



THE SPIRE

Summer/Autumn 2022

St. Stephens and West
PARISH CHURCH
Broughty Ferry

CREAM TEAS



St. Stephen's and West Church's Social Committee is pleased to announce the return of our fabulous

CREAM TEAS

A bargain
price of
£3.00

on Saturday, 17th September
from 2.00p.m. till 4.00p.m.

So please come along with your friends and enjoy our delicious
freshly baked scones with a pot of tea or coffee

Welcome

to the Summer/Autumn issue of

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**Well where has the summer gone!
We have been blessed with some
beautiful weather as the summer
months progressed and now we
start planning our diary for the
Autumn months.**

This is reflected in the bookings for our hall over the autumn and winter months and as you will read there are so many activities taking place in our hall and maybe you might be interested in joining one of the activities listed.

Our hall is widely used by the community here at Broughty Ferry and a great asset to the church and for the community.

I hope you enjoy the content of the magazine and the information given regarding events taking place not only at the church but also in the wider community where our hall plays an important part.



George Anderson

TEA OR COFFEE AFTER THE SERVICE

Please consider coming back to the hall after the 10.00 a.m. service for a tea or coffee and a biscuit or home baking. A number already come back to the hall and have a chat .

Morning tea or coffee after church is a tradition in most churches, at least morning services. There is something great about the concept, and not just because we love a good cup of tea or coffee. It reflects the reality that the church is not all about the formal service. The church is the people. The informal gathering after the formal one gives the opportunity for those who are at church to welcome and greet one another and to build one another up.

Parish Register: St. Stephen's & West

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**“Into the sacred Three, I baptise thee
Into their power and peace, I place thee
May their breath be thine to live
May their love be thine to give.”**

April 17, 2022

Francis Dyer Finlay, infant son of Jemma and George Finlay, Hope Park,
15 Victoria Road, Broughty Ferry.

June 12, 2022

Hannah Abby Hutcheon, infant daughter of Wendy and Andrew
Hutcheon, 9 Midmar Walk, Broughty Ferry.

NEW MEMBER

Graeme & Ailsa Redford

21 Balmossie Terrace
Broughty Ferry, Dundee

IN MEMORIAM

“Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.”

May 10, 2022

Frances Foley 8c Queen Street, Broughty Ferry.

May 19, 2022

Peter Chalcraft, Antiquary House, Westway, Arbroath.

May 29, 2022

Professor Donald Macdonald Ramsay, Balcarres Residential Care Home
Albany Road, West Ferry.

July 27, 2022

Helen Symington, 123 Dundee Road, Broughty Ferry.

Pastoral letter

Dear Friends,

Supposing you were asked to describe Worship in our Church, what would you say?

I like to think we exude Serenity; that there is nothing brash or strident, loud or distasteful about our weekly devotions. Over the years, I have sought to prepare our Services of Worship along the lines contained in a few of the Hymns we sing. Here are one or two examples:

"Truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness, these are the offerings to lay on his shrine."

"For all gentle thoughts and mild, we praise Thee."

"Take from our souls the strain and stress and let our ordered lives confess, the beauty of thy peace."

"Sustain us by thy faith and by thy power, give strength in every trying hour."

"So be it Lord, thy throne shall never, like earth's proud empires, pass away:

Thy Kingdom stands and grows for ever, till all thy creatures own thy sway."

"Come ye apart and rest awhile, weary of the press and throng, wipe from thy brow the dust of toil

And in my strength grow strong again."

"When the strife is fierce, the warfare long, make brave our hearts and arms strong."

May we, through the serenity of our Worship, be nudged into the presence of the Transcendent.

Ever sincerely yours,
Keith F. Hall.

Tribute to

Helen Symington

It is, don't you think, the gentle, soft-hearted, unfussy people in this world who impress us as having real authority, an authority of which they themselves seem quite unaware?

Helen was all that and more. Kindness personified, she was a delight to know and a very real pleasure to be with. With all her years came a treasure store of deep compassion and broad understanding.

Helen and John, the epitome of togetherness, gave of themselves, without stint or reserve, to so many creative enterprises in the Ferry. They certainly gave their Church a very good name, possessed as they were of unfailingly natural warm smiles and an endearingly light touch.

With Wendy and Lorna, we are grateful for the privilege of sharing Helen and John's most genuine company.

KFH

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Please don't be misled by this heading. Christmas is still more than 3 months away and plenty of time for shopping! However, included in the winter magazine for 2020 were Christmas Greetings from members of the church, an example is shown below and the proposal is do something similar in the 2022 winter magazine.

So, if you would like to take advantage of this all you have to do now is send me an email or give me a call to let me know and I will contact you in November to agree the text for the greeting. Contact details are on the back page of the magazine. There is no charge for putting a greeting in the magazine.

"To all of the members of St. Stephens and West and their families a very Merry Christmas and happy safe New Year from George and Rhona Anderson."

COMMUNITY NEWS

Broughty Ferry Churches Group

The BFCG doesn't meet over the summer so no real news there but WRBF were able at long last to have their fun afternoon on Saturday the 18th June for refugees and locals alike in Barnhill St Margarets hall and gardens. Middle Eastern, Afghan and Ukrainian refugees and a number of local guests came along. We were very fortunate with the weather and our guests were treated to delicious food prepared by our Middle Eastern friends. Children of all ages were entertained by games set outside and in. We were very grateful to many helpers making this such a successful fun event allowing everyone to mix and get to know one another. You may have seen the article in the local paper or on WRBF Facebook page.

Two BFCG events that took place during Gala Week were the five day Quilters Exhibition at St James Church along with their cafe and our church helped with serving teas and coffees and providing home baking. A Songs of Praise was held on the Sunday evening in the New Kirk to round off the week.

Jill Oakley



Collection for Womens Aid, Salvation Army and refugees

Sheila McCluckie is still doing a monthly toiletries collection in the middle of each month for womens aid, Salvation Army and refugees.

If anyone in congregation would like to donate please deliver to:

47 Camphill Road, DD5 2JG.

(In September please leave after 16th as away on holiday first two weeks.)



COMMUNITY NEWS

Church Hall usage

Our church hall continues to provide a service to the local community and many organisations take advantage and depend on our hall because of its size.

During the Gala Week in July it was the centre for a number of activities being used nearly every day for a number of gala week events and these were well supported by the community.

The hall continues to be upgraded and also repairs carried out as and when necessary. This year that has included repairs to sandstone at the rear door, painting of outside doors, renewal of lead flashings on the roof and replacing downpipes.

During the week the hall is extensively used by a variety of organisations and include:

Monday:

Pilates class	10.00 to 11.00 am
Flower arranging	1.00 to 3.30 pm
Crafts for children	4.00 to 5.30 pm
Pilates	5.30 to 6.30 pm
Mens carpet bowls	7.00 to 9.00 pm

Thursday:

Sewing class	1.30 to 4.30 pm
Sewing class	6.00 to 9.00 pm
Badminton	7.00 to 10.00 pm

Tuesday:

Tai Chi	10.00 to 12.00 am
Yoga	Times TBC
Badminton	7.00 to 9.00 pm

Friday:

Zumba	10.00 to 11.00 am
Tea Dance	2.00 to 4.00 pm
Country Dancing	7.00 to 9.00 pm
AA Group	7.30 to 9.30 pm

Wednesday:

Zumba	10.30 to 11.30 am
Yoga	1.30 to 3.00 pm
Crafts	3.30 to 4.30 pm
Quilters	7.00 to 9.00 pm
Sewing Class	6.00 to 9.00 pm

Saturday:

Childrens	9.00 am to 1.30 pm
Dance Group	

As you can see a very busy hall for the community and if interested in any of these contact details are available on the church web site or from the session clerk or editor of the magazine.

Meru update

It would seem we have much in common with Meru right now. Political leadership elections are causing unrest in both our countries but without the tribal element here. The cost of living is soaring here and while we have food banks, in Kenya food parcels are being issued to the elderly in Meru and elsewhere. Drought is exacerbating poverty in both countries and we are praying for rain!

There is however some good news for Limbene PS where the money raised from the Christmas craft fair has refurbished a classroom, to be used as a resources room and recent fundraising efforts in the car park of Grove academy and a friend's yard have raised enough to buy 7 computers for Limbene, with former successful pupils being asked to match that number.

When I wrote an article for the Spring magazine I was optimistic about the kindergarten at St Stephens in Meru and did not dedicate my summer fundraising efforts to them as reports and photos showed improvements to the interior of the building and all seemed to be going well. But with the economic crisis I am working with Elijah to support the kindergarten until there is economic stability again. Any support or ideas for fundraising would be much appreciated as since 2008 with your help we have built a substantial kindergarten for 100 pupils equipped with a kitchen and minibus. I am very concerned for the pupils and staff and do not want our efforts to be wasted.

Meantime thank you for continuing to support the Meru plate.

Sheila McCluckie



Remembrance Sunday lunch

On Remembrance Sunday which is 13th November, we will be hosting a Soup and Sandwich lunch after the Service.

The Social Committee will be taking names of all those who would like to attend, a couple of Sundays before the actual event. All donations from the lunch will go to Poppy Scotland.



Lest We Forget

Top ten readings from a recent survey.

What would be the top ten readings for St. Stephens and West?

Please let the Editor know (*contact details on the back page*) and the result will be included in a future magazine.

1. John 3:16: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
2. Jer 29:11: For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
3. Rom 8:28: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
4. Phil 4:13: I can do everything through him who gives me strength.
5. Gen 1:1: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
6. Prov 3:5: Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.
7. Prov 3:6: in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.
8. Rom 12:2: Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.
9. Phil 4:6: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
10. Matt 28:19: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Top Ten Most Read Verses – do you have a favourite? Let the Editor know.



During the jubilee our member Bob Stewart was photographed wearing an appropriate jersey to celebrate the occasion.



Over the summer months the grounds around the church continue to be maintained to a high standard with the grass cutting carried out by Robin Little and our thanks go to him.

Also this year our railings at the church were spruced up and a new colour introduced to brighten up the boundary of the church. The preparation and painting was carried out by Ron McPherson and his son Ken.

Change of colour at the Church



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Door Duty

(One duty elder with transport should offer to distribute flowers.
Please arrange a substitute if any date is unsuitable for you.)

2022 St Stephen's & West Parish Church

Elders Duty List

Date	Time	Door Duty	Door Duty	Beadle
Sun 4 Sep	10:00	Mrs M Masson	A Justice	P Wakefield
Sun 11 Sep	10:00	Mrs S Grinyer	Mrs S Rough	Mrs S Thomson
Sun 18 Sep	10:00	S Davidson	C S Smith	Mrs Fiona Watt
Sun 25 Sep	10:00	Mrs M Knight	Mrs A McNicoll	Mrs L Parry-Richards
Sun 2 Oct	10:00	R S McPherson	A Justice	P Wakefield
Sun 9 Oct	10:00	S Davidson	Mrs S Thomson	K Matheson
Sun 16 Oct	10:00	Mrs S McMillan	Mrs M Masson	C S Smith
Sun 23 Oct	10:00	Mrs M Knight	Mrs S Rough	Mrs Fiona Watt
Sun 30 Oct (<i>BST ends</i>)	10:00	P Wakefield	Mrs S Grinyer	R S McPherson
Sun 6 Nov	10:00	Mrs L Parry-Richards	C S Smith	A Justice
Sun 13 Nov (<i>Remembrance</i>)	10:50	Mrs S Grinyer	Mrs A McNicoll	Mrs S McMillan
Sun 20 Nov	10:00	Mrs S Rough	Mrs M Knight	Mrs S Thomson
Sun 27 Nov	10:00	Mrs M Masson	S Davidson	Mrs L Parry-Richards
Sun 4 Dec	10:00	Mrs Fiona Watt	Mrs A McNicoll	P Wakefield
Sun 11 Dec	10:00	Mrs S Grinyer	Mrs L Parry-Richards	K Matheson
Sun 18 Dec	10:00	Mrs S Rough	Mrs M Masson	C S Smith
Sun 25 Dec (<i>Christmas Service</i>)	10:00	Mrs A McNicoll	S Davidson	A Justice