

# Broughty Ferry Parish Church

## 'Connecting Monthly'



### Regular Sunday Services in May

<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Barnhill St Margaret's</b>	Early Contemporary Service (meet for tea & coffee from 9am)
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Barnhill St Margaret's</b>	Morning worship (refreshments afterwards in the hall)
<b>11am</b>	<b>Queen Street East</b>	Morning worship (formerly New Kirk) (refreshments afterwards in the hall)

**Please note there will be ONE service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May. This will be held in Queen Street East church at 11am.**



### ELECTION OF THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE

On Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 there will be one service for Broughty Ferry Parish Church at Queen Street East at 11am. After morning worship there will be a Congregational meeting to elect the Nomination Committee. The Nomination Committee is charged with the calling of two ministers for our church. I would encourage everyone to come to the service and attend the Congregational meeting. This is a significant point in our journey together after our Service of Union on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024. A request! Once the Nomination Committee is elected, please leave them to carry out their task without asking too many questions. We must trust those who have been elected to get on with job and do not expect any reports. The Nomination Committee will make an announcement to the congregation when they have fulfilled their task of finding two ministers. However, do pray for the members of the Nomination Committee as they are given this important responsibility. Wishing you all God's richest blessing, *Rev John C Duncan* – Interim Moderator – BF Parish Church

### Upcoming Events

Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm	Youth Club at Barnhill St Margaret's
Wed 8th May	12.30pm	Men's Group (see over for details)
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> May	1.30pm	Barnhill Blethers (falls awareness session) Barnhill Community Centre
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> May	2pm	Book Club at Barnhill St Margaret's
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> May	10 to 12md	Coffee Morning in Queen Street East hall. Proceeds to Christian Aid
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm	Kirk Session in Queen Street East
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> May	2pm	Worship at sheltered housing in Shiell Court
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> May	12md – 2pm	Café at Barnhill St Margaret's hall. Soup, sandwiches and homebakes
Wed 15th May	1.30pm - 4.30pm	NEW! Heart for Art fortnightly at Queen Street East (see over)
Sat 18th May		Start of the General Assembly in Edinburgh (18th to 23rd May)
Sun 19th May	7pm	Youth Club at Barnhill St Margaret's
Thurs 23rd May	1.30pm	Barnhill Blethers RNLI - Ferry Lifeboats in Barnhill Community Centre
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> May	4 – 5.30pm	Messy Church in Barnhill St Margaret's hall

#### Broughty Ferry Churches Group CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING

on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 10-12md  
in Queen Street East hall.  
Tickets £3 (Children free)



Broughty Ferry Churches Group  
celebrate 50 years with a

#### SONGS OF PRAISE

on Sunday 19 May at 6.30pm  
in Barnhill St Margaret's.

**CONTACT** Broughty Ferry Parish Church office email: [office@bsmchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@bsmchurch.org.uk) or 01382 737294 mornings/ answerphone

Church Office opening hours: Tuesday to Friday, 9.30am to 12.30pm

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## Broughty Ferry Parish Church DIARY for May

	Weekly Events	WHEN	WHERE	Note
Monday	Craft & Chatter	1.30pm	St Luke's	
	Prayer & Share	7pm	Zoom – virtual meeting	Contact Rev Cathy Brodie
	Pickle Ball	7-9pm	Queen Street East hall	
Tuesday	Prayer Group	9.30-10am	Barnhill St Margaret's	Weekly in term time
	Tots and Toddlers	9.30 - 11am	Barnhill St Margaret's	Weekly in term time
	Parent & Toddlers	9.30 - 11am	Queen Street East	Weekly in term time
Wednesday	Ladies Badminton	9.30-12md	Queen Street East hall	
	BFCG Bible Study	7.15 - 9pm	St Aidan's	
Friday	Craft Group	2.15pm	Barnhill St Margaret's	
Saturday	Mixed Badminton	7-8.30pm	Queen Street East Hall	

	Regular Events	WHEN	WHERE	Note
Monday	Bible Study	2.15pm	Barnhill St Margaret's	Monthly – 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Tuesday	Short service	2pm	Shiell Court	Monthly - 14 <sup>th</sup> May
Wednesday	Café	12-2pm	Barnhill St Margaret's	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Weds - 15 <sup>th</sup> May, 5 & 19 June
	Bereavement Friendship Group	Monthly	Barnhill St Margaret's	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed of the month.
Thursday	Book Club	2pm	Barnhill St Margaret's	Monthly – 9 <sup>th</sup> May
Saturday	Messy Church	4-5.30	Barnhill St Margaret's	Monthly – 25 <sup>th</sup> May


 You're invited to:  
**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May,**  
**4pm to 5.30pm**  
**Barnhill St Margaret's Hall**

**SPRING CRAFT FAYRE**  
**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024 from 10am to 2pm**  
 in St Mary's Church,  
 164 Queen Street, Broughty Ferry.  
 Free entry with refreshments served.


**DUNDEE YOUTH FOR CHRIST**  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**  
 Free Pop up concerts  
 with Jon Jackal,  
 3.30pm and 4.30pm in  
 the Wellgate Centre  
 followed by an evening event at 7pm in The  
 Friary, Tullideph Rd, Dundee DD2 2PN. **Entry £2**



**Crossreach Dementia Friendly Art Group.** If you know of someone living with dementia who would enjoy an afternoon of creativity in a supportive environment, why not come along? No art experience is necessary, help is on hand. Starting 1st May 2024 (fortnightly thereafter) in Broughty Ferry Parish Church, Queen Street East hall (New Kirk), 2pm to 4pm. To book a place, please call 07553 365802 or e-mail:


**CHRISTIAN AID**  
 Interchurch Ceilidh  
 at the Invercarse Hotel  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June**  
 7.30 – 10pm  
 Excellent live band  
 and a stovie supper  
 Tickets on sale soon.



The **BFPC Men's Group** meets monthly offering an opportunity for relaxed socialising. All men are welcome. On Wednesday 8th May we will be visiting V & A Dundee to have lunch and visit the new Photo City Exhibition. We will meet for lunch at 12.30pm. We anticipate that most attendees will use public transport but lifts are available. Contact the Church Office in the first instance. Looking ahead - on Wednesday 12th June we will be entertained with coffee and cake in Graham Stark's garden - not to be missed!



## THINKING CHRISTIANLY

Join us on the last Saturday of the month (25th May) as we explore the big questions of life and relate our Christian faith to our rapidly changing world. Tea, coffee, and nibbles provided! Northeast Church at Fintry (Fintry Drive, DD4 9HE) Contact Rev Dr Daniel Spencer for questions or details: [dspencer@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:dspencer@churchofscotland.org.uk)

## Church Flowers



We are aware that members of the congregation like to donate the flowers that enhance the chancels of our churches on particular Sundays in memory of loved ones or to mark particular occasions. In order that we can continue to do so, please add your name for your chosen week in the calendar in your chosen worship centre or contact whoever previously organised it for you. After the service, members of the congregation take the flowers to those who have perhaps been ill or celebrating significant happy events. We need more people to help with deliveries. It is a great way of meeting other members and putting faces to names! If you care to assist, please add your name to the appropriate list at the front doors of Barnhill St Margaret's or Queen Street East.

## Warm Spot

I would like to thank everyone who supported the Warm Spot over the winter months. A special thanks to the willing volunteers who turned up faithfully in rain, hail, wind and more rain. We met 25 times including over the Christmas and New Year period and I have calculated that we served more than 800 bowls of soup, not counting the soup we sent home with people. The 'warm spot' has become an important point in the lives of many of those who attend and I hope we will be able to do it all again come October. Grateful thanks to all for the help, support, interest and prayers which made it possible. *June Anderson*

## Coffee and Chat

has finished for this season. Thanks to all our speakers and to our guests for coming along and making our Wednesday mornings such joyful occasions. Thanks also for your generous donations of £232.49 to the Dundee and Angus Foodbank. See you in the autumn.

## BROUGHTY FERRY GALA WEEK

**SUNDAY 30 JUNE TO SATURDAY 6 JULY 2024**

BFPC @ St James will be open every afternoon during Broughty Ferry Gala Week, from Monday 1 July to Saturday 6 July, 12 to 4pm. The biennial exhibition of the work of Acorn Quilters will be displayed in the church and in the hall we will be serving refreshments. The RNLI gift shop will also be open all week. We will be looking for the following volunteers: Welcomers; Servers; Home Bakers. If you are able to help out please let either June Anderson or Hazel Murie know. You can email [june.a.anderson@outlook.com](mailto:june.a.anderson@outlook.com) or phone 07484 241 695



## Garden Picnic at St Luke's on Sunday 9 June at 12 noon

Come and join us to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the church garden. Tickets will be available soon as we will require numbers for catering. More next month...

There will be a garden work party to prepare for our picnic every Thursday from 9.30am until lunchtime (weather permitting). There are plenty tools available.

## DECA Prayer for the CITY

Saturday 18th May, 12 noon to midnight  
Gilfillan Memorial Church.  
Come and go as convenient to you.  
See posters in churches for more details.

## GALA WEEK SONGS OF PRAISE



This year the Songs of Praise will be on Sunday evening, 30 June. More information and details of time to follow.

## REST! KEEPING THE SABBATH HOLY.

**Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy. Ex 20:8**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
He leads me by still waters; He restores my soul. Ps 23:1**

I've just returned after the Broughty Ferry Churches' Group Bible Study, when we were looking at the 4th commandment the Lord gave His people: 'Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy' (Holy in Hebrew means distinctive, set apart for God). No work was to be done by them or anyone they were responsible for. It was to be a day set apart, dedicated to God, where being in His Presence, whatever form that may take, was the priority. It was to be a day of rest, refreshing; being replenished, strengthened and restored; becoming ready again restart their weekly duties and responsibilities.

The Lord, Himself set this pattern when He rested on the 7th day after the creation of the world. This law has not been revoked. Jesus who came, not to do away with God's Law, but to fulfil it, reaffirmed it! Jesus said that the Sabbath was made for humankind – to serve and encourage and resource us; not humankind conforming to a limiting, constrained, unnatural way of being. What might a day of rest, dedicated to the Lord, be like for you??

We live in a relentless, frenetic, 24/7 world. Our devices make us constantly, instantly contactable and accessible; where we can too easily become aware and overwhelmed at what is happening in our communities, in our nation – and globally. It takes real determination to withdraw, shut the world off, to be still and know that God is God. We seem to have lost the importance of the rhythm of work and rest, and we seem certainly, to have lost the connection between our mental and physical well-being, and paying heed to our Maker's instructions. We ignore them at our peril. We are not machines; we are body, mind, spirit, soul; we are fearfully and wonderfully made. The Lord commands us to rest; to take one day out of even to be restored.

How do you recharge your mental, emotional, spiritual, relational batteries? How do you take proper time to be in God's presence? This can happen alone or, ideally, with others in worship. This is the most important way of showing that this day is dedicated to God. It can also involve sharing a meal, or a long coffee with our family and those who are important to us - not just sending a quick text or two, but being properly present to them; enjoying being in God's creation which is a constant reminder of His power and His love; reading a good book, doing some gardening, or knitting – any activity which helps you recharge. If you do have to work on a Sunday, the principle of taking one day out a week, to rest still applies. We need one day to slow down; be nourished and sustained emotionally, physically and spiritually. God has given sabbath as a gift to us. Let us use it wisely.

### **A Sabbath Prayer**

May this day bring Sabbath rest to my heart and home;

May God's image in me be restored

and my imagination in God be re-stored.

May the gravity of material things be lightened

and the relativity of time slow down.

May I know grace to embrace my own finite smallness

In the arms of God's infinite greatness.

May God's Word feed me

And His Spirit lead me in this week

And into the life to come.

Amen (Pete Greig)

HE  
restores  
MY  
Soul  
PSALM 23:3

Your ongoing support for the Dundee and Angus Foodbanks is greatly appreciated. At the moment they urgently require

- Tinned puddings
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables
- Diluting juice
- Shower gel



They currently have plenty pasta, tinned meat and soup  
**THANK YOU**

**TRANSFORM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** are looking for donations of unwanted reusable furniture which is too good to go to landfill and will be rehomed in Dundee. This could be through either their furniture store or via a referral for people who are unable to purchase essential items. They are urgently seeking the following items:

- Beds
- Wardrobes
- Chest of drawers
- Bedside cabinets
- Sofas
- Coffee tables
- TV units
- Kitchen tables and chairs



Fire labels are required for any soft furnishing.  
Please phone 01382 225070 to arrange a free collection



Starter Packs Dundee and Angus., 39-41 Forest Park Road, Dundee DD1 5NU. Opening hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9.30am to 3pm.

Supporting people who are experiencing homelessness, housing difficulties and living in financial hardship.

Items you can donate: Any used or good quality

- Crockery
- Cutlery
- Pots and pans (esp. medium size)
- Casserole dishes
- Cooking utensils (especially spoons and fish slices)
- Storage containers
- Mugs and tumblers (no stemmed glasses)
- Bedding and curtains
- Towels
- Kettles and toasters
- Microwaves
- Vacuum cleaners
- Irons

Plus **New** items of toilet rolls, cleaning materials, toiletries, kitchen rolls, Brillo pads.

Small amounts can be handed into Barnhill St Margaret's

### Connecting Carers Café

1st and 3rd Monday, of the month, 10am to 12 noon in St James Church, 2 Fort Street, Broughty Ferry. Meet new people, enjoy refreshments and have some time away from your caring role.



Upcoming dates: 6 May, 20 May, 3 June and 17 June.  
Contact Alison on 07919904714

## LOCAL EVENTS

### COLOURS LADIES FASHION SHOW

Tuesday 7 May

St Stephen's and West Church, Broughty Ferry.

Doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start.

Tickets £10 - please purchase in advance by phoning 01382 506451

Proceeds to Mid-Lin Day Care and Yeabba

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Dundee Strathspey and

Reel Society's

50th Anniversary

**FIDDLER'S RALLY**

Saturday 11 May 2024 at 7pm

in Dundee West Church,

130/132 Perth Road,

Tickets £15 from [dsrsecretary@aol.com](mailto:dsrsecretary@aol.com)



**2024 Wellness days for NHS staff at The Bield at Blackruthven, Tibbermore**



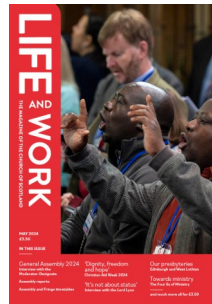
Do you work in the NHS? Why not join others from the NHS and spend a day at the beautiful Bield to slow down, relax and unwind. It is a programmed day during which you will be able to choose from different activities. Some offered individually, others in small groups. Opt in or out as you want.

Options available - gentle wellbeing and mindfulness practices, art room, massage (additional charge), labyrinth walk, swimming pool, poetry trail, camp fire and even visiting alpacas.

Booking information: Cost £40 includes morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea

Future dates: 17th May, 20th August, 18th October and 26th November.

Please book through Muriel at [info@bieldblackruthven.org.uk](mailto:info@bieldblackruthven.org.uk) or phone 01738 583238



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