



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 Linzi Matheson.

Order of Service – Sunday 8th June 2025 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Gathering Moment with MP-38 As we are gathered*

Welcome and Notices

(Fiona Miller)

Call to Worship

Hymn CH4 111 – Holy, holy, holy

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

We listen for God speaking to us

Scripture Reading: Romans 13:1-5, 8-10 and 13-14 (Sharon Mercado)

Hymn MP 712 – Turn your eyes upon Jesus

Message

We ask for God's help and respond to Him

Hymn MP 51 – Be Thou my vision

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

(David MacAskill)

Hymn MP 799 – All I once held dear

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.

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.

Sunday Morning Prayer and Thursday Evening Live 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, or online on Thursday evenings at 8.15pm via YouTube, Facebook and Zoom. Please email: info@upperbraes.org.uk for Zoom login details.

Keep in Touch and Informed

We are on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube as well as our church website www.upperbraes.org.uk. You can download material from the website, see the calendar and news, as well as revisit previous sermons.

Teaching Series up to Summer Break

We are exploring the 10 Commandments from the Old Testament. We pray that this series will help us appreciate the timeless relevance of these words. Today at Brightons Ministry Centre, Rev Scott Burton will be preaching.

Kirk Session Meeting

Please note that the next Kirk Session Meeting will be on Tuesday 17th June at 7.15pm in the Small Hall at Brightons Ministry Centre.

Saturday 14th June: 09:15-12:00 – Ground Maintenance

The Property Team would welcome any help to either spread gravel/stones in car park or fill a skip with disused equipment/garden refuse. If able, please bring appropriate tools too, but all hands welcome.

Alpha Course Starting 18th June at The Cross

We are delighted to be starting an Alpha course shortly, with 2 weeks running before the summer break on 18th and 25th June. It will run from The Cross café at 7.30pm. With a mixture of videos and discussion, Alpha is a great way to gain an (re)introduction to the Christian faith and have space to ask questions. If you, or someone you know, are interested then please let Scott, Judith or Tom and Annabella Nimmo know. Useful for members, sceptics, seekers and all!

Church BBQ – Brightons Ministry Centre

A church BBQ will be held on Sunday 22nd June after the service. Sign-up sheets are at the front and back door. The cost on the day is £5 for adults, £2 for under 14's. Anyone who can help please speak to Caroline Whittit.

Daily Bread Reading Notes

The next edition of Daily Bread is now available. If you wish a copy then please speak to Heather O'Neill, or e mail heather.oneill5@btinternet.com. This is a useful tool for your daily devotions.

Safeguarding Update

As a result of new legislation it is now necessary for church members visiting a care home in an official capacity or for an organised activity to be a member of the PVG Scheme. This applies to both when visiting residents in their rooms and also to meeting in public places, and INCLUDES ALL THOSE ATTENDING A SERVICE IN THE HOME. This clearly has consequences for the regular services taking place at St Margaret's. Please can anyone who attends these services, but does not have a PVG for Protected Adults, speak to our Safeguarding Coordinator, Eileen Hope, as soon as possible so that an application can be made.

Updated Privacy Notices for Upper Braes Parish Church

We'd like to draw your attention to the updated General Privacy Notice we have in place which outlines the way in which the Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale and Upper Braes Parish Church will use any personal information provided to us. Personal information includes any information that identifies you personally, such as your name, address, email address or telephone number. An electronic copy of this updated Notice is available on the Governance page of our website and a paper copy is displayed on the noticeboard in the hall vestibules of both Ministry Centres and in the Policy Master Files. If you have any questions, please see Judith Norton.

Transport to Church – Can You Help?

The Pastoral Care team are looking for volunteers to take members to and from church. Many of our members are finding it difficult to come to church as they are no longer able to drive themselves, or they don't drive and have no family or friends who can bring them. We don't want them to miss out on their spiritual journey. If you can help in this matter, please speak to Sheila MacLennan, Sandra Anderson, Jean/Robert Callahan, who will be able to give more information.

Huddle

Are you interested in growing and maturing as a disciple of Jesus? We are planning to start a Huddle group after the summer. Huddle seeks to develop our understanding and practices as disciples in relation to our church's Purpose and Values. A small group of 6-8 people allows individual and collective exploration in a safe environment. It does ask for a bit of a commitment: meeting every 2 weeks for about a year, but the journey is well worth it! If you feel prompted to enquire further, please speak to Scott, Heather McManus or James Falconer by the end of June.

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.

Minister	Rev Scott Burton	☎: 341590 scott.burton@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Friday 14:00 - Saturday 14:00
Lead Pastoral Assistant	Rev Monica MacDonald	☎: 07833 102874 monica.macdonald@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Friday
Pastoral Assistant	Gayle Miller	☎: 07720 256336 gayle.miller@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Friday 13:00 - Saturday 13:00
Youth Development Worker	Caroline Whittit	☎: 07848 480801 cwhittit@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Saturday
Session Clerk	Judith Norton	On holiday from 5th to 14th June inclusive
Safeguarding Coordinator	Eileen Hope	safeguarding@upperbraes.org.uk
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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church

Date	Time	Activity	Location
TODAY Sunday 8 th June	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service Live Streamed	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Fellowship Group T	UBPC Manse
Monday 9 th June	10.00am	UBPC Ministry Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Fellowship Group A1	Off Site Event
	7.45pm	Fellowship Group K	Off Site Event
Tuesday 10 th June	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Up and Coming Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 11 th June	10.00am	Wednesday Book Group	Off Site Event
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Slamannan Community Centre
	5.15pm	Bible Fun Club	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Discipleship Pathway Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 12 th June	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer	On Line Event
Friday 13 th June	2.00pm	Long Covid Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 15 th June	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service Live Streamed	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Youth Fellowship	UBPC Manse