

Broughty Ferry Parish Church ' Connecting Monthly – September 2024



Regular Sunday Services in September

1 September

9.15am Barnhill St Margaret's Early Contemporary Service (EMS Worship Team)
 10.30am Barnhill St Margaret's Morning worship (Rev. Lorna Tunstall)
 11am Queen Street East Morning worship (Very Rev. Dr Martin Fair)

8 September

11.30 Queen Street East

Morning Worship: Sole Nominee – Rev Lorna Tunstall

Note change of time – SINGLE JOINT BFPC SERVICE followed by voting

15 September

9.15am Barnhill St Margaret's Early Contemporary Service (EMS Worship Team)
 10.30am Barnhill St Margaret's Morning worship with Sacrament of Baptism (Rev. Lorna Tunstall)
 11am Queen Street East Morning worship (Ken Andrew)

22 September

9.15am Barnhill St Margaret's Early Contemporary Service (EMS Worship Team)
 10.30am Barnhill St Margaret's Morning worship (Rev. Lorna Tunstall)
 11am Queen Street East Morning worship (David Murie)

29 September

9.15am Barnhill St Margaret's Early Contemporary Service (EMS Worship Team)
 10.30am Barnhill St Margaret's HARVEST THANKSGIVING (Anita Jamieson)
 11am Queen Street East HARVEST THANKSGIVING (Dr Graham and Linda Wightman)

CHURCH BUSINESS

6th September 2pm Steering Group
 8th September 11.30 Rev Lorna Tunstall preaching as Sole Nominee
 8th September 12.45 Kirk Session convened at Vote count
 15th – 25th September If successful nomination/accepted – Call available to sign: open for 8 days
 17th September 7pm Kirk Session meeting in BSM hall
 20th September 2pm Steering Group *More details on August update – attached & on website*



The next meeting of the Outreach Group will be held on Thursday 5 September at 7pm at St James Hall. If you were unable to attend the first meeting but would like to come along, you will be most welcome. June Anderson (Acting Convenor)



Join us in the TEA BREAK CAFÉ
Sundays 1.30-4pm in St James hall



Donations for charity as named on tables

BFPC HARVEST THANKSGIVING



SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER
 10.30AM BARNHILL ST MARGARET'S
 11AM QUEEN STREET EAST
Donations for Food bank

CONTACT Broughty Ferry Parish Church office email: office@bfpc.scot or 01382 737294 mornings/ answerphone

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

Charity No: SC007031

Website: www.bfpc.scot

Broughty Ferry Parish Church DIARY for September

Every Sunday 1.30-4pm	TEA BREAK café @ St James
Sunday 1 st , 15 th & 29 th , 7pm - 9pm	Youth Club @ Barnhill St Margaret's (fortnightly)
Monday 2 nd , 2.15pm	Bible Study @Barnhill St Margaret's (fortnightly)
Wednesday 4 th & 18 th , 2pm	Heart for Art @ Queen Street East (fortnightly)
Wednesday 4 th & 18 th , 12 noon - 2pm	Café re-opens @ Barnhill St Margaret's serving lunches (1 st & 3 rd)
Wednesday 11 th & 25 th 10-12md	Coffee & Chat @ BSM serving coffee/tea, cake & scones (2 nd & 4 th & 5 th)
Tuesday 10 th , 2pm	Service in Shiell Court
Wednesday 11 th , 2pm	Men's Club @ Barnhill St Margaret's: Speaker Iain Ross
Thursday 12 th 1.30 – 3.30pm	Barnhill Blethers: Virtual Reality Session (Barnhill Community Centre)
Thursday 12 th 2pm – 4pm	Book Club at Barnhill St Margaret's hall
Thursday 21 st 7pm	Dundee Youth For Christ 10 th Anniversary event in The Steeple
Tuesday 24 th , 2pm	Barnhill Guild @ Barnhill St Margaret's: Welcome back
Thursday 26 th 1.30-3.30pm	Barnhill Blethers: Fire safety at home (Barnhill Community Centre)
Friday 27 th 10-12md	MacMillan Coffee Morning @ Queen Street East
Saturday 28 th , 4.30pm	Messy Church @ Barnhill St Margaret's hall (monthly)
Tuesday 1 st October 2pm	Broughty Guild @ St Luke's: Getting to know you

BOYS BRIGADE

QSE Halls Thurs 6.30- 8/9pm

Anchor Boys are for P1-3

Junior Section for P4-6

Company Section P7+

For more information, please contact

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(Chaplain) on caro234@btinternet.com

**WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING**
MACMILLAN

27 September 2024

Time 10-12md

Queen Street East hall

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

12 October 2024

GUILD COFFEE MORNING

Barnhill St Margaret's hall

10am to 12 noon.

Usual stalls

Tickets £4



Weekly groups/clubs from September

Day	Time	Activity	Location	Notes
Mon	1.30- 3.30pm	Craft & Chatter group	St Luke's hall	Continues weekly
	2.00-4.00pm	Badminton	BSM hall	From 2 Sept
	7 – 9pm	Pickle Ball	QSE large hall	Continues weekly
Tues	9.30 – 10am	Morning Prayers	BSM Room 1	Term time
Weds	9.30 – 12md	Ladies Badminton	QSE large hall	from 11 th Sept
	1.45 – 3.15pm	BUGS Ukulele group	QSE small hall	from 28 th August
	7.15 – 9pm	Bible study – The Bible Course	St Aidan's upper hall	from 11 th Sept
Thurs	1 – 4pm	Carpet Bowls	QSE hall	Tbc
	1.45 – 4pm	BF Bridge Club	St Aidan's	from 5 th Sept
	6.30 – 8/9pm	Boys Brigade	QSE halls	from 29 th August
Fri	2.15 – 3.30pm	Craft Group	BSM hall foyer	Continues weekly
	7.30 – 9.30pm	Scottish Country Dance Club	St Stephen's hall	from 6 th Sept
Sat	7 – 9pm	All age badminton	QSE large hall	from 14 th Sept

Contact BFPC office for more details about any of these groups/clubs



A BIG THANK YOU & WELL DONE

to our Sunday School and their leaders who raised over £1282 for Eagles Wings Trust and Fintry Food Larder by walking 5 ½ miles in the Dundee Kilt Walk



Blythwood Shoebboxes

This year the filled boxes are going to Ukraine and they are requesting items for teenage boys and girls and for men. If you would like to donate anything that would be suitable, Sandra Smith and her helpers would be glad to have them. For more information speak to Sandra or call her on 07785 268830

Barnhill Book Club

Thursday, 12th September at 2.00pm in BSM Church hall Room 1. The book to be discussed is "The House Across the Street" by Lesley Pearse. New members most welcome. Please contact Norma McDonald for further information. Mobile: 07957183530



BFPC Eco congregation group

Our parish profile states we should strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life on earth, and, at our first meeting in August, we had a lively and creative discussion about projects we could undertake to fulfil this remit such as encouraging wildlife, opportunities to recycle, reuse and reduce, food waste and our carbon footprint.

We are hoping to upgrade our Eco congregation award from bronze to silver, and are keen to find out what each of our church buildings are recycling at the moment, and ways of estimating each of the buildings CO2 emissions.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday the 1st October at 7pm at St Aidans Centre, and anyone interested in environmental and justice issues are welcome to join us, we need lots of ideas and suggestions of projects we could all undertake.



The fairies have left us a nice surprise at the St Aidans green graveyard, a beautiful sundial appeared and looks beautiful by the bench and planters. Thank you to whoever put it there for us all to enjoy.

YOU ARE INVITED TO
DUNDEE YOUTH FOR CHRIST'S 10TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Celebrating 10 years of Dundee YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Including talk "Christian youth work in a changing world" - Neil O'Boyle National Director of Youth for Christ
Interactive prayer, worship and more!

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER
7:00 PM

The Steeple Church
Vethergate, Dundee DD1 1HG

REFRESHMENTS AND CAKE

COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US!

Dundee and Angus Foodbank - Volunteering Opportunity: Dundee

We're looking for some extra pairs of hands to help out in our Dundee distribution centre on Tuesday and Friday afternoons between 12-4pm.

This would look like helping to pack food parcels, greeting clients and making a cuppa or two! If this is something you're interested in finding out more about, or giving it a try, then please get in touch by emailing info@dundeeandangus.foodbank.org.uk, or by ringing 07704 048121.



44th Dundee Boys' Brigade
Broughty Ferry
Parish Church
Queen Street East

FOOD, FUN & FRIENDS
Our Harvest Thanksgiving & Dedication

Thursday 26th September at 6.30 pm
(Please bring a tin or packet of something or a cash donation for Dundee & Angus Foodbank)

Members of the BB family & Church family will be made very welcome

RSVP Kate Dean 07834991096

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You might have seen the sign "CH__CH. What's missing? UR!" It expresses one popular view of the church's mission, but it is only one aspect. The Church of Scotland has identified Five Marks of Mission for congregations to consider, and they are quite wide-ranging.

- **Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom**
- **Teach, baptise and nurture new believers**
- **Respond to human need by loving service**
- **Transform unjust structures of society, challenge violence of every kind, pursue peace and reconciliation**
- **Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of earth**

These are not a re-invention of the church's role - they are seen all the way through the Bible, and in Jesus's life! OK, his care for the environment is not specifically mentioned, but most (or all) of the incidents recorded in the gospels can be put into one of the other four categories. His ministry was preaching the Good News, training his followers, healing and loving people, and challenging the religious leaders. However, caring for God's creation was the first responsibility given to the man and the woman in Eden, and it hasn't been rescinded!

If you have looked at our Parish Profile, you will have been encouraged at how much Broughty Ferry Parish Church is already doing towards these Marks of mission. But we have aspirations. We could do more, and we all have a part to play in each of these Marks, although most of us will have a bigger role in some Marks than in others.

Probably the one Mark we would all say is most important for the church is also the one we find hardest - proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom. We all feel inadequate. We don't know all the answers. Our lives don't match up to what we believe. Yet we do show something of what we believe, whether we like it or not, by what we say and do. You can probably tell what hobbies or sport a person follows without them having to tell you. The same should be true for us as Christians. Most of us aren't expected to go around preaching about our faith, but there may be times we do need to talk about what we believe. "Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone," Paul says in Colossians 4:6. Nor do we need to know all the answers - it is not an exam we have to pass. We simply need to talk about what we do know.

As well as our individual involvement in proclaiming the Good News, as a church we need to be thinking about how we proclaim the Good News. Our new mission group and our new ministers will help us to do this, but we all need to support them since they can't do it all. Also, any one of us might notice something that we could try doing as a church.

Over the summer a friend told me the following story: A church decided to set up an angling club. They knew that they had a pond in their grounds and there were fish in it, so they put a net in their pond and waited for the fish to jump in. From time to time they checked their net, but found that they caught nothing.

They then decided to be more ambitious. They had also noticed that there was a stream that ran right past the church, and they thought there must be some fish in the stream. They decided to be pro-active and bought rods and bait, and dangled their lines into the stream. From time to time they changed their bait, or fished a different stretch of the stream, but they only managed to catch one or two fish.

So they thought about it again and asked "Where are the fish?" Some were in the pond, and some were also in the stream. But where were most of the fish? Suddenly they realised, THE SEA! Therefore, they planned a trip to the sea, hired a boat, and went fishing. A few of their members did suffer from sea-sickness, but they caught many fish.

That story might be something for us to think about. After all, Jesus told his first disciples "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people".

Reflection submitted by Graham Wightman

GUILD UPDATE

Autumn is coming upon on which means that many of our groups will be starting up again including our two Guilds. The Barnhill Guild will start on the 24th September at 2pm in the church hall. This will be a "Welcome Back" meeting with light refreshments.

The first meeting of the Broughty Guild will be the 1st October. This will be held at St Luke's starting at 2pm and "Getting to know you " with Rev Lorna Tunstall.

Our Theme for the next three years is 'Let Us Build a House' with the Strategy for 24/25 being 'Sure Foundations.' Further details and the programme for each of the Guilds can be found on the Broughty Ferry Parish Church website. All are welcome to any meeting. Being a member of the Guild means you can attend any meeting in Scotland. See you all soon. *Chris and June*



September prayer points –

As September arrives, we are conscious of the changing of the seasons, the nights are starting to darken earlier, and leaves are beginning to fall from the trees.

We are reminded that change is necessary, and in change we can see God at work all around us.

Our God who is continuously at work in ourselves, in those around us and in our world.



During September, we take time to pray for all within Broughty Ferry Parish Church in deferred linkage with St Stephens and West as they discern who the next ministry team shall be. We pray for all those that will have a vote as Rev Lorna Tunstall preaches as sole nominee on 8th September and pray that the right decision is made for the benefit of all.

We continue to pray for all those that have dedicated their time and talents within the new committee structures of our church. May all involved seek to work collaboratively always ensuring that we work for the good of many and not to our own needs, ensuring we continue to follow the teachings and examples of Jesus.

As ever, we pray for those that need our prayers the most at this time: the bereaved, the lonely, the ill and those for whom every day is a struggle. May they know God's presence with them, this day and everyday. AMEN.

• Church register

Funerals:

We remember those who have died recently:

Mr Donald Milne
Mrs Marjory Scott

October Newsletter

The October edition of Connecting Monthly will be published on Friday 27 September. All articles should be with the Church Office NO LATER than Thursday 19 September.



Broughty Ferry Parish Church Communication Update August 2024

The BFPC Communication (on behalf of KS) wish to update you on the progresses that have been made

We are delighted that the Nominating Committee have invited Rev Lorna Tunstall to preach as Sole Nominee with regard to one of the vacant Ministerial positions at Broughty Ferry Parish Church. Procedural requirements have been completed and Rev Tunstall has accepted the invitation. Lorna will preach at St Stephen's and West Church at 10.00 on Sunday 8 September, and then at Queen Street East at 11.30 that day. (Please note change to normal worship time to accommodate Lorna preaching at both services). After each service, the congregations will be invited to vote in favour or not of Rev Tunstall and the two ballots will be combined and counted as one, in front of the combined Kirk Sessions immediately following the 11.30 service at QSE while refreshments are served in the hall. The result will be announced thereafter and repeated at Intimations on 15th September. Subject to the nomination and acceptance, the Call for Service will be opened on 15th September to all those on the Communion Roll and will be open for 2 weeks – details to be announced if appropriate.

We are grateful to all those who have already put their names down to populate the groups which will organise Mission and Management of our church and who have been attending initial meetings held in the last six weeks to identify Conveners & Sub conveners and evaluate the proposed remits. BFPC Kirk Session will ratify nominations and remit proposals when they meet on 17th September and then the work can begin properly.

While some groups are quite well populated, there are some that need more help, so we would ask your consideration to potentially find out more if you are able to volunteer some time towards the work of the church. There are particular vacancies in the groups which make up the Management Board - Facilities Management; People & Compliance (including Health & Safety); Property & Grounds, Stewardship & Finance. Also there are vacancies in the areas of Communication and Adult Education. If you are interested in getting involved in any of these, please let Ken Andrew know (sessionclerk@bfpc.scot).

We have been advertising for a new Church Administrator/ Secretary and a Facilities Administrator and there has been interest expressed in both posts. The closing date for applications is 30th August. We are therefore hopeful these vacancies will be filled soon. Our present secretary, Alison Tonner, is retiring in October after many years faithful service.

Harvest Sunday – The worship group have decided to have Harvest Thanksgiving services in both churches on 29th September. The preachers for that week will work together on hymns and readings so we can celebrate in a similar way despite being in different locations. We will be welcoming donations for Dundee & Angus Foodbank – their present shopping list is - tinned fruit, UHT milk, tinned meat, tea bags but any donations welcomed.

The intention is to deliver the flowers which will decorate the church to the Care homes where we have congregational residents, the elderly and housebound – volunteers to do this would be welcomed at both churches.

Finally, a call out for communication. We are striving to improve communication across the congregation and into the community. The Website (www.bfpc.scot) and Facebook are updated regularly and we would encourage you to take a look if you are able. We have recently instigated an Instagram account and, though it is early days and a time of trial and error. We are still keen to have as many email addresses as possible so that we can keep in touch. If you are unsure we have the best mode of communication for you, please pick up a form at the church door and hand it to a Welcomer at the door.

Thank you

Kate Dean (Convener elect of the Communication crew)

BFPC - Kids Connections - August 2024

The Sunday school and associates had an amazing time at the Wee Wander Kiltwalk, raising money for the Eagles Wings Trust and Fintry Food Bank. The weather was incredible, and despite getting sunburnt down one side of our bodies we managed to raise upwards of £1100!

Well done everyone! We've already decided to make this an annual event. 😊



We're so glad to have everyone safely back from the school break and ready to get started again on a Sunday morning. Thank you to those that helped to lead over the summer break.

The BFPC Holiday club held the latest edition of I'm A Bible Celebrity, Get Me Out Of Here!

Kids and helpers had an action-packed day of crafts and games, learning about the story of Moses and the ten plagues. 😊



The Sunday School and St James Brownie pack have been working hard maintaining the community garden next to Broughty Ferry train station. Please be reminded that the veg in there is available for everyone should you wish to pull it up!

They will soar on wings
like eagles;
they will run and not
grow weary,
they will walk and not be
faint.

--Isaiah 40:31

