



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 16th August 2026 (11.00am)

We offer ourselves to God in worship

Welcome, Notices and Gathering Moment

Call to Worship

Hymn: Hymn of the Saviour

Hymn: Mission Praise 991 – I will worship

All Together Time

(Youth Church)

Hymn: MP225 – He's got the whole world in His hands (v1-3, repeat v1)

We listen for God speaking to us and ask for His help

Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

Introduction to Teaching Series

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:26–31; 2:8–15 (NIVUK) (page 3) (Alison Cassells)

Prayer for Others

(Ewan Norton)

Hymn Mission Praise 188 – God is our strength and refuge

Message

We respond to God

Hymn MP 1346 – One more step (1-2, 4-5)

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, and 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 and young people 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.

Is Upper Braes your spiritual family? Consider joining!

We've had some interest in folks exploring the meaning of membership and formally identifying the Upper Braes as their spiritual family and home. If you would like to join in this conversation, after the summer break, then let Scott or Judith know.

Welcome Team Rota

If you are part of the Welcome Team, then the new rota is available to uplift from the table at the front of the ministry centre. Please pick up your copy if you do not already have it.

Upcoming events



➤ **1st Polmont Girls' Brigade New Session - Enrolment**

Enrolment will take place this Wednesday, 19th August, in the Brightons Ministry Centre church halls between 6.30pm - 7.30pm. The new session for girls attending will start on Wednesday 26th August 2026 at the times below when we will welcome back girls from last session and also any new girls who would like to join us on a Wednesday evening.

- Explorers (P1 - P3) – 6.15pm - 7.30pm
- Juniors (P4 - P7) – 6.15pm - 7.30pm
- Brigaders (S1 - S6) – 7.30pm - 8.45pm

If you require an enrolment form, please e-mail sandrablair69@btinternet.com

Coffee Morning

Please note that the Coffee Morning will start again on Thursday 20th August at 10.00am at Brightons Ministry Centre.

Stated Annual Meeting

After morning worship on Sunday 23rd August, we will present the annual accounts at BMC at our Stated Annual Meeting. All are welcome, whatever your level of understanding of the accounts, which will be available ahead of the SAM – we will explain the accounts and take the opportunity to look back and forward a little.

➤ **Kirk Session**

Please note that the next Kirk Session meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th August at 7.15pm in the small hall at Brightons Ministry Centre.

➤ **Half-Hour Service: 27th August 2026, 11.30am**

Our shorter, mid-week service is coming up soon and will include Communion. Please share with others who usually attend.

➤ **Men CAN Bake Coffee Morning - 3 weeks to go - September 5th**

Men and boys of Upper Braes still time to sign up for this unique and fun event. Organised by men - welcomed by men - home baking by men - served and sold by men. We already have a number signed up but we need more. Baking can be tray bakes to gateaux. Scones, pancakes, banana/date loaves, shortbread, tablet, cakes etc, etc. Food hygiene requirements will be issued nearer the time. Ladies and those not involved: keep Saturday 5th September (10.00 - 13.00) free and tell your friends. Three great charities are being supported - Christians Against Poverty (CAP), Martha's Pantry Slamannan, Strathcarron Hospice. Each charity will have a display at the event. To get involved, complete sign up flyers at front and back doors (post in boxes provided); or contact Roy Graham for more info on roymunro13@gmail.com

➤ **Weekend of Prayer in September**

Our next Weekend of Prayer runs from 11–13 September in the prayer room, which will be set up in the small hall at the Brightons Ministry Centre. We'll be holding 48 hours of non-stop prayer for our church, community, and anything God has placed on your heart. The sign-up sheet is now out on the table in the rear vestibule next to the side door. Also, a reminder to anyone who wrote a bold prayer and put it in an envelope to open in September - it is nearly time to open them!

Volunteering opportunities



Bible Alive Storytelling Session - Volunteer Training Opportunity

Valerie Sim, the Bible Alive Development Coordinator is going to be leading a Storytelling Session on Tuesday 18th August at 7.30pm at Brightons Ministry Centre. Everyone loves a good story! Come and explore techniques to improve presentation, enhance your storytelling and fascinate even the most wriggly child! If you intend to come to this session please let Caroline know.

Trauma Informed Workshop – Save the Date

Are you in a pastoral or youth church role? We are holding a Trauma Informed Workshop on Wednesday 19th August, 7-9pm in the Brightons Ministry Centre for volunteers and staff. If you are serving people of any age, then we would like you to be trauma informed. We're not looking to become experts but to grow together in being equipped to support our community. This workshop will help us all to recognise where people are affected by trauma and adversity, and be more able to confidently respond in ways that prevent further harm and support recovery. Please add you name to the sign-up sheets at the front and back doors if you would like to attend. For more details contact Carolyn Costello at carolyncostello1@outlook.com.

Slamannan Pre 5s and Toddlers Group

Slamannan Pre5s Baby and Toddlers Group will start on 31st August 2026, and will be held on the last Monday of every month at Slamannan Ministry Centre from 9.30am to 11.00am. We need donations of some toys and volunteers: dolls and prams, jigsaws, books suitable for toddlers and pre-school age, babies gym, rattles, teething, kitchen toys, cars and trucks. Please make sure that all the toys are clean and in a useable condition (no broken toys please). Volunteers would be required to provide drinks, prepare snacks and serve for both the children and grown-ups. If you can help with this then please contact Sharon or Kelly on 07852 196970.

➤ **Evening Service - Teas**

As we start a new session, we are looking for new volunteers to go on a rota for preparing and serving teas after our monthly evening service at BMC. Any individual is asked to serve on once every 2-3 months. Please contact James Falconer if you would like to be part of this ministry.

Minister	Rev Scott Burton	☎: 341590 scott.burton@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Friday 2.30pm to Saturday 2.30pm
Pastoral Assistant (lead)	Rev Monica MacDonald	☎: 07833 102874 monica.macdonald@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Friday
Pastoral Assistant	Gayle McLachlan	☎: 07720 256336 gayle@upperbraes.org.uk Sabbath Fri 4pm-Sat 4pm
Youth Development Worker	Caroline Whittit	☎: 07848 480801 cwhittit@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Saturday
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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church



TODAY Sunday 16 th August	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
Tuesday 18 th August	9.30am	Pre-5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Huddle 26S	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.00pm	Finance Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Safeguarding Panel Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Storytelling Training Session	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.45pm	Team Conveners Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre
Wednesday 19 th August	8.45am	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	2.00pm	Friendship Plus Committee	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	Girls' Brigade Enrolment	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Trauma Informed Workshop	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 20 th August	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.15pm	Thursday Evening Live Prayer Zoom only	Online Event
Friday 21 st August	6.00pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 23 rd August	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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	12.30pm	Stated Annual Meeting	Brightons Ministry Centre