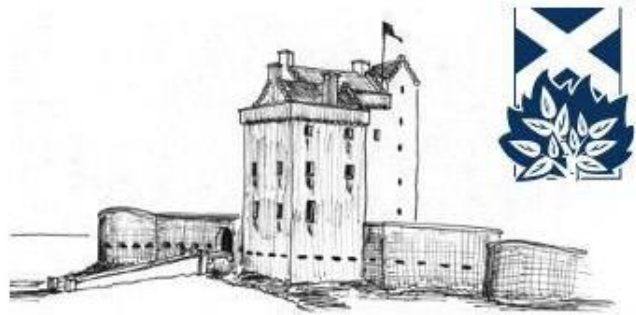


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Bringing 3 churches together

Broughty Ferry St James, St Luke's & Queen Street and New Kirk

SERVICES for OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2021

Morning Worship 11.00am with Sunday Club for children (all ages)

Date	Place of Worship	
10 th October	St. James	Guild Dedication - Rev Willie Strachan
17 th October	St Luke's	Ken Andrew
24 th October	New Kirk	David Murie
31 st October	St James	11 am Holy Communion - Rev Willie Strachan
	St Luke's	NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE 6.30 – 7.30pm - Rev Cathy Brodie
7 th November	St Luke's	Rev Caroline Taylor
14 th November	New Kirk	Remembrance Sunday - Rev Caroline Taylor
21 st November	St James	Rev Caroline Taylor
28 th November	St Luke's	11am Morning Worship - David Murie
	New Kirk	NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE 6.30 – 7.30pm

MONTHLY NIGHT PRAYER SERVICES 6.30 – 7.30 on the last Sunday of the month
They are reflective in tone, and include liturgy, music, readings, and a reflection.
Tea/coffee will be available afterwards

Guild Dates - Look Forward in Faith: Lights & Bushels

New Kirk Guild - Tuesday 2pm fortnightly 12th & 26th October; 9th & 23rd November

St Luke's & Queen Street & St James Guilds

Tues 12 th Oct 2pm	Malawi Fruits	Margaret Clarke	St James
Thurs 14 th Oct 7pm	Desert island Discs	June & Douglas Anderson	St James
Tues 26 th Oct 2pm	New Guild Projects	June Anderson	St James
Tues 9 th Nov 2pm	Christmas bags & cards	Sandra Smith/ Marvin Harris	St Luke's
Thurs 18 th Nov 7pm	Hessian bags	Mrs Sandra Thomson	St James
Tues 23 rd Nov 2pm	Shetland Island	Mr John Alexander	St Luke's



The Uplifting Power of Music

I went to church at St Luke's on Sunday 26th September to attend normal worship. I was feeling "down in the dumps" and a bit sorry for myself after a stressful week. My spirits were raised a bit when I saw the large number of people in the congregation. What a lovely feeling to have a church quite full again. You could feel the warm glow of friendliness and fellowship.

When the Praise Band started to play, my spirits started to play along and I was very quickly lifted out of my mood.

The music was very uplifting and although I am not a member of the Praise Group, I felt I was, by just singing along. Such wonderful talent we have in our midst with the choir and musical band. The joining together of the three church choirs and musical talent has been wonderful and proved such a welcome treat as was heard on Sunday. I certainly left church with a new spring in my step. Thank you to all involved in bringing the service together and hopefully another musical service is in the planning!!!

Church of Scotland LEARN - Regional Conversations on Pastoral Care

I recently attended the above zoom meeting along with representatives from churches throughout Scotland. We discussed how Pastoral Care is delivered in the various congregations, what works well and what doesn't. A variety of ways in which services were delivered during lockdown was discussed – live screening, zoom services, CDs, phone calls and hospital radio.

Many of these rely on modern technology and we are finding, with our aging congregations, that this is of no use to many. Phone calls, and visits seem to be the best way to keep in touch with these people. Also it is important that they receive regular church 'Notes', magazines or newsletters. Even if they cannot read them for themselves then perhaps a friend, carer or one of us could do so.

These people who have probably come to church all their lives really do appreciate being kept in touch.

This is important too for care home residents – it is a good idea to hand in a CD of the service which can be played at a suitable time. A card sent to each member is also very well received.

These days pastoral visits from the Minister are less likely as parishes are so large that ministers are unable to do all the visits they would like. This is where a good Pastoral Care group comes in, reporting on any ministerial visits required.

For those mobile enough to come to meetings (but not to sit through a service), many activities can be set up – Music and Memories can be very meaningful, simple crafts and games like dominoes or just a cup of tea and chat.

Now that things are returning to a new 'normal' after the pandemic, many people are looking forward to 'Coffee after the Service' on a Sunday.

As well as our older members, we must remember our young people – older teenagers, young families especially struggling with work commitments and child care. An open hall at lunch time can be a place for school children to gather. A baby sitting circle of 'aunties (or uncles)' can often help.

So much can be done by word of mouth. Tell us about a lonely neighbour, a bereaved person, someone struggling with dementia or depression and feeling lost and alone.

All in all, this was an interesting meeting which shows that we are all having the same problems as our congregations' age and younger members just don't have the time to take on visiting.

Thanks and well done to Hongsuk Um, Congregational Development Officer, for chairing the meeting

Marvin Harris

Broughty Ferry New Kirk Guild

We had our first get together on Tuesday, September 28th. as arranged and were pleased to welcome eighteen of our members. Unfortunately some of our ladies were unable to attend that day but we look forward to welcoming them back over the next few weeks.

At present we haven't arranged a programme for future meetings but we were able to look at The Projects. Several of our ladies took away a project leaflet to look at and they will each discuss with us at our next meeting their feelings about that project and ask our opinions about them and which we feel we should support.

As we can't hold our annual Soup and Sandwich Sunday to support the Projects Mary has suggested we should again distribute the gift bags we used for donations last year. This was a great success and we hope you will agree to take part in it again.

As before, we will meet fortnightly at 2pm in the hall and at present we are using the large hall.

Our Guild has always been a very important part of church life in New Kirk and we look forward to being together regularly again.

Presentation of Long Service Certificates

The Women's Guilds of St Luke's and Queen Street and St James held their first joint meeting of the session on Tuesday, September 28 in St James hall. During the meeting three St Luke's and Queen Street members were presented with Certificates for 50 years of Guild membership. Our congratulations for such loyal service to the movement go to: Aileen Adamson; Mary Stewart, and Margaret Souter



The Art of Writing a Haiku

By J. M. Lindsay

The haiku is a Japanese poetry form. Originally written as a tiny nature poem depicting a season. Traditionally, a haiku is written in three lines, with five syllables in the first line, seven in the second line and five in the third. Writing a haiku is simple. Begin with an image. It can be anything, even a memory. A beautiful flower, moonlight on water. Thunder and lightning can conjure many different images, both good and bad.

Let's stand on a beach. What do we see?
Sea, sand, ships and shells

In the second line we can combine wind and water.
Textures of wind and water

Now put these two ideas together:
Sea, sand, ships and shells
Textures of wind and water

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Finish with a twist that will raise the reader's awareness.

Sea, sand, ships and shells

Textures of wind and water

The world is at peace

Select images, ideas, memories, colours. Let your imagination play with every-day events.

Turn them round, back to front, upside down. Make your readers laugh and cry; leave them surprised.

There is a haiku for every occasion.

E-mails not working

Inbox and Outbox empty

Computer in bin

Reindeer in the sky

Sound of sleigh bells on the roof

Christmas Day is here

Remember the 5, 7, 5 syllable line pattern and haikus will follow. I should add a health warning. Composing haikus can become addictive. Happy writing.

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