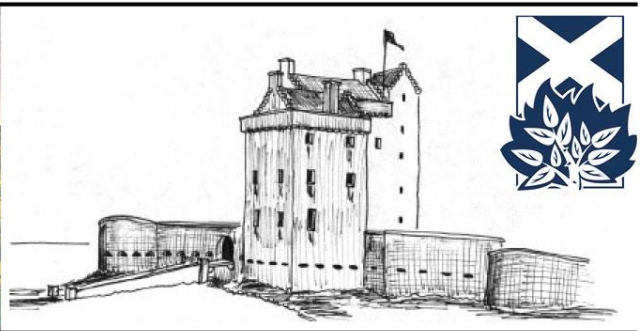


Ferry Chronicles



Summer Edition

August 2023

Bringing 3 churches together

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

SERVICES for Summer 2023

| Date | Place of Worship | | |
|------------------|------------------|-------|---|
| September | | | |
| 03-09-2023 | St James | 11 am | Sunday Worship – A. Bennett |
| 10-09-2023 | St Luke's | 11am | Sunday Worship – D. Murie |
| 17-09-2023 | New Kirk | 11 am | Sunday Worship – Rev Cathy Brodie |
| 24-09-2023 | St James | 11am | Sunday Worship – Rev B. Oxburgh |
| October | | | |
| 01-10-2023 | St Luke's | 11am | Sunday Worship – Y. Grant |
| 08-10-2023 | New Kirk | 11am | Sunday Worship - Rev Caroline Taylor |
| 15-10-2023 | St James | 11 am | Sunday Worship – Rev Caroline Taylor |
| 22-10-2023 | St Luke's | 11 am | Sunday Worship – Rev B. Oxburgh |
| 29-10-2023 | New Kirk | 11 am | Sunday Worship – Ken Andrew |
| November | | | |
| 05-11-2023 | St James | 11 am | Sunday Worship – Rev Caroline Taylor |
| 12-11-2023 | St Luke's | 11 am | Sunday Worship – Rev B. Oxburgh |
| 19-11-2023 | New Kirk | 11 am | Sunday Worship – Rev D. Hays |

From the Pulpit

Dear Friends,

Being among you on some Sundays and chatting with you at other times, I know that there's a weariness for a conclusion to the many discussions that have taken place around coming together as the Church of Scotland community of faith in Broughty Ferry.

If it's any consolation, this feeling is replicated around the country, as you may know if you have family or friends in other congregations. That said, while some are desperate for the necessary changes to be made, others fear the loss of all that they know and love about the Kirk.

As I said in my sermon at the end of June, this is a difficult time for all of us. I have no hesitation in admitting that, but those of you who know me well know I'm an optimist. I believe we can grow again. I pray we will grow again – for otherwise all the pain has been for nothing. I want the operation to be a success.

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Like my beloved old elder who in his 90s got a new hip – and a new lease of life. It made it possible for him to walk with dignity to the Communion table in the apse to lay the wreath, in remembrance of those who had laid down their lives for our nation. He himself had lost comrades at sea and survived on a raft when the drinking water was given only to the injured men.

He never forgot those pals. But he lived in the present and with an eye to the future. He'd been the driving force behind renovating the old coachhouse for all our social and business activities. For the first time, the congregation had access to toilets, as well as a kitchen and two meeting rooms. We had a new base for outreach to our parish, which was invaluable.

Sometimes change is for the better.

Let us pray

Eternal God

We give you thanks for the women and men
who have caught a glimpse of a better future
and inspired us with their vision
and not only that, seen it through to completion
We pray for men and women today who are criticised
for daring to suggest that change might be the best thing
Give us open minds, Lord, and ears open to your bidding
for Jesus' sake. Amen

From Rev. Caroline Taylor

10p Mile Fund Raiser

When the decision to convert St Aidan's Church to a Community hall was made one of the more unusual fund raising suggestions put forward was the 10p Mile.

The idea was to create a line of 10p coins edge-to-edge that would stretch between the front door of Broughty Ferry New Kirk to the front door of St Aidan's. The two buildings are only a few hundred yards apart, but a mile long route was laid out via Gray Street, Brook Street, Lawrence Street, King Street, Beach Crescent and St Vincent Street.

A 10p coin measures a little bit short of an inch. Rounding up there are 39 coins in a yard; if you prefer metres the total is 42 coins. On that basis the total number of 10p coins works out at 67,340. That amounts to £6,734, a tidy sum to add to all the other fund raising efforts.

The official start of the 10p Mile began on Sunday, September 25, 2011, when members of the Youth Organisations laid down the first 10p coins at the front door of Broughty Ferry New Kirk after the morning service. It took a £100 worth of 10ps to reach the main gate at St Vincent Street/Queen Street.

As the number of 10ps donated increased, the congregation was able to "follow the money" as progress was plotted on a map of the route. The first £1000 (divided by 39) gave a total of 256 yards, which was the middle of the level crossing in Gray Street. Moving on before a train arrived the line of 10ps snaked along Brook Street, and down Lawrence Street.

Donations came in many different currencies. Apart from bags of coins from 1p to £1, there were pre-decimal coins, equally valuable because banks still take old money provided each denomination is made up to the value of £1. Eight half crowns (2/6, 12.5p) to £1; ten florins (2/-) to £1. There were also Euros and foreign coins handed in. The Euros were counted, bagged and sold to holiday makers going to the Continent, and one person who travelled regularly to America was happy to buy all the dimes, nickles, dollars and half dollars donated. One unusual find was a 10 cent coin commemorating the surrender of the British Army at the Battle of Saratoga. The coin was bought by a keen numismatist.

When Covid restrictions closed all the churches donations stopped, but resumed as restrictions were lifted and members began to return to New Kirk. Since Rev Catherine Collins retired and New Kirk, St James, and St Luke's and Queen Street began moving to a Union, bags of coins have continued to be handed in.

The St Aidan's Project is complete and the building is in daily use by many church as well as outside organisations. But the 10p Mile has continued slowly but steadily and at the last check the total raised so far is over £2800, around 700 yards. The original reason for the fund raiser is long gone; but we're almost half way there, and it would be a shame if we did not finish what we started.

Archie Darroch

Finding a Broughty Ferry branch on my family tree

When I was a mere twig on the family tree, my father, Ronald Francis Dick, wove tales of Scottish heather-covered heath and windswept shores, a land of kilted pipers and clever lasses who baked the best scones in the kingdom. He would pat the stoneware crock of marmalade and say, "Your Great-Grandpa James set sail to seek his fortune in America, leaving behind mother, brother and sweetheart. He became a master builder in New York City and sent for Grandma Jane. They married the day she landed in 1880."

In 1967, when I was ten, Dad whisked my mother and me to Scotland. We explored Lowlands and Highlands, but outside Perth, car trouble spoiled the tour and we missed Dundee. Years later, Dad would shake his head wistfully and talk about returning someday to find Grandpa James's own ancestors, about whom he knew very little. Although Dad did return to Dundee before his death in 2015, he never got to Broughty Ferry nor extend his reach past 1880.

My mother's passing brought their travel journals to me. Reading about that journey again, I was determined to find what had eluded him.

On June 20th, this year a day of showery sunshine, I found myself approaching St Aidan's Kirk, knowing only that somewhere in its churchyard was a stone recording two of my Dad's namesakes: Francis (1822-1859), father of great-grandpa James, and Francis senior (1793-1864).

An unfamiliar churchyard can be a bit overwhelming when you're seeking just one gravestone. Thank my lucky stars, St Aidan's New Kirk volunteers Linda Crighton and Sheila Duncan were tending graves in the forecourt, and gave me clues where to search. To my astonishment, amid the grasses of no-mow-May, we found the very stone I was seeking! To view the stone listing my great- and great-great grandparents touched my heart.

The genealogist sent me one last follow-up that very evening, pointing me to tiny Murroes churchyard. There, again by astounding luck, I found the grave marker of Francis senior's father, Gilbert, and grandfather David. The line of master builders that continued to my Dad's electrician father began there: Gilbert, a weaver, was also a carpenter. My Dad broke the mould: he was a history teacher, building up young minds instead of sturdy buildings. I believe he'd be delighted that I followed the family tree, root and branch, so far back. Thanks to St. Aidan's, I could complete the task Dad set himself more than 50 years ago.

Laura Cameron, Olympia, Washington, USA



Laura beside the gravestone in St Aidan's Churchyard

A Macmillan Coffee Morning

will be held in **New Kirk Large hall**

on *Friday 29th September*,

from 10 am to 12 midday

All welcome

With Refugees Broughty Ferry (WRBF)

WRBF is a group of people based in Broughty Ferry who help refugees here in Dundee and overseas. We are affiliated to the Broughty Ferry Churches Group. Our approach is based on volunteering. We act as a conduit between people who are interested in providing some time and energy to working with refugees, and opportunities for volunteering. In this we work with a number of local groups and bodies who provide services to refugees, such as the Baptist Church at Panmurefield.

Typically volunteers can become mentors of individual refugees or simply offer friendship. There are opportunities also for group activities involving play, music and arts, while we can direct people to help in the work of sourcing, packing and transporting clothing and other items to refugees in Europe, particularly those affected by the war in Ukraine.

Refugees need our support. At the same time volunteering is rewarding and fun. If you are interested in learning more please contact WRBF on Facebook or email me at Graham.mckee@hotmail.co.uk

Graham McKee



CHRISTIAN AID MAY

We knitted, ate cake, socialised, crafted, were challenged, danced, walked and generally had fun for Christian Aid in May.

SOCIALISE – Broughty Ferry Churches Group organised the Christian Aid coffee morning on 13th May in the New Kirk Halls. We had a very successful morning, filling the tables in the hall while also selling cakes & candy, crafts, books and jigsaws and also having a raffle a hamper and guessing how many beans were in a jar.

DANCE – In Christian Aid week we joined other churches in the Invercarse for a Ceilidh organised by Rev Caroline Taylor. She invited the churches she was involved in with a wish to see us dancing instead of sitting in the pews and she achieved her aim. About 100 people of all ages danced to live music and had fun.

WALK – Later in the month a group of 10 of us walked the 8 miles of the boundaries of the three parishes. This is the third year we have done this – reviving the ancient tradition of beating the bounds. The custom of beating the bounds goes back to the Anglo Saxon period at least. In the days before maps and written title deeds a knowledge of the physical boundaries of property was very important. So the custom grew up of walking the boundaries, stopping at intervals to strike boundary stones to 'mark' the bounds. Villagers, with the rector and other local dignitaries, would walk the parish bounds during Rogationtide—the fifth week after Easter— which generally falls in May and therefore it feels right to Beat the Bounds for Christian Aid.

In total we were involved in raising around £2450 for Christian Aid. WELL DONE everyone!

Summer Saturday Coffees 2023 “And that’s a wrap”

Our Summer Saturday coffees 2023 are now finished having reached the end of July and we were blessed with sunshine every Saturday despite rain being all around. It was very well supported and we gathered new friends along the way.

It would not have been possible without all the teams of helpers. So thanks go to: the Friday evening “set-up” team, the Saturday “dismantlers”, Evelyn and the kitchen team who were there every week Evelyn also for her weekly flower arrangements and posies on every table, all the folk on rota who served in the tea room and to all those who brought or donated baking goodies, books & jigsaws, and everyone who helped in any way. We are also grateful to Sturrock & Comb next door for allowing us to use their car park when available.

It was a lot of work for everyone but I hope you enjoyed, as I did, the camaraderie and the chance to catch up and socialise with your fellow workers as well as the customers. There was a great buzz of chat everywhere, which was great to hear. Mission accomplished.

Well done Team of Summer 2023 !!

Susan Jenkin

BFNK Scottish Country Dance Club

Dancing at St Stephen's & West 7.30 – 9.30 Autumn term



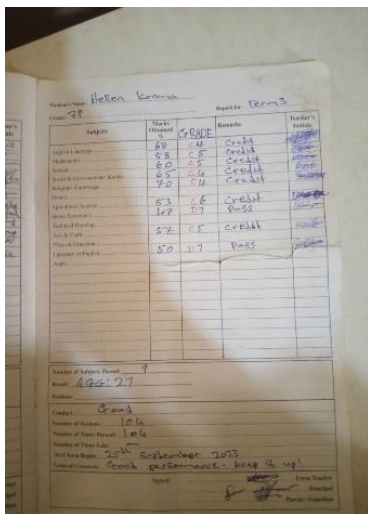
Dust off your dancing shoes – we will be dancing again from Friday 1st September

The Scottish Country Dance class runs on Friday nights at St Stephen's from September to March and has Dances in October and February where we have live music and welcome other dancers from the area.

We have an experienced teacher who delivers a varied programme with something for all abilities.

Scottish country dancing is good exercise and good for the mind but, most importantly, it is fun.

For any further information contact Kate Dean 07834 991096. You'll get a very warm welcome.

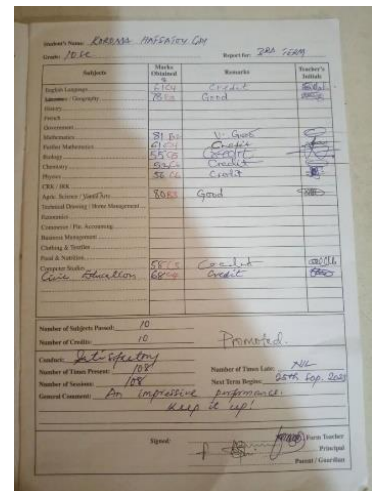


SCHOOL REPORT CARDS FROM THE GAMBIA

We recently got copies of Hellen's & Hafsatou Koroma's report cards. They are able to attend school because of our sponsorship & it is clear that they work hard and are earning credit scores and glowing school reports.

The new school term starts on 23rd September and they will need their fees paid and get their new uniforms and equipment

Please keep your loose change and give to the Sunday School so we can continue to support this family



BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOXES Bring hope at Christmas

- << Blythswood Care's 2022 Shoe Box Appeal produced nearly 89,000 gift-filled boxes, with boxes being donated from Shetland to Cornwall and from Northern Ireland to Kent. Filled with small, practical items such as toiletries, stationery, and clothing the individually-wrapped boxes have been distributed in schools, hospitals, orphanages and care homes, and to households in very low income communities. Many have gone to people affected by the war in Ukraine. Overall the boxes received were seven percent up on last year. The extra boxes allowed us to send three lorry-loads instead of two to Ukraine, around 16,000 boxes. >> *Blythswood Care*
- We will be filling shoeboxes again this year in St James and they will be sent away in early November.
- Please consider donating items for the boxes – toothbrushes, soap, toys, gloves – a box will be put in St James hall.
- Speak to **Sandra Smith** for more details – donations required as well as help to fill or check shoeboxes.

ST JAMES GALA WEEK OPEN CHURCH



Many of you will have dropped in to the church and hall during Broughty Ferry Gala Week in July and enjoyed the hospitality provided by members of all of the Broughty Ferry congregations. The tea/coffee and home baking went down well and the exhibition of paintings by Isobel Reid, a local artist, was greatly appreciated. Many of the visitors, both local and from further afield, commented on the warmth of the welcome from all of the volunteers. There was a real buzz around in the church and the hall throughout the week and a great deal of interest in all the old photographs from St Luke's, New Kirk and St James that were displayed around the hall. Lots of people recognised themselves and their family members and it brought back many happy memories.

The week concluded with 'Songs of Praise' on Sunday evening, which was hosted by St Mary's Episcopal Church. There was an excellent turnout and more seats had to be put out and more hymn sheets copied. The singing was magnificent and the range of hymns provided something for every taste.

Thanks must go to all the volunteers – too many to name – who made everything happen.

Donations of £434 have been passed on to Christian's Against Poverty, this year's chosen charity.



BROUGHTY FERRY CHURCHES GUILD

After an enjoyable 2022/2023 session the new Guild committee are working hard on an interesting syllabus for 2023/2024. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 26 September 2023 at 2pm in the New Kirk Hall.

That afternoon will be 'Getting to know you' with some fun activities, quizzes and singing with plenty of time for members to catch up with each other's news after the summer break. We are looking forward to welcoming back Guild members and would love to have some new members to swell the numbers. Visitors who wish to attend one or two meetings will also be most welcome. We will meet every two weeks as before and the subs for the next session are £15. The treasurer would be very

grateful if you could bring your subs to the first meeting. More information will be published in Interconnections nearer the time but put 26 September in your diary and keep your Tuesday afternoons free. **June Anderson,**
Guild Convenor.

From the Sunday School

We continue to have a good attendance from our regular children, which the Leaders really appreciate.

Our Community Garden project, which is located at the rear of the car park opposite the library, has been both bountiful in produce and weeds! Please feel free to visit it, do a little watering if needed and help yourself to any available (edible) produce you may find. The children have enjoyed their visits to it and watching the results of their seed planting. Definitely a project they want to continue with next year.

During the summer holiday we have still managed to have fun with the children, they have visited the RNLI Lego exhibition, done some baking, which they always enjoy and potted up some plants, which they gave to each member of the congregation as their act of kindness to one another.

This term we hope to involve the children in a fundraising event for a local charity, in which the children can enjoy and participate. Information on this later. **Sheila Thomson**

ACTIVITIES IN OUR CHURCHES

CRAFT & CHATTER Every Monday 1.30pm @ **St Luke's**

Bring your present project or just come for the chat. Contact Morven or Aileen

CARPET BOWLS Weekly Thursday 1.30 @ **New Kirk**

Join the fun & games. Restarting 14th September. Contact Alison 778685

FILM NIGHT Last Sunday of the month 7pm @ **St Aidan's**

Come to the movies (with subtitles). Contact Graeme Smith **07434 903400**

YOUTH CLUB Alternate Sunday evenings 7-9pm. Term time @ **Barnhill St Margaret's**

Open to all secondary school Contact Evelyn youth@bsmchurch.org.uk

GUILD Tuesday afternoons 2pm @ **New Kirk** Restarts 26th September Every fortnight

Various speakers & events (Season September – March) Guild Convener: June Anderson

MIXED BADMINTON Saturday 7-8.30 @ **New Kirk**

All ages and abilities welcome Contact Ann 477566 for details

MESSY CHURCH Last Saturday afternoon 4 – 5.30pm Term time @ **Barnhill St Margaret's**

Join Bible based crafts & games. Contact Evelyn youth@bsmchurch.org.uk

NEW KIRK SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING Friday 7.30-9.30 @ **St Stephen's**

Restarts 1st September (Season September – March) Contact Kate D 07834 991096 for more details

PICKLEBALL Monday evenings @ **New Kirk**

A racket or paddle sport Information from Dawn Rourke for availability

Save the Date!

*There will be an evening of Scottish Music and Ceilidh Dancing
on Saturday, 28th October, 7pm-10pm, in the New Kirk (Queen Street) Halls.*

Music will be provided by local band 'Carnoustie Traditionals'.

Tickets for this social get-together, including stovies and soft drinks, go on sale in September (adults £5, children free).

Recent Deaths

'And whosoever believeth in me shall never die'

St James

Jean Laing, 10 Ardestie Street, Monifieth 19/05/2023

St Luke's and Queen Street

David Bates, 45 Regent Place, Broughty Ferry
24/06/2023

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