

# Ferry Chronicles



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## Bringing 3 churches together

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

Dear Reader,

As the paths followed by the congregations of 3 long established churches in Broughty Ferry (each with their own characteristics and ways of working) begin to merge into one wider path, one of the very important foundations for this new unified gathering is to focus on what we have in common and share and thank God that each positive step will strengthen the union.

As residents of Broughty Ferry and the surrounding area we should thank God for what we each can bring to the 'new gathering' as well as what we already all share - this beautiful 'village' so close to the City of Discovery. Surely for each of us as we walk round Broughty Ferry we can only marvel at its history, geography, atmosphere, welcome, friendliness and so much more.

Even during the darker days of recent months we had and have so much for which to be grateful. The beautiful scenery is outstanding with views which visitors gaze at in wonder. So much has been done to bring 'life' back to the vibrant, bustling main streets. The 'beach themed' plant boxes are a place to pause and be grateful for such talent and hard work. Each and every shop has decorated its windows to once again make the passers-by pause and praise and pray. For each and every one of us there will be beautiful memories and unforgettable experiences from these recently difficult months to share with our new friends as we meet together and strengthen 'gold links' in the 'chain of friendship'.

So, as you read this 1st Edition, let us write in a prayer of praise and thankfulness for what we have brought with us to add to the strong foundations for a new and wonderful future as God 'binds us together' and to realise that the only thing certain about tomorrow is that it will be different from today and change will happen whether we like it or not. It is up to each of us to make it a positive experience.

From a Broughty Ferry Resident

## SERVICES for SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER 2021

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

Date	Place of Worship	
5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	St. Luke's Queen Street	
12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	BF New Kirk	Including Baptism
19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	St. James	Harvest Thanksgiving - with Retiral offering for Tearfund
26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	St. Luke's Queen Street	Music & Songs Service
3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	BF New Kirk	44th BB Enrolment Service led by company
10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	St. James	

### From the Pulpit

Rev Willie Strachan writes:

It's hard to believe that it was back at the beginning of April 2021, that I became Interim Moderator for all three congregations, and of course while the three Kirk Sessions had agreed to work together to become a single congregation, the lockdown and the Covid restrictions had meant that people had not had any opportunity to meet together, and get to know one another.

People often ask me "How do you learn about what God wants you to do, and how you should act as Christian? Well, when that happens, I tell them that "I learn about God, and his purpose for us, every time I meet and talk with you, my brothers, and sisters in Jesus Christ". And, that is the truth.

So, in May your Kirk Sessions agreed to set up a number of joint groups which have met via the internet in order to discuss the important questions that the new single congregation will need to address, as God's people, here in Broughty Ferry. These groups have been, and continue to work really hard.

The loving commitment that your representatives have shown to each other, particularly during some difficult discussions, is really powerful and wonderful. So, if you do meet any of them please let them know that you appreciate all they are doing for Christ's church, and you as Christ's disciples.

And you know what I think is particularly striking about the work they are all doing is that they all do it as if it was the most natural thing in the world to do .

The areas of work that they have been considering are :-

- Young people and young families
- Use of church premise by organisations
- Developing a profile of the Parish designed to attract a new minister
- The mission priorities for the new congregation , its outreach, and working with community groups in Broughty Ferry
- Pastoral care and looking after each other in the future
- What staff does the new congregation need , (and can afford), how does the new congregation make best use of the land and buildings it owns, and what financial resources does the congregation have, and how will it make best use of all these resources
- How does the new congregation best communicate with its membership, and the Broughty Ferry community
- What are the best ways to manage the affairs of the new congregation

Hopefully, in the coming couple of months, the fruits of the labour of these people will bear fruit, and we will be asking members of all three congregations to agree the final arrangements for the three congregations becoming one.

The past 18 months have been challenging for all of us personally, and for our church. But, we are slowly coming out of that and trying to discover new ways of working together.

I consider myself very fortunate to have witnessed how effectively you are all dealing with all of that.

Worshipping with you has been a joy, and I need to say that you have some really talented people (both young and younger) who possess wonderful skills in leading different aspects of worship. Keep using them, and remember practice makes perfect.

As I am writing this note, I don't know why, but I am reminded of the man who bought a donkey from a minister. The minister told the man that the donkey had been trained in a very unique way. The only way to make the donkey go was to say "Hallelujah", and the only way to make it stop was to say "Amen".

The man was pleased with his purchase, and immediately got on the animal to try out the minister's instructions." *Hallelujah*" he shouted and the donkey began to trot. "Amen" he shouted and the donkey stopped immediately. "This is great" said the man, and with an "Hallelujah", off he trotted with his purchase.

The man travelled for a long time through some mountains, and soon found himself heading towards a cliff edge. The problem was that he had forgotten the word to make the donkey stop. "Stop" he shouted, but the donkey just kept going. "Halt", he yelled,



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but the donkey just kept on going **“Oh No. Bible, Church. Stop.”** shouted the man, but the donkey seemed to be going even faster now towards the edge of the cliff.

Finally, in desperation, the man said a prayer. **“Please, Dear Lord, Please, make this donkey stop before I go off the end of this mountain. In Jesus name. AMEN”**

On hearing the word “Amen”, the donkey came to an abrupt stop just one step from the edge of the cliff.

**“HALLELUJAH”** shouted the man.

Blessings to you all, Willie Strachan

## Beating the Bounds

In May a group of us decided to walk our new combined parish boundaries for Christian Aid. We then realised we had actually stumbled into following a centuries old tradition to walk the parish boundaries in the week in May when Ascension Day falls.

Beating the bounds (known in Scotland as ‘Riding the Marches’) is a centuries-old tradition, still observed in some areas, aimed at reminding everyone of boundaries that were important. During the fifth week after Easter, villagers, with the rector and other dignitaries, would walk the parish bounds. The purpose was to create a shared mental map. Pain was apparently used to aid memory and the form of attack depended on the landscape. It could include clergy beating choir boys with wands, children being flipped upside down to have their head knocked against a boundary stone, being dipped in a stream head first or even dropped into nettles. It apparently helped them remember! This vivid memory could be useful in Court if the boundaries were disputed.

We started our walk at the Castle and walked along the esplanade to Sheill Street where we crossed the railway line and took a couple of minutes to admire the Community Garden of which the 64 St James Brownies are part. We went up Abertay Street and crossed over to Edzell Street walking beside Barnhill Cemetery admiring its beautiful blossom as we went on up to Balgillo Road.

When we reached Balgillo we turned left and then right down a path through a tunnel of trees through the houses at Balgillo Park to the Arbroath Road. We then walked to our right, crossed it (amazingly the road was completely clear both ways allowing all 5 of us to cross safely), ducked through a fence to follow the Dighty back, with the houses off Strathtyre Avenue on our left, to Linlathen East Iron Bridge (built around 1804 and the oldest surviving iron bridge in Scotland). Now we had to detour away from the actual boundary because of access and we crossed the bridge and went behind the Braes to Drumsturdy road and down Murroes burn and along the Dighty Connect to rejoin the boundary on Baldovie behind Sainsbury’s.



The boundary follows the Dighty to the Murroes Burn and up to Kellas Road then back down Baldovie to Claypotts Castle and down Grove Road, walking along Queen Street, down Church Street then back along Fisher Street to the Castle. We reckoned it was about a six mile walk.

What struck us was the number of houses there were on the north side of Balgillo. Our parish includes the established estate there but also the houses at Clearwater. It occurred to us that is where the families are; these are the folk we need to reach, and that is one of the challenges we face.

I would recommend Beating the Bounds becomes a Christian Aid tradition. We raised over £300 which we were delighted with but we also came back with a far better awareness of the community we will be serving, just like those parishioners through the ages, it gave us an insight into our parish. I might add in conclusion, we resisted any violent aide memoire's and no-one was thrown into the Dighty or whipped during our walk. I did take some photos though and would love to create a map with popups of some of the iconic features – not many parishes can surely boast that they have two castles, an iron bridge and an RNLI Lifeboat in it.

Kate Dean



### STORIES FROM A COUNTRY CHILDHOOD



By Archie Darroch

I have memories of my father and grandfather wearing overalls and large hats with veils covering their faces. It wasn't some ancient mystic rite; they were just preparing to open my father's bee hives to collect honey.

They went into action armed with a home-made smoker that my grandfather had made from empty tins, scrap wood and a strip of rubber. Old cardboard provided the fuel and when you worked the bellows thick smoke came out the front funnel that would have discouraged fiercer insects than the honey bee.

As soon as the top came off the hive the first job was to puff smoke into the interior to clear the bees. Then my father or grandfather lifted the honey out and quickly closed the hive.

On one memorable occasion the bees won. A cloud of very angry bees chased my dad and grandfather across the back garden and into the scullery. Both of them were stung from head to toe and were sore for days after.

When my dad removed the honey he replaced the combs with thin wax squares set in small wooden frames. The bees had to rebuild each comb, cell by cell before they could begin storing more honey. The hexagonal cells were always the correct size to fit each frame and the combs were always built to the same height. Where did the bees learn such mathematical precision? A question that still amazes me.

Every summer the hives would produce extra queen bees. Peace always returned to each hive when the second queen left, surrounded by her court, a prime example of Mother Nature perpetuating her species.

The swarms were too valuable to lose and had to be dealt with quickly even if it was an inconvenient time for my father or the rest of the family.

On one occasion we were just about to leave the house to go to the nearby village when I spotted the beginning of a swarm. It was a lovely hot summer's day and the usual action to prevent the bees from flying off was to spray them with water since rain makes them disinclined to fly far.

I found our stirrup pump (a relic from the war) and started pumping water from a pail. Unfortunately a blood-sucking cleg took a shine to me and I was in real trouble. "Keep pumping," yelled my father.

Very difficult trying to work a stirrup pump with one hand while trying to fight off a cleg (horse fly) with the other. To add to my misfortune my sister, trying to be helpful, brought a large jug of water to refill the pail. In the excitement she stumbled and most of the water landed in my boots.

By good luck the bees decided to settle on a nearby bush and we were able to leave them until we returned from our shopping trip.

Catching swarms was done with a straw skep. Sleps were used as hives originally, but were not nearly so good as normal wooden hives. But they were excellent for catching bees.

It took some time for that swarm to crawl off the bush and into the skep. Once inside it was easy enough to carry the bees to the empty hive my father had prepared earlier. But my dad was not always so lucky.

There had been a swarm from one of the hives and before my father could stop it the bees landed on the roof of the house. They crawled under the slates and it would have cost more than the bees were worth to remove them.

They went feral and after that, especially on a warm summer's day, the attic smelt of honey.



### Guild

#### New Kirk

Good news! We will restart The Guild on Tuesday, 28th. September and will meet in the small hall at 2pm. We are being allowed to have a cup of tea, four at a table, and the committee will make sure the tables are spaced according to restrictions.

As things stand at present please wear your face mask as you come in until you are seated. It will be just a get together and a chat about future plans.

Obviously we have no syllabus arranged at present but hope to discuss this at our meeting on the 28th. Keep safe and look forward to seeing you all then.

**Mary Ralston**



#### St Luke's & Queen Street & St James

St Luke's & Queen Street & St James Guilds are restarting jointly in September

Look Forward in Faith – Lights & Bushels

Meeting at St James Tuesdays at 2pm; Thursday evening at 7pm in Sept/Oct

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2pm** The Fishing Community of Old Broughty Ferry 1800-1950 Ron McMillan

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2pm** Malawi Fruits – Margaret Clarke

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm** Desert island Discs – June & Douglas Anderson

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2pm** Guild Projects- introducing the six new projects – June Anderson

### Spotlight on Halls

Broughty Ferry New Kirk has two suites of halls; East Buildings and St Aidan's Centre.

The East Buildings comprise of one large hall and one small hall downstairs and a meeting room upstairs. St Aidan's Centre has one large hall downstairs which can be partitioned into two halls with separate access. There is a large meeting room upstairs accessible by lift if necessary and three other small meeting rooms. Premises are also furnished with an industrial kitchen.

The halls are well used by a combination of church organisations, youth organisations and outside groups. Outside groups vary from exercise classes to a Dementia Café, Tayside Cancer Support and Stamp Fairs.

The letting of the halls generates a significant income for church funds. However it is also a form of outreach as we open our doors and connect with the community in Broughty Ferry and beyond.

### Musical Notes from Sheonagh Coutts

New Kirk's Bill Boyle retired as organist in May after 15 years. Since then there has been a rota of 3 volunteers, Susan Jenkin, Finlay Raffle and Sheonagh Coutts with George Robson willing to help too.

As Covid restrictions eased the choir has increased from 1 allowed to sing at Christmas to 2 in April and now 8.....all without masks and suitably distanced. By the time this is in print who knows how many will be allowed! It will be wonderful to eventually have all the choir members together giving it lalady!

None of us realised how big a contribution singing has made to the service until we couldn't.

So .....keep singing!

## Youth Church / Sunday School

### Three into One Sunday School

As our three churches come together we now have a larger 'Sunday School' with more children of varying age range. We intend splitting into three age groups – Junior, Primary and Senior, with possibly two leaders for each group.

Our first joint Sunday school was on 29<sup>th</sup> August hosted at St. James, and we are excited to meet our new extended 'family'. We are going to use the Spill the Beans programme as this will give us the flexibility to adapt to the differing ages of the group.

Here is how our new extensive line up of Sunday School Leaders - and there maybe others as required

Bethany Edwards (St James)	Rhoda Smith (St James)	Kate Dean (St James)
Morven Scott (St Lukes & Queen St)	Sue Jarvis (St Lukes & Queen St)	Daryl McKeown (St Lukes & Queen St)
Stephen Galbraith (BFNK)	Zsuzsi Iannetta (BFNK)	Sheila Thomson (BFNK)

Spill the Beans programme for September

5 September	Less Power, More Respect	Scripture: James 2:1-17
12 September	Words and Silence	Scripture: James 3:1-12
19 September	Envy and Ambition	Scripture: James 3:13- 4:3, 7-8
26 September	Prayer and Praise	Scripture: James 5:13-20

BFNK Junior Church charity donations are going to RNLI and The Braes Riding for the Disabled, which will both receive £100 each. On contacting them they have both invited the children to come and have a visit. Details of these visits will be announced later.

St Lukes & Queen Street Praise Band will be a great addition to our music worship and may even encourage a few new recruits from our combined Sunday Schools!

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## The Dundee Nativity

Thank you for supporting *The Dundee Nativity – Celebrating a Covid Christmas* last year by distributing copies of the free DVD and viewing the film online.

**We are planning another production this year, in the same format, but with a new script, telling the story from Joseph's viewpoint.**

The film goes online at the beginning of December, also available on DVD.

If you would like copies of the DVD, please contact Allan Webster at [allanfwebster@aol.com](mailto:allanfwebster@aol.com)

Rehearsals will begin during the first week in September.

We need musicians, singers and actors, whether amateur or professional

For more information email the director, Jerry Averill at [averillcreatives@gmail.com](mailto:averillcreatives@gmail.com)



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# The Book of James

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respect      brotherly      love      mercy  
judgment      temptation      faith      patience  
prayer      humility      Believer      pride  
wisdom

**May the Word of Life breathe love into all you say.**

**Speak well and speak wisely, console and speak kindly.**

**Speak truth to power. Leave space for others to speak.**

**In all you say— bless and encourage, comfort and inspire.**

**May your words be loving, life-giving, honouring the God in whose image all are made, the One who spoke creation into being, and who speaks words of blessing to us this day and every day.**

**Amen**

## Uniformed Organisations

### 44th B.B. Report – Bob Crighton, Company Captain

Eighteen months have now passed since we were last able to meet as a B.B. company due to Covid 19 and we have really missed the normal B.B. life.

The new session will start at the start of September (with enrolment 26th & 27th August) and, fingers crossed, will be as near to normal as possible with a full programme of activities and badgework.

The safety of our boys and officers is paramount so we will be abiding by the procedures laid down by our headquarters and by the church for the safe use of the halls. I will be informing the parents what these procedures will be before the enrollment evenings at the end of August and then keeping them updated as things change.

Our Battalion are to be holding an open day at our Outdoor Centre, Scott Lodge in Glen Doll on Sunday, 12th September so we hope to have as many of the boys and parents there as possible. We are looking forward to being able to take the boys for weekends again to Scott Lodge as soon as it is able to be used.

We are also looking forward to July 2022 when we can hold our annual canvas camp again in Tighnabruich. We have really missed camp, the last one being in 2019. We intend trying to make the 2022 camp better than ever to make up for having to cancel it in 2020 and 2021. A few of the officers are to be going through to Tighnabruach this month to check on our equipment stored there and to renew friendships within the local community who make us very welcome each year when we invade their peaceful lives as we have our camp.

Our marquees are currently erected at Forthill Sports Ground for the cricket and will likely also be there for the start of the rugby. They were put up by us on Friday, 30th July in pouring rain so at least that reminded us of camp.

Our joint pipe band with the 1st Monifieth Company have restarted the teaching sessions on Tuesday nights in the Gregory Hall in Monifieth, and we hope that the full band practices will be able to start in the near future.

We also still intend to run the Duke of Edinburgh award in the company during the year and we may open that up to the other young folk in the church as well.

In the meantime we would like to thank the congregation of Broughty Ferry New Kirk for their support and we look forward to us working together to Advance Christ's Kingdom with, and for the benefit of our boys.



Uniformed Organisation	Church Hall	Day/Time	Start date
80 <sup>th</sup> Rainbows & Brownies	St Luke's & Queen Street	Monday 6pm	23rd August
80 <sup>th</sup> Guides	St Luke's & Queen Street	Monday 7.15pm	23rd August
81 <sup>st</sup> A Brownies	St Aidan's	Tuesday 6.30pm	24 <sup>th</sup> August
65 <sup>th</sup> Brownies & Guides	St Aidan's	Wednesday 6.30pm	25 <sup>th</sup> August
20 <sup>th</sup> Brownies	St Luke's & Queen Street	Thursday 6.30pm	26th August Initially alt weeks
20 <sup>th</sup> Guides	St Luke's & Queen Street	Thursday 7 pm	26th August Initially alt weeks
44 <sup>th</sup> Anchor Boys & Junior BB	BF New Kirk	Thursday 7 -8.30	2 <sup>nd</sup> September
20 <sup>th</sup> Rainbows	St Luke's & Queen Street	Friday 6 pm	27th August
64 <sup>th</sup> Rainbows	St James	Friday 4.30 – 5.30	20 <sup>th</sup> August
64 <sup>th</sup> Brownies	St James	Friday 6 -7.30	20 <sup>th</sup> August
44 <sup>th</sup> Boys Brigade	BF New Kirk	Friday 7.30 - 9.30	3 <sup>rd</sup> September



**Recent Deaths**

**St Lukes & Queen Street**

Mr George Murray, 49 Brook Street, Broughty Ferry

Mr James Nimmo, 15 Marlee Road, Broughty Ferry

**Broughty Ferry New Kirk**

May

Miss Sheila Stalker, 471 Brook Street

Mrs Margaret Myles, 26 Westfield Road

Mrs Nancy Robertson, 23 Gaudry Terrace

July

Mr David Binnie, 57a Church Street

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**NEED HELP APPLYING?**

The application part can feel daunting, so to help you we've put together some tips on how to apply.

There are some videos on YouTube you can watch we hope you find useful. You can find these by searching, "Kickstart Scheme - Help for Employers" on YouTube.

You can also visit [www.gov.uk/kickstart](http://www.gov.uk/kickstart) to find all the information in regards to the Kickstart Scheme.

If you still have some unanswered questions ahead of submitting your application, don't worry, you can send us an email to [dundee.labourmarketteam@dwp.gov.uk](mailto:dundee.labourmarketteam@dwp.gov.uk).

Whether it is to do with the application process, questions about an existing application or even if you're uncertain whether to apply or not, then please get in touch and someone will come back to you. If you could put your phone number in the email, we can also get someone to give you a call.

To find out more or to receive support applying for the Kickstart Scheme please contact Dundee Jobcentre Plus:

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TEL: 07766635442 or 07510023435



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How did you enjoy this first issue of the new combined newsletter?

What did you like and what did you not?

The editorial team would like your feedback so that we can constantly strive to improve this in future issues.



FEEDBACK

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