



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 17th May 2026 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome, Notices and Gathering Moment

Call to Worship

Hymn – There is one gospel

Hymn MP-1040 Come now is the time to worship

All Together Time: Baptism of Penny Alice Williamson

Hymn – God’s love is the best love

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

Teaching Series Recap

Scripture Reading: Psalm 84:1-10a (page 595)

Ephesians 2:19-22 (page 1174)

(Jane Kennedy)

The Choir: Just as I am

Prayer for Others

(Caroline Whittit)

Hymn MP-799 All I once held dear (v1-2)

Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP-991 I will worship

Benediction and Threefold Amen

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

***We have Youth Church for children and young people up to S4,
as well as a creche space available for those under 3.***

Refreshments are available after in the Heriot Hall.

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 various Youth Church groups. 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.

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.

➤ **Please Remember in your Prayers**

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of one of our members, Allan Napier. Allan lived in Polwarth Avenue, prior to moving to a care home in Chester. Please remember Allan’s sons Derek and Frank in your prayers at this time. Also, please keep Fraser and Diane Tait in your prayers at this time following the passing of Fraser’s father.

➤ **Update on Ian Baillie**

We give thanks to God that Ian is making a very successful recovery from his spinal surgery on 7th May. Ian thanks the extended church family for the flowers he received last Sunday and the accompanying kind thoughts and prayers.

➤ **Gayle on Holiday**

Gayle will be on holiday 18th-30th May inclusive. Please see Monica or Scott for any pastoral concerns during this period.

➤ **Heather on Holiday**

Please note that Heather is on holiday from 15th – 22nd May inclusive. Please send any items for the Newssheet to newssheet@upperbraes.org.uk

➤ **Connect Magazine**

The new edition of Connect Magazine is now available for delivery. If you would be able to volunteer to deliver these, then please lift a bundle from the tables at the back door of Brightons Ministry Centre.

Teens - Meet with a Mentor!

Our mentoring scheme gives teens a space to talk, reflect and receive honest guidance from a supportive adult. It’s free, flexible, and designed to help young people grow in confidence, faith and life skills. If you are or you know a young person who’d benefit, just let Caroline know.

Volunteering opportunities



Youth Church - Creche

Our creche team are looking for 3-4 new helpers to join the rota on a 1-in-4-week basis. Please speak to Alie for more info or to sign up.

Kintsugi Hope - Train the Trainer!

Kintsugi Hope is a wellbeing programme that creates safe, supportive spaces for people to explore emotional health and resilience. We are looking for volunteers to help run sessions in Braes High School and with adults in the community. No previous experience is needed, but a heart to care for and support others is essential. Please pray, and if you feel led to be part of this, or would like more information, let Caroline Whittit know (contact details on the back of the newsheet).

Upcoming events



Faith Mission Bookshop card stall and bookstall

Faith Mission Bookshops will be closing both of their shops in Scotland this month. As they supply the cards for our church card stall, we will sadly have to finish our card stall ministry. So the last date for sales of cards will be Sunday 17th May. Also on this date we will be selling Bibles, books, gifts etc. with 10% of all sales going to church funds. Many thanks to those who have supported the card stall ministry and blessed others through sending cards, and thanks to those who have supported Faith Mission Bookshops.

Thrive'26: Faith at Work: One Church, many workplaces, 28th May 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Join us at the Brightons Ministry Centre as we host one of Thrive Scotland's '26 Gatherings, connecting Christians who want to live out faith in the workplace. Over the informal evening we'll have the opportunity over tea and cake to hear stories from the workplace, pray and have fellowship, as we look to God for encouragement, strength & support in community. Come and discover how God is moving in workplaces across Scotland; and how you can be part of it. **Sign up online** via <https://thrivescotland.org/Thrive26>. To get an idea of numbers we're asking for sign up by **Sunday 17th May**. Upper Braes Parish Church members attend for free with discount code: **upperbraes2026**. Any questions, see Judith.

➤ Missional Listening "Next Steps" Workshop

For individuals and groups who wish to begin exploring one of the 8 ideas from the Missional Listening Proposals, we invite everyone to gather on Tuesday 9th June 7.30pm at the Brightons Ministry Centre for a time of discussion, reflection and planning. Sign-up sheets at the front and rear doors.

➤ Kirk Session Meeting

Please note that the next Kirk Session Meeting will be on Tuesday 26th May at 7.15pm in the Small Hall at Brightons Ministry Centre.

➤ Half Hour Service

The next Half Hour Service will be held on Thursday 28th May at 11.30am at Brightons Ministry Centre. There will also be Communion served.

Sermon Notes

key verses:

Since we have some space this week, why not take a note of the things in the sermon or service that speak to your heart?

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



Sunday 17 th May	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service Live Streamed	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Youth Church	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Ian Lawson Fellowship Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
Tuesday 19 th May	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Communications Team Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 20 th May	8.45am	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	2.00pm	Friendship Plus	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 21 st May	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	Alpha Course	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Choir	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer	Online Event
Friday 22 nd May	2.00pm	Long Covid Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 24 th May	10.15am	Morning Prayer	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service Live Streamed	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Youth Church	Brightons Ministry Centre
	11.00am	Morning Service	Slamannan Ministry Centre