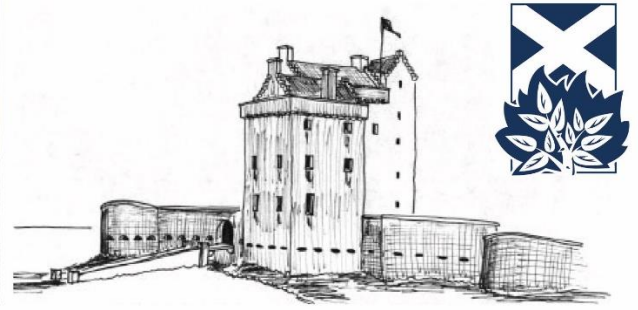


Ferry Chronicles



EASTER EDITION

April 2023

Bringing 3 churches together

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

SERVICES

Date	Place of Worship	Time	Details
April 2nd	New Kirk	11 am	Palm Sunday Service
April 6th	New Kirk	7 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
April 7th	Barnhill St Mg	7 pm	Good Friday Service
April 9th	Rock Gardens	8 am	Easter Sunrise Service, led by Barnhill St Margaret's. (breakfast in BSM)
April 9th	St Luke's Garden	9.30 am	Easter Service. (Followed by Easter Egg hunt)
April 9th	St James	11 am	Easter Sunday Morning Service
April 16th	St Luke's	11 am	Morning Worship

For Other Holy Week Services see BFCG Poster

From the Pulpit

Dear Friends,

I am just recently back from a holiday in Madrid. A long delayed one, as I had been due to fly there in March 2020 but two days before my departure, we all went into lockdown! If you are interested in art, particularly religious art, Madrid provides a feast of Art Museums, including the world-famous Prado.

Several paintings caught my eye, and it is impossible to do justice to them all. Two of them in particular related to the mystery of the Risen Jesus that we encounter at Easter, and both tell us different things. The first, simply called "Christ raised" depicts a rather scary looking Jesus who has clearly been through the mill – the impact of the crucifixion and scourging still vividly seen on his body. To add to the impact, the artist has set the picture in a rather stark, almost wilderness, landscape. This Risen Jesus has been raised but the impact of His sufferings are still there. This is an important fact to remember. We cannot go straight from the celebration of Palm Sunday to the glory of Easter without first navigating the events of Good Friday. As a little poem states: "no thorns, no throne; no cross, no crown." Jesus is only raised by God because He has first died and suffered – for us.

The second painting is more elusive. It depicts the road to Emmaus, the two walkers seen from the back with a shadowy, silhouetted figure walking beside them – a figure who is there, but not there. This too well reflects the Easter story – a Christ who can pass through locked doors, is somehow imperceptible to Mary of Magdala, and disappears at the breaking of bread. This Jesus, unlike the very physical one in the other picture, is a much more mysterious Jesus.

And yet, the mysterious enigma that is Easter demands of us that both these aspects of the Risen Jesus need to be held in tension. Jesus' scars are still visible, He can eat bread and fish, yet Mary cannot cling onto Him. We are dealing here with something visible and factual, yet beyond our ken. Somehow with the Risen Christ the more we try to grab hold of Him and seek to understand His nature, the more He slips through our fingers.

Easter is an event in human history, but it also occurs outside of our time and space. We cannot fully comprehend its enormity now, but one day, at our death, the full reality and impact will become clear to us. We live in the here and now in the hope of Easter yet to come – for all of us.

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So yes, by all means, celebrate Easter with chocolate eggs, hot cross buns, and the rest. But remember too that there is much more to this strange event than first appears on the surface.

With these thoughts in mind – I wish you all a very happy (yet mysterious) Easter!

Rev. Dr. Roderick J Grahame

Interim Moderator: New Kirk & St. James' churches

Warm Spot at St James

Over the winter months we have had a 'warm spot' or 'cosy space' at St James every Thursday. The original idea was to provide somewhere warm with hot drinks and soup at lunch time to help people who were worried about their heating bills over the winter months. As the weeks have gone by it has become clear that the most important thing for most of the 30 or so people who come every week has been the company. The soup and hot drinks have been welcome, but the people who come along, many of whom are in their eighties and nineties, all say that they appreciate the warm welcome by the volunteers from all three uniting churches, the chance to meet friends, old and new, and to chat in a relaxing environment. Thanks to a small grant from the Dundee Partnership we have been able to provide this free of charge and also to make a contribution towards the heating costs.

The other churches in Broughty Ferry have also provided their own version of a 'cosy space' and it is possible for people to go to a different place every day of the week if they wish. Each one has its own theme – some offer crafts, some offer games but all offer hot drinks and warm hospitality. It has proved to me that there is a place for a community hub in central Broughty Ferry where people can meet.

The idea was to run from October to the end of March and this is fast approaching so it is now time for us as a uniting congregation to consider what should come next? We need to ask ourselves the following questions. Should we continue? Would it continue to be free of charge? If so, how do we fund it? Who will run it? Are the volunteers prepared to continue? Should what is offered be different over the summer months? I would like to suggest that those who are interested in continuing, meet to discuss future plans and to decide on the way forward. If you are interested drop me an email june.a.anderson@outlook.com or speak to me at church some Sunday.

The success of this venture has surprised me. People have come out in the worst of the weather – rain, howling gales and very cold days – and this tells me that it has become an important part of the week for them. We have had people from most of the Broughty Ferry churches, those with no church connection at all, people coming in off the street and those who saw the posters. We even had one lady, with no connection to any of our churches, who came in and offered to help and she is now one of our regular volunteers. The young people from Grove Academy who come as part of their Personal Development Award have added a much needed touch of youth to the proceedings and it would be good to think we could further develop the links with the school in the future.

The 'warm spot' has given me a lot to give thanks for. Willing helpers, regular attendees, positive feedback, the further development of contacts between the uniting congregations. It gives me hope for the future of the Church in Broughty Ferry, whatever it ends up looking like.

June Anderson

Broughty Ferry Guild 2022/2023

The Guilds from the three uniting churches have continued to meet as one Guild over the 2022/23 session. We have followed the traditional pattern of worship followed by a speaker and have managed to include a wide variety of topics from The Bible Society of Scotland through to Making the most of your mobile phone. The members have enjoyed the speakers and the usual Guild cuppa which is an important part of any Guild meeting. It has been noticeable how well members have worked together especially for the Christmas Fair in November where the magnificent sum of £1800 was raised for Guild Projects.

We are rapidly approaching the end of this session and will have our AGM at the end of March. All of the committee members and office bearers this session volunteered to serve and we are hoping that many of them will wish to continue next session and for more volunteers to step forward. The Guild is an important part of any congregation and is a shining example of how well we can all get along when we are working towards the same goal. Please continue to support your Guild in any way that you can and encourage new members to join us for the next session, starting as usual at the start of October.

Aileen Adamson Convenor



Film Nights at St Aidan's

We know that television can be good on a Sunday night but why not switch on the record button and join us for one of our "Film Nights"! We usually meet on the last Sunday of every month at 7.00pm in the St Aidan's Centre. There is no cost, but donations are welcome for refreshments.

Don't expect Blockbusters – we tend to choose films which are not so well known and that people may not have seen before. Titles this season include: -

- "Yesterday" – A freak occurrence leaves one man able to play Beatles songs which the rest of the population know nothing about.
- "The 100 foot journey" – Brings 2 very different styles of restaurants in France to competition and ultimately friendship and recognition side-by-side.
- "The Pursuit of Happyness" – A true story of rags to riches for a father and son.

There is no particular style of film but most have a bit of humour and many have a "feel-good" factor. Occasionally we screen a family film such as "Frozen" or "Elf". Most are about 2 hours long.

The feedback from the Film Nights is very positive with often spontaneous applause at the end. Where possible we use subtitles so that everyone can be included and of course there is a lift. Why not join us? – look out for adverts in "Interconnections".

"Green Graveyard" at St Aidan's

The Graveyard at St Aidan's Centre played an important part in New Kirk gaining the Bronze Eco-congregation award in 2018. As we move forward as a "uniting congregation" we anticipate renewing our credentials as an Eco-congregation and will be applying for the silver award in the future.

Following resumption of a more normal life after Covid-19, work has continued on the Green Graveyard in partnership with Dundee City Council who own the Cemetery. As part of the renovation of St Aidan's church as a modern church/community use facility a meditation garden was envisaged to the rear of the property.

At the end of last year, a new path was laid enabling wheelchair access to a paved area below the South Gable wall. A 3-seater bench made from recycled plastic has been placed there. This has been made possible through a generous donation by the Lamson family in Australia who found their relatives (Stewart) graves in the Cemetery when they visited in 2018. A plaque on the bench identifies some of the family.

Over the years many fruit and flowering bushes have been planted to enhance the diversity of the Graveyard and further planting is planned as funds allow. As it stands, the Graveyard is a fascinating place both archaeologically as well as for its flora and fauna. With an easily negotiable path anyone can now go round into the heart of the Graveyard and enjoy the peace and tranquility that the space and seating offer.

Harry Black

RNLI Cheque Presentation 2023



I was the first to register for this year's dook. I had done the dook on two previous years and enjoy the moment walking into the cold Tay.

I enjoy water sport activities and therefore am keen to support the local lifeboat. I enjoyed being included in the 'voluntold' team and got great support from them. I managed to raise £1030 through folk handing me money, sponsor forms and a gofund.me page.

I feel honoured to have been able to support our local Lifeboat crew and look forward to doing the dook again in January 2024.

Calliadh (Smith)

Picture: Presenting cheque to Coxswain Pete Hay and Fundraiser Chairperson Janice Spence.

BFNK Scottish Country Dance Club



We have just come to the end of our dancing season at the end of March.

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

After a fairly cautious start in August we have had a regular attendance of about 20-24 dancers a week of varied ability. We have had several people who have come as beginners. Some used it as a taster session while others have become regular attenders. We are privileged to have an experienced teacher in Susan Robertson 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.

Some of us go to other dances over the summer but we look forward to restarting as a Club on Friday 1st September. For any further information contact **Kate Dean 07834 991096**

Safeguarding Report

Safeguarding continues to play a vital role in our uniting congregations, ensuring that our most vulnerable are protected.

It's 'Training Season' at the moment with volunteers, Trustees, Co-ordinators and Panel Members all keen to update their training before 30th June. Courses are filling up fast so please use the link below to find out which 'in-person' and 'virtual' training opportunities remain available.

[Training | The Church of Scotland](#)

Christian Aid Report

Thank you to everyone who donated much needed contributions for the Syria and Turkey Earthquake appeals. The sum of £327.30 was raised for the Disasters Emergency Committee on 12th February, and £570 (including Gift Aid) on 19th February for Christian Aid. The sum of £375 was also given from the World Concerns Emergency Fund. This totals £1272.30. **Christian Aid Week** this year is 14th-20th May. **Broughty Ferry New Kirk** is the venue for the Christian Aid coffee morning on **Saturday, 13th May**, from 10.45 to 12.45. Offers of help always welcome.

An informal visit by four Christian Aid members of staff will take place at **St James** on **Tuesday, 25th April** from 10.45 to 12.45. No presentation, just coffee and chat. All welcome.

Linda Crighton

Craft Group

The Craft Group/Cosy Spot continue to meet at St Luke's on Monday afternoons from 1.30 till 3.30pm. We have not had many people coming to the Cosy spot and will be discontinuing it from the end of March.

The Craft Group flourishes with 16 to 20 people every week – some knitting, some sewing, some colouring in pictures and some just come for a chat. Other crafts have been crochet, felting and quilling. Some of our blankets have gone to local homes and at the moment we are knitting teddies for the Archie Trust. Plenty of tea, coffee and biscuits are available and tongues never halt!

Come and join us any Monday – you will be very welcome.

Sunday School – Queen Street Community Garden

The Sunday school has recently been offered one of the boxes at Queen Street Community Garden. The Sunday school has a couple of older children who were interested in leading the group in planning cultivating. They are required to use peat free compost and to grow vegetables. They have discussed it in Sunday School and they want to start by growing rainbow carrots, broccoli, cucumber, iceberg lettuce. They are also designing a sign.



Queen Street Community Garden is a shared space for young and old to engage with nature and get involved with growing for biodiversity and to grow food. They have a number of young people's groups involved including 64th Brownies & Rainbows and Grove Academy. They are working to maintain a piece of nature in the centre of town

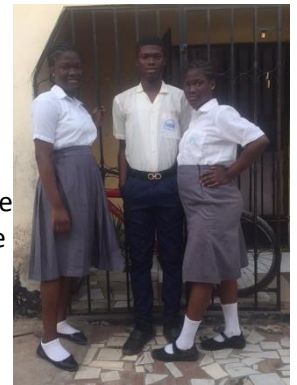
Please speak to Rhoda in Sunday School if you think you can help in any way – donate money for plants, helping with the watering or maintenance of the box.

The Koroma Family in The Gambia

We continue to sponsor the 3 children in the Koroma family – Hafsatou, Osman and Hellen – so they can attend school. Mum, Isatou, is in regular contact with Rhoda through WhatsApp and actually sent a message while they were in Sunday School recently and they sent a message and picture straight back.

Like everything – the cost for their schooling has gone up and therefore we are looking to increase our monthly giving. At the moment we are supported by standing orders from 11 members of the congregations plus those who collect pennies and small change and give donations towards this fund.

We would like to increase our regular income so that we can be confident that we will be able to continue to support this family. Please contact Rhoda in Sunday school if you would like to know more.



Hall Letting in The East Church Buildings and The St Aidan's Centre

Hall letting is important in the effective use of our Church Buildings.... to raise vital funds, provide spaces for community-based projects, and to cater for our Church Family.

The Lockdown period during the Covid Pandemic proved difficult as our existing 'lets' could not continue. As life changed, some hall users did not return after this time and so we have been building up a base of new and former users to occupy our hall spaces. Letting is a challenging balance of Time Management to ensure maximum occupancy without creating problems.

In both buildings we have rooms and adaptable space of varying size that we can let. Currently we have a mixture of weekly, monthly, and 'one off' events.

In the St Aidan's centre every weeka school tutor, Pilates group, Karate, Bridge Group, Childrens Play group, Brownies and Guides and the Royal Voluntary Service run a café and activities for their clients and carers.

Tayside Cancer Support have a base in the St Aidan's and are there to provide support and counselling. They also have monthly café.

Alzheimers Scotland and North East Sensory Services have monthly lets to provide help and run various activities.

There are also Film Nights.

In the East Church Buildings weekly we have a Senior Exercise Group, Pickle Ball, a Parent and Toddler Group, Badminton, Carpet Bowls, a Ukelele Group and a Boys Brigade Company.

In addition to our regular lets we provide space for parties and other functions which people may wish to organise.

<https://www.broughtynewkirk.org.uk/our-church/hall-bookings> Ewen Jenkin

Dublin Trip for Guides



A huge thank you from 80th Dundee Guides, your generosity and support of our two bake sales at St Luke's Church has raised around £600! The money is going towards our trip to Dublin at Easter to take part in an international Guiding event, which will see us exploring the city and participating in challenges to earn points for our team. This will be the first international trip with Girlguiding that our girls will be involved in, and your support means a lot to us.

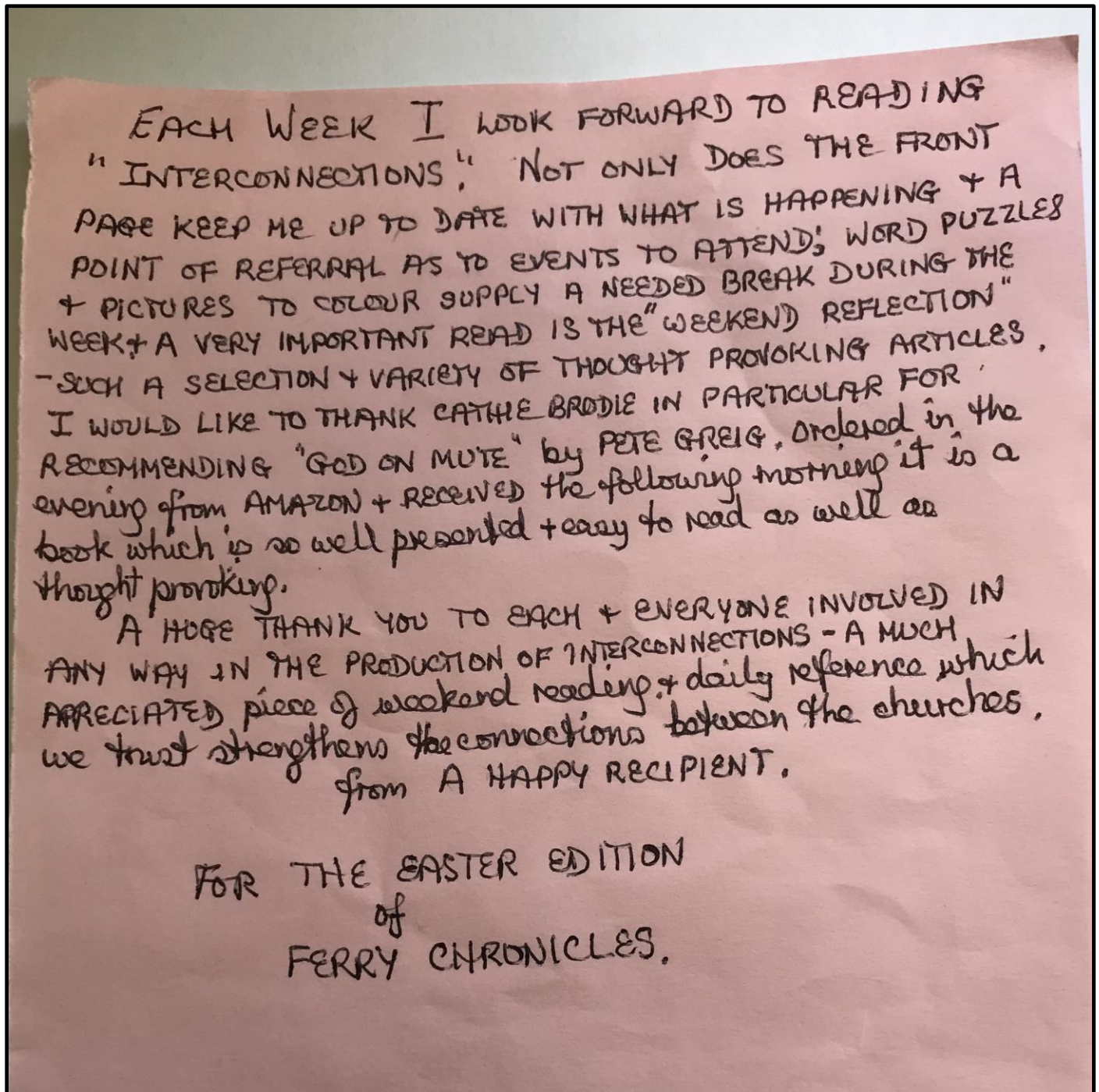
"Church life is full of change"

This is the title of the Youth feature in the March issue of *Life and Work*. It has been written by Rebekah Lennon, whom I first met as a toddler at a Christmas Eve service and subsequently got to know well when she was a member of the young people's group at St Andrew's Church in Dundee. Since moving to a church in Cupar a couple of years ago, much has happened to change her life and deepen her faith; she "joined the Church" on her 16th birthday. If you can get hold of the magazine, Rebekah's article is worth a read. When I quoted from it at the service on 5th March, I mentioned that her music can be found on Youtube – search Bex Lennon. Here is a link to her single, "Door of my life", which she describes as an "anti-bullying" song: [door of my life - bex lennon \(official music video\) - YouTube](#)

Rev. Caroline Taylor



Letter of Appreciation



Thank you Happy Recipient for your appreciative comments. Happy Easter from the Editorial Team .

Pickle at the Church

Our second term began by saying hello to a couple of new members and bon voyage to several who have gone off to see family or in search of sun over these cold winter months. The new girls have settled in quickly and we are proud of how all our beginners have taken to the game.

Several of our members have now had the opportunity to try playing on a full sized court at David Lloyds. Hopefully this

is an opportunity which we will continue to offer as free passes become available. With better weather on the way, we intend to make use of the new courts beside Urban Beach for some sessions over the summer months. We all look forward to having the opportunity of playing outdoors in such a great location.

The ladies were asked to give their opinions on the new club and game and I include their remarks here:

“Really compulsive” “Friendly group” “Accessible” “Easy to pick up” “Make new friends” “Welcoming and friendly club” “No worries about your skill set” “encouraging” “sociable and good fun” “fun way to keep fit”.

The club joins with me in wishing everyone a Happy Easter.

Dawn Rourke



**Calling all primary age children! Join our Intergalactic adventures
this summer**

THE STARSHIP DISCOVERY KIDS CLUB

**Our joint Holiday club 2023 will run from
Monday 7th - Friday 11th August 10-12noon
in Barnhill St Margaret's church hall
Watch out for more details.**

Church Choir

Very happy to report that the choir is in good form with a regular turnout able to tackle the various introits and anthems and lead the hymn singing.

We enjoy the varied accompaniment whether its organ, piano or instrumentalists, we are very lucky to have the choice.

While singing in the different buildings we have been challenged by where the choir is seated and still singing out to the congregation but we are pleased to have had some nice feedback when we get it right.

I can share a secret with you.....not sure about the men, but certainly the ladies on occasion are imitating flamingos as we stand on one leg with the other resting on the pew so we can turn towards the congregation. Hope that's not spoilt our image.

Broughty Ferry Churches Group

With Refugees Broughty Ferry.

February 2023 report.

This is a time of change and transition for WRBF. Since the establishment of the group in 2017 a committee of five has directed our activities. Two of our original members have now stood down and five new members have joined the committee. We are very grateful for the efforts and achievements of our departing members. At the same time we are delighted to welcome the new influx of energy and ideas which our new colleagues bring.

As reported previously our focus has changed also. Our previous partnership with Kalunba in Budapest has proven to be unsustainable, while our clothes donation project for refugee camps, carried out in partnership with Dundee Refugee Support Group, has also come to an end with the loss of our premises and key personnel. We now refer donations of clothing and household goods to the Panmurefield refugee project and to Dundee Resources and Re-use Centre, a recycling project benefitting refugees in Dundee as well as other clients in need.

Our current focus is on finding new volunteers and opportunities for them to support refugees in Dundee, both in social settings and in one - to - one befriending or mentoring relationships. We are making good progress through working with four Dundee projects which offer such opportunities.

The Panmurefield refugee project is run by Broughty Ferry Baptist Church, and consists of a fortnightly cafe and social event with donated materials for Ukrainian refugees. The Connections Cafe is a drop-in social space for New Scots, including refugees, run from the Steeple Church, with opportunities for language help and befriending. A similar service is provided by ScrapAntics , a community development project for refugees and other groups operating from former retail premises at the Wellgate centre.

Finally , a different emphasis is provided by Project Scotland, a charity , which has established a mentoring service for refugees to which we have introduced volunteers.

Some of these activities are in their early stages and we look forward to seeing how they develop. We now have a range of attractive options for would-be volunteers and would encourage the churches to spread the word that these are available.

Graham McKee



Recent Deaths

'And whosoever believeth in me shall never die'

St Luke's & Queen Street St

Mrs Jean Elvidge, Tigh Na Muirn, Monifieth, 04/11/2022

Miss Marjorie Muir, St Mary's Care Home Monifieth,
21/12/2022

Mr Ian Allan, 6 Grove Road, Broughty Ferry, 18/01/2023

Broughty Ferry New Kirk

Mr Melville Mitchell, 3 Lethnot Street, 10/01/2023

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