 Tell out my soul

Benediction and Threefold Amen

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

We have a joint Youth Church for age 3 to Primary 7, and a creche space.

Refreshments are available after in the Heriot Hall.

➤ *New items are identified with this icon*

Welcome to the Upper Braes



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 are welcome either to stay during the service or to go out to the joint Youth Church group or creche. 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.

Looking for more information?

- Sign-up for our E-News via the QR code displayed in the sanctuary and here.
- Check out the Who's Who on our website or displayed in the foyer – helpful to find a leader or person to speak with about something.
- Check out ways to give, Gift Aid forms or volunteering opportunities on our website, in the news sheet, and displayed in the foyer.



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 the beginning of October to mid-Advent, we will have a teaching series taking us through the book of Jeremiah. Over 8 parts, we will explore some of the main aspects and themes of Jeremiah's life and prophecies, that we might hear God's Word to us today.

General information



➤ Please remember in your Prayers

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Malcolm Lewis' sister, Sheila, on 3rd October. Please remember Malcolm, his brother Ian, and Sheila's sons Adrian and Michael in your prayers at this time.

A huge thank you from Martha's Pantry

The response from the congregation, organisations and community to the appeal for donations to Martha's Pantry has been superbly generous and sacrificial, and will make a significant difference in the lives of people in our parish. Thank you to everyone who donated and for the hard-working volunteers who helped transport, sort and store it all as well.

Sunday Morning Prayer

Join us for a time of prayer on Sunday mornings 10.15 to 10.30am in the small hall of our Brightons Ministry Centre, or 10.40am in our Slamannan Ministry Centre.

Thursday Evening Live Prayer

Join us online (via Zoom, YouTube or Facebook) 8.15-9pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Email info@upperbraes.org.uk for Zoom details. Then we meet in-person on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, 8-9pm, in the small hall. All welcome and all types of prayer (spoken and unspoken) welcome.

➤ October Leave for Ministry Staff

Scott and Caroline are on leave over 12-18 October inclusive, and Gayle is on leave 12-25 October inclusive. For pastoral needs during Scott and Gayle's leave, please contact Monica. For wider church matters during Scott's leave, please contact Judith.

➤ Holiday – Heather – Newsheet Cover

Please note that Heather is on holiday from Thursday 15th October – 22nd October inclusive. Please can you forward any items for the newsheet to newsheet@upperbraes.org.uk during this period.

Connect Magazine

We're starting to prepare our Christmas edition of Connect magazine and would love to hear from our church groups and organisations! If your group has news, updates, forthcoming events or an article you would like included, please send your contribution to connect@upperbraes.org.uk by 1st November. For more information, please speak to Heather McManus or Susan McIntosh. We look forward to sharing all that's happening across our church community this Christmas!

New Display

Please stop and have a look at the new 'Prayer' display in the Herriot Hall. It includes photos from our recent Prayer Weekend and lots of prayers and comments that were shared. Also displayed are the 'Community Psalms' written by people who used the prayer room. Thank you to everyone who made this a very blessed event.

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



Kirk Session Meeting

Please note that there will be a meeting of the Kirk Session today after the service in the Vestry at Brightons Ministry Centre.

➤ **Guild Meeting – Monday 12th October – Brightons Ministry Centre**

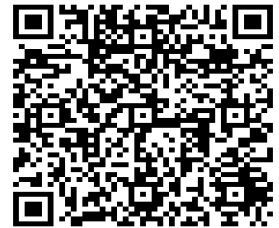
Please note that the next Guild Meeting is tomorrow at 2.00pm. The speaker will be local Librarian, Alan Wright.

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 Wednesday 28th October, from 7.00 -815pm, at The Cross, Brightons.

Menopause Café - please pray

Please pray for our first Menopause Café event, that it will be a blessing and a help to people in our community. This event is one of the outcomes of the Missional Listening exercise our church undertook last year. It will be held on Thursday 29th October, 7- 8.30pm in the Tesco Redding Community Hall. Our café is open to anyone (regardless of gender or age) to come together to have a chat, grab a drink, laugh, cry and talk about the menopause. We want it to be a friendly and safe environment to talk about menopause without stigma and with no preset agenda. To book a place by Eventbrite, please scan the QR Code. For more info, speak to Carolyn McEwan or Laura Eckles, or email menopausecafe@falkirk@gmail.com



➤ **Family Christmas Film Night and Chippy**

A warm welcome to all ages to book a ticket for this evening on Saturday 14th November, 4pm, at our Slamannan Ministry Centre. Tickets available from Jean Gilmour, Linda McGarry or Jean Meek. Why not invite a friend or neighbour too

Volunteering opportunities



Light Party Co-Leader Required

We will be having our Light Party on Saturday 31st October and we are looking for someone to co-lead this fantastic opportunity to reach out to the children in our community. Light Parties are a Christian alternative to Hallowe'en and remind people that light and hope can be found in Jesus. If you are interested in co-leading and organising this event, please contact Rachel Gilmour on 07931 170127.

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal

"Remember Me" This is the theme for the shoebox appeal this year.

Leaflets are available at the front of the church entrance. The last date for bringing boxes to the church is **Sunday 8th November**. Thank you for your help this year, if you need more information please speak to Jim Dick or call 01324714417.

Sermon Notes

key verses:

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Youth Development Worker Caroline

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Session Clerk

Judith Norton

The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church



TODAY Sunday 11 th 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
	12.30pm	Kirk Session Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Monday 12 th October	11.00am	UBPC Ministry Team Meeting	UBPC Manse
	12.00pm	Pastoral Staff Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Art Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	2.00pm	Guild	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Fellowship Group (KW)	Off Site Event
Wednesday 14 th October	8.45am	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.00am	Wednesday Book Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 15 th October	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.45pm	Friends of Jesus Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer (Zoom only)	Online Event
Friday 16 th October	2.00pm	Long Covid Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 18 th 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