

# Ferry Chronicles



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## Bringing 3 churches together

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

### SERVICES

Date	Venue	Time	Details
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	St James	11 a.m.	Barnardo's Gift Service
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	St Luke's	11 a.m.	Rev C Taylor
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	St James	7 p.m.	RNLI Carol Concert, Rev Dr R Grahame
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	New Kirk	11 a.m.	Nativity Service, Led by Sunday School/ Youth
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	St Luke's	6 p.m.	Carols in the Garden, Joint service – wrap up warm & bring a torch
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	St Luke's	6 p.m.	Christingle Service, Community-based, all-age, interactive service
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	New Kirk	11.30 p.m.	Watchnight Service, informal carol singing from 11.15 p.m.
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	St James	11 a.m.	Christmas Morning Family Service
January 1 <sup>st</sup>	St Luke's	11 a.m.	New Year Worship, joint service with St Margaret's, Rev Andrew Gardner

## From the Pulpit

Dear Friends,

“Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents,” grumbled Jo.’

You may recognise these words as the opening sentence from Little Women by Louisa May Alcott.

She captures perfectly what many a young person associates with Christmas. And it's not simply the gifts themselves that are the key, but the excitement that surrounds the unwrapping.

It will be different this year, for many families. Their plight will not feature in the TV ads of fancy vegetables, festive cocktails, party outfits, or brand new dining suites to accommodate a dozen guests and a massive turkey with all the trimmings.

If we look and listen closely enough, however, in amongst all the muzak and slogans there will be pleas to help others at Christmas, even to the extent of taking in a lost and lonely cat. These are the ads more closely related to the Christ in Christmas.

One way of combining some homely festive cheer with help for others is to order a tree through the Bethany Christian Trust, an Edinburgh-based charity supporting homeless people. For several years now I've supported them – the profits from each (sustainably grown) tree go direct to their work. You can find out more at [Caring Christmas Trees](#)

Going back to gifts, have you ever wondered what happened to the gold, frankincense and myrrh? There is no mention of the women having access to the myrrh on Easter morning, for instance, even though it would have been exactly the right thing for their proposed anointing of the Lord's body. What about the frankincense? Well, it would have made a fitting gift at the Temple, when they took the infant Christ to be presented to the Lord, but what Luke tells us about is a sacrifice of a pair of doves or young pigeons. I like to think that the gold eased the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt, and sustained them until Joseph could find some work in what would have been a foreign environment to him.

Whatever happened to these exotic things, I'm sure they would have been put to good use. And that's the message I'd like to leave with you: spend wisely this Christmas, don't fall victim to advertising, remember the Foodbank, and cherish

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your friends and family, whose love is priceless. Let me conclude with a verse I sometimes use at weddings: "Many waters cannot quench love, no flood can sweep it away; if someone were to offer for love all the wealth in his house, it would be laughed to scorn." (Song of Songs 8:6-7)

May God bless you this Advent and Christmas with love, joy and peace.

Caroline

(Rev. Caroline Taylor)

### ***Christmas Services***

#### **Barnardo's Gift Service, on Sunday 4th December in St James at 11am.**

Please bring along to morning worship a gift that we can pass on to Barnardo's for distribution to local children this Christmas. Your gifts do not need to be wrapped or labelled. Barnardo's will undertake this task.

Thanking you in anticipation of your generosity.

#### **Nativity Play on Sunday 18th December in New Kirk at 11am.**

Children of all ages will recreate the wondrous story of the birth of Jesus with the usual mix of drama, song and amazing costumes. The story is ever old but ever new.

Why not let the children know your favourite carol beforehand and we'll try to incorporate it into the service. Places are still available in the cast if you want to tread the boards once again!

#### **Carols in the Garden on Sunday 18th December in St. Luke's Garden at 6pm.**

We will be hosting an outdoor candle-lit carol service in the church garden. This is a public event so invitations are being extended to our neighbouring churches, their youth organisations and the whole Broughty Ferry community. Everyone is welcome but wrap up warmly and bring a torch. If the weather is inclement, we can move into the hall.

#### **Christingle Service on Saturday 24th December in St. Luke's & Queen Street Church at 6pm.**

We will celebrate the joy of Christmas once again this year with our community-based, all-age, interactive Christingle service. Christingle candles, symbolizing the light of Christ who brings hope to people living in darkness, will be available for the children. Let's worship the Light of the World together this Christmas Eve.

#### **Watchnight Service on Saturday 24th December in New Kirk, at 11.30p.m.**

Informal carol singing from 11.15p.m. followed by the service at 11.30p.m. this service will be led by members of the congregation

## **Warm Spot/ Cosy Space initiative.**

This has come about due to the increasing concern about the cost of living crisis which we are all living through at the moment. The idea is to provide a warm place for people to come and receive a warm welcome. Broughty Ferry Churches Group liaised with churches across Broughty Ferry so that there would be somewhere to go each day. At St James they will get a hot drink and some soup and bread at lunchtime. They have been fortunate to secure a grant towards the costs of providing food and warmth. There is therefore no charge and no expectation of donations from those attending.

Other venues are supplying hot drinks and biscuits and newspapers/ magazines, board games, jigsaws or colouring or just hospitality and chat. Everyone is welcome at any of the venues.

### **Cosy Spaces/Warm Spots Open Across Broughty Ferry**

Monday St Luke's from 1.30 – 3.30 (with Craft group) Weekly

Tuesday BF Presbyterian Church @ The Brook 2-4pm Weekly

Wednesday St Mary's Episcopal Church BF 11-5pm Weekly

Thursday St James 10-2pm: with a soup lunch Weekly

Friday St Margaret's Barnhill 10-2pm Weekly

Thursday Barnhill Community Centre Barnhill Blethers 2-3.15pm Nov 17th Fortnightly

## Broughty Ferry Guild

The newly merged Guild is now up and running. The 2022/23 syllabus is interesting and varied, with something for everyone. The committee of willing volunteers from all three of the former Guild branches are working well together to develop new traditions and ways of running the Guild meetings.

The members have chosen the two Guild Projects which they will support this session and they both involve finding homes for children. 'Home for Good' is a Scottish Charity which aims to find homes for all children in Scotland who need a new home. 'Star Child Uganda' is aiming to build a centre for children with a range of learning disabilities (including autism) in Uganda to allow children to learn alongside their peers.

Meeting fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons in the St Luke's hall, there is already a healthy membership coming together to take forward our Guild motto 'Whose we are and whom we serve'.

If you would like to join the Guild, speak to any member. A warm welcome is guaranteed.

*Aileen Adamson (Convenor)*



## From The Organ Bench (x3!!)

It has been quite a challenge tackling the various intricacies of the organs in our three churches. Each one has its own personality and presents me with a multitude of different options every week - some, perhaps, not always quite so tuneful!!!

I'm delighted that the choir has remained strong and faithful throughout the entire amalgamation process and we hope to present appropriate music for Remembrance Sunday as well as during the lead up to Christmas. We are, however, always anxious for new members to join us so, if you can sing and are musically inclined, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Our Praise Band, under the guidance of Sue Jarvis, continues to flourish and it is always a great thrill to have them assist in leading worship when they are available. Again, any budding musicians, both young and of the more mature variety, will be very welcome to help swell the ranks.

I look forward to continuing leading the "musical" praise over the coming months and enjoying rousing hymn singing from you all. *Don Grieve.*

## The Role of Safeguarding in our Church

As activities and clubs resume after Covid and as new initiatives begin within our uniting congregations, the vital role of Safeguarding deserves to be highlighted. Safeguarding – the protection of children and adults at risk from harm – is a permanent and necessary part of Church life.

Although the protection and safety of vulnerable groups is a responsibility shared by every one of us, it was decided at the General Assembly 2022 that Safeguarding Training is now mandatory for the following groups:

1. those undertaking regulated work with children and/or protected adults
2. all trustees (members of Kirk Sessions and Congregational Boards)
3. Safeguarding Coordinators and Safeguarding Panel members

To this end, a range of training opportunities has been available during the autumn months.

The Church also implements a rigorous 'Safe Recruitment' process to ensure that all those working with vulnerable groups are safe to do so. All volunteers and paid staff engaged in regulated work within the Church of Scotland must become members of the PVG Scheme (Protection of Vulnerable Groups). Application to this Scheme can be arranged by your Congregation's Safeguarding Coordinator.

Examples of regulated work, which requires adults to be members of the PVG Scheme, are Sunday School, Holiday Club, Boys Brigade, Heart for Art and Dementia Café.....but there could be many more.

If you would like further information, please contact one of the 3 Safeguarding Co-ordinators (**BFNK: Lesley Coupar, St James: Kate Dean, St Luke's: David Shepherd**)

## Nothing to do on a Saturday Night!

Well, why not come along and join us for a game of Badminton at the **New Kirk Hall**.

We cater for all ages, stages, abilities and genders. Doors are open at 7pm. Cost £1 a head.

Tea and Coffee served during a Break. Lots of feel good spirit. Racquets provided if need be.

Think about it. Go on, you know you want to. **Phone Ann on 477566** for any more information if required.

We also have Ladies Badminton on a Wednesday morning. But at the moment our membership is closed

Presentation by Alys Esslemont to Ron Oliver

## THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC

After many years of wonderful service to St James Church, we were very sorry to say goodbye to Ron Oliver who had decided that it was time to retire as our Organist.

To listen to Ron on a Sunday, you would never know that there are notes that don't work, pedals that don't work and many, many stops which don't work. His enthusiasm, love and fabulous choice of pieces played before and after services have been a joy to us all and on many Sundays had us dancing in the aisles.

Ron's enthusiasm for music did not stop at the organ and he was always encouraging others to try music from bell ringing with the brownies, love songs for the violin and giving organ lessons.

Ron was also keen to reach out to the local community and on behalf of St James organised various outings to Orchar Care home in Beach Crescent. Our first visit was for some carol singing, then Ron announced we would return for a Burns concert which we duly did. The residents were so delighted that Ron agreed to get the musicians together again for a lovely evening of classical music which was a huge hit.

A collection for Ron's retiral was duly organised. Alys Esslemont presented Ron with a monetary gift; a piece of art, shown in the photo, on 19<sup>th</sup> June at St James. There was also a fabulous cake which everyone enjoyed.

Ron replied to Alys in his usual entertaining style and promised that he would happily come back and play for us if we ever need him. I'm sure we will.

Once again Ron, thank you for the music.



## New Year's Dook 2023

My name is Calliadh Smith, aged 19 (St James Church). I have signed up to take part in the 'New Year's Dook' at Broughty Ferry on the 1st of January 2023. I am doing the dook to raise essential funds for our local Broughty Ferry lifeboat. Any donations will be greatly received either in cash, cheque or on my GoFundMe page (link below)

<https://gofund.me/b71df35d>



## With Refugees Broughty Ferry

We started the summer with a very successful Fun Afternoon held in Barnhill St. Margaret's hall and gardens. We were blessed with a good day and very tasty food cooked by our Middle Eastern friends. The mix of our refugee and local guests gave rise to lots of conversation and the large number of well-behaved kids enjoyed the games provided.

We have continued with our befriending activities and working with our contacts who provide cycling and various outdoor activities and supporting ESOL. We want to continue with our networking and find ways to involve those interested in helping. Contact **Graham McKee** 07802 527223 or **Jill Oakley** 07796 168140 for any further information

## Praise the Lord

**Do you play a musical instrument? Have you considered joining the Praise Band?** As we approach the busy Christmas season, we would particularly like to invite to invite young people who are interested to make contact with **Sue Jarvis** (suejarvis@jarvisoptometrist.co.uk). All music is supplied and can be adapted and modified to your skill level.

### Pickle at the Church

Pickleball was first played in 1965 in the United States: today it is the fastest growing sport in the world. A mixture of tennis, badminton and table tennis, it is played on a badminton sized court, with a front area called the kitchen! It is a fast-paced game using a solid paddle and a plastic ball.

Broughty Ferry was first introduced to Pickleball as we emerged from Lockdown in April 2021 by a local tennis coach David Anderson. There are now several groups in the area as well as some which formed independently in north Fife.

On 17<sup>th</sup> October this year, we started taster sessions on a Monday evening in the New Kirk Hall with the aim of forming our own Pickleball group. Uptake has been very encouraging and we have started with a full complement of players, ranging from complete beginners to those who play regularly. It is still very early days but we hope that the group will flourish and as well as offering exercise it will be a great opportunity to mix and socialize. **Dawn**

You can view a video about by clicking this link [The basics of Pickleball](#)

## Koroma Family – The Gambia

The Sunday School alongside various members of the congregation support the Koroma family so that the children can attend school. Osman is now in Grade 12.

Please hand in your pennies to the Sunday School to support this family.

Recent message from Isatou:

*Good morning to you all. How are you all doing. We hope you are all well. We're all fine thank God. The weather here is hot. The kids have go to school thank you very much we really appreciate your help to was our family. May the good Lord bless you all*



## Baptism

On Sunday, November 6th, Nick and Tiffany had their son John William Ritchie Seeley (Jack) baptised.

Recent Deaths			
'And whosoever believeth in me shall never die'			
St Luke's & Queen Street St		Broughty Ferry New Kirk	
Isabel Scott, 34 Dawson Road	Died 31/10/2022	Mr A. Hunter, 60 Forthill Road.	Died 2019
James Allan, The Smithy, Errol	Died 30/10/2022	Mrs Dorothy Robertson, 30 Sunart Street.	06/09/22
St James		Mr George Duncan, 2 Lindores Place.	13/09/22
		Mr Douglas Rae, Flat 11 St Vincent Court	20/09/22

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