



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 6th September (11.00am)

Welcome and Notices

Gathering Moment

Call to Worship

Hymn MP-1141 You're the Word of God the Father

All Together Time: Prayer

Hymn – The Father Himself loves you

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:14-21 (page 1031)

(Judith Norton)

Message

The Choir: How deep the Father's love for us

Prayer for Others

We respond to God

Hymn – Yet not I but through Christ in me

Words of Invitation

The Sacrament of Holy Communion during which we sing

Hymn – There is one gospel

Sharing the Peace and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn MP-367 Jesus is Lord

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.

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 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.

➤ Rena Kennedy – Funeral Details

Rena’s Funeral will take place on Friday 11th September. There will be a service at Falkirk Crematorium at 10.45am, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at Brightons Ministry Centre at 12.00pm. Please remember her Sons Robin and Ian, and the wider family in your prayers.

Retiral Offering after the Communion Service - TODAY

There will be an opportunity to donate after the Communion Service on 6th September. The donations will go to the Bible Society. You can use this link <https://tinyurl.com/ubpc-donate> or use the QR code to donate.



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.

Upcoming events



➤ Joint Service – Next Sunday: Slamannan Primary School

On Sunday 13th September we will be having a joint service at 11am and we hope as many as possible will be able to join us at Slamannan Primary School for this all-age service.

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!

➤ Upper Braes Guild

The Upper Braes Guild will commence on Monday, 14th September 2026 at 2 pm in the Rankine Hall at Brightons Ministry Centre. New and returning members will be welcome.

➤ Friendship Plus

Friendship Plus will restart on Wednesday 16th September at 2pm in the Rankine Hall. We look forward to existing members returning and welcoming anyone new who wishes to attend.

Men's Breakfast - Saturday 19th September

Our next event is coming up soon - sign up sheets are at the doors. We look forward to reconnecting with men across the area and beyond, and being encouraged in our faith by being together.

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.

Introductory Safeguarding Training

Is planned to hold an Introductory Safeguarding Training here on Monday 21st September from 7pm to 9pm. This is required training for those who have recently joined the PVG scheme and is also appropriate as Refresher training. Refresher training is required every 5 years so if it is over 4 years since your initial training you should consider attending. If you want to reserve a place, please speak to Eileen Hope or email safeguarding@upperbraes.org.uk.

➤ 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.

Sermon Notes

key verses:

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 On annual leave to 13th September inclusive.
Youth Development Worker	Caroline Whittit	☎: 07848 480801 cwhittit@churchofscotland.org.uk Sabbath on Saturday
Session Clerk	Judith Norton	☎: 07919 998300 sessionclerk@upperbraes.org.uk
Safeguarding Coordinator	Eileen Hope	safeguarding@upperbraes.org.uk
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The Week Ahead at Upper Braes Parish Church



TODAY Sunday 6 th 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
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	7.00pm	Fellowship Group I Lawson	Brightons Ministry Centre
Tuesday 8 th September	9.30am	Pre 5s	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Huddle 26	Slamannan Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	BB Anchor Boys	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	LMC Leadership Team Meeting	Slamannan Ministry Centre
Wednesday 9 th September	8.45am	Property Team	Brightons Ministry Centre
	10.00am	Wednesday Book Group	Brightons Ministry Centre
	1.00pm	Martha's Pantry	Off Site Event
	6.00pm	GB Explorers/Juniors	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Children and Young People	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	Band Practice	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	GB Brigaders	Brightons Ministry Centre
Thursday 10 th September	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Brightons Ministry Centre
	8.00pm	Thursday Live Prayer	Online Event
Friday 11 th September	12.00pm	Rena Kennedy Thanksgiving Service	Brightons Ministry Centre
	6.00pm	BB Junior Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
	7.30pm	BB Company Section	Brightons Ministry Centre
Sunday 13 th September	10.40am	Morning Prayer	Slamannan Primary School
	11.00am	Upper Braes Joint Service	Slamannan Primary School
	2.00pm	St Margaret's Care Home Service	Off Site Event