
Tayport Parish Church

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parish Profile



Mission Statement

Tayport Parish Church exists to take forward the Gospel through Worship, Prayer and Service to the Glory of God. We do this in Jesus Christ's Name, dependant on his Grace and the Power of the Holy Spirit.

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Welcome to the Parish of Tayport

Introduction

Tayport Parish Church has a history of Biblical preaching and strong Pastoral Care. We try to reach out to others within the community and we would like to continue to build on this, having our Church at the centre.

We try in our daily lives to demonstrate the love Jesus has for us all, through mission and care.

Frances Dunlop – *Session Clerk*

Location

Tayport is two and half miles from the Tay Road Bridge leading to Dundee. It is eleven miles from St Andrews and is opposite Broughty Ferry across the River Tay.



WEST LIGHTS LOOKING TOWARDS BROUGHTY FERRY

Tayport Parish Church

There has been a Presbyterian Church in Tayport since 1607 when the Parish was disjoined from the Parish of Leuchars and became known as Ferry-Port -on-Craig. There is a still a building on the original site, which was rebuilt in 1794 and again in 1828 and is still in a state of good repair.

In 1843, at the time of the Disruption, the then Minister, Rev W Nicolson and his Kirk Session resigned en masse and set up the Queen Street United Free Church. There was also another group called the Erskine United Presbyterian Church in Castle Street.

In 1929 these three congregations came under the umbrella of the Church of Scotland but each kept their separate identities, until January 1962 when the Rev C W Stobie of the Ferry-Port-on-Craig Church retired. The Congregation of the Erskine U. P. Church united with the Ferry-Port-on-Craig Church to become the Erskine-Ferry-Port-on-Craig Church with the Minister in charge being the Rev Erskine Stewart.

In 1978 when the Rev G Ayre left Queen Street to take up an appointment in Dundee, the congregation of Queen Street Church united with the Congregation of Erskine-Ferry-Port-on Craig Church and the name of Tayport Parish Church came into being. Rev Colin Dempster was the first to be inducted to this adjusted charge. This at present is an unrestricted call and the Interim Moderator is Rev Jim Connolly of Wormit Parish Church.

In November 2006 we signed a historic Covenant with the local United Free Church.

The Church is centrally situated in the main street, just along from the local Primary School and other local amenities.



INSIDE CHURCH
LOOKING TOWARDS CONGREGATION



INSIDE CHURCH
LOOKING TOWARDS PULPIT

Life and Witness of our Church

Current Worship Arrangements

Worship is at the heart of all we do as a Congregation. We have a Sunday Service at 11am, using CH4 Hymn books, Mission Praise and Junior Praise. Holy Communion is celebrated four times per year. There are two formal celebrations in April and October. In the afternoon following these, services are held at the local Servite housing complex. Less formal celebrations are held in the first Sunday in January and on Maundy Thursday. The latter is usually followed by a light supper.

Life within Our Congregation

Church Membership

Church membership currently stands at 438. The supplementary roll comprises 43 members. Across the congregation there is a fair spread of ages.

Our Kirk Session is composed of 35 Elders, 19 women and 16 men. Additionally, there are a further 3 Board members. The Kirk Session and Congregational Board meet in alternate months, 5 times each per year.

Sunday School

We have a small Sunday School run by a group of enthusiastic parents, who provide an interesting syllabus for the children.

The Guild

This is a keen group of ladies who have many interesting speakers.

Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care Group visits members who are housebound or in residential care.

The Choir

Tayport Parish Church is fortunate to have a choir to enhance worship every Sunday. Occasionally we have **Praise Band** and on Christmas Day a **String Quartet** playing.

Fellowship Lunches

These are held on the 4th Sunday of most months by church organisations who are responsible for the organising and provision of food.

Church Magazine

There is a quarterly magazine which is distributed to each member of the congregation.

Outreach

Christian Aid

This is supported by sponsoring members who undertake the Tay Bridge Walk.

International Nepal Fellowship

We regularly donate to INF through fund raising events and after service offerings. Ellen Findlay, our mission partner, has visited us on several occasions to talk about her work in medical camps in the mountains of Nepal.

Children's Mission

As part of our outreach over the past six years, we have run a successful Holiday Club, the first week of the school holidays for 5—12 year olds, culminating in a Family Service so the parents can see what their children have been up to at the Club. We have up to 50 children attending with 15 adults involved in a variety of ways.

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal

Over the past few years we have filled hundreds of shoeboxes with gifts for underprivileged families.

CHAS

To date we have raised almost £1,000 for CHAS through recycling old mobile telephones and computer cartridges.

Ecumenical

CATT

Churches Acting Together in Tayport (CATT) involves four churches (United Free, Episcopalian, Roman Catholic and the Parish Church). Annually they organise an open air Songs of Praise service, the World Day of Prayer and a social event. Events are open to all members of the community. A united prayer group has recently been formed.

Finance

Last year we reported an operating surplus. A copy of the accounts is available on request.

Buildings and Amenities

Manse

The Manse was built in 1984 and is situated in a prime position, offering magnificent views over the River Tay, approximately a quarter of a mile from the main Church building.

It is a two story detached house, with four bedrooms, one en-suite bathroom, a family bathroom, and another toilet downstairs, large lounge, study, dining room, kitchen, utility room and a double garage. It has a garden at the back, with a landscaped garden at the front. The house is centrally heated, double glazed and is in excellent condition inside.



FRONT OF MANSE



BACK OF MANSE

Halls

There are two halls within the Church building, one large and one small. These are well used by both Church and outside organisations.

Church Garden

The garden is a safe enclosed area at the rear of the Church and is used for both the Holiday Club and social events.



CHURCH GARDEN LOOKING TOWARDS
SMALL HALL

Glebe

We own glebe land on the outskirts of the village which is currently rented out.



VIEW FROM MANSE

Amenities in the Area

Within Tayport there is a harbour, Bowling Green, tennis courts, Scotsraig Golf Club, a large park and a library. There are many interesting walks in the area.

Education



TAYPORT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tayport Primary School is in the centre of the village, as is the pre-school nursery. For most of the children, secondary education is provided at Madras College (St Andrews). There are colleges of further education in Dundee and Cupar with excellent universities in Dundee and St Andrews.

Health

Tayview Medical Centre has surgeries in Tayport and Newport. There is a dental practice in the centre of the village. Dundee has an abundance of medical and Dental Practices and is only seven minutes away by car.

Shopping

The main shopping area is based in Castle Street and boasts:

- ◆ 2 mini markets
- ◆ post office
- ◆ butcher
- ◆ florist
- ◆ hairdresser
- ◆ chemist
- ◆ beauty parlour



TAYPORT HARBOUR

There are also three takeaways in the village.



TENNIS COURT (NEAR GLEBE)

OUR VISION

As a group of committed Christians we are looking for a biblically based Minister who will encourage us to move God's Kingdom forward.

We are prayerfully seeking a Minister to lead us in:

- Mission
- Worship
- Pastoral care

What our new Minister can expect of us:

- Our Prayers
- Our commitment, support and enthusiasm
- Our Friendship
- Our willingness to move forward and accept change
- A warm and genuine welcome into our homes



LOOKING FROM BROUGHTY FERRY TO TAYPORT

Further Information:

If you believe that you can provide Tayport Parish Church with direction and leadership and wish to find out more about our Church, have a look round or discuss some issues about the vacancy, please contact our Interim Moderator:

Rev. Jim Connolly
The Manse
Wormit

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Applications:

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TENTSMUIR FOREST WALK

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