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TAYPORT PARISH CHURCH

The name of Tayport Parish Church came into being on 11th December, 1978, on the union of the Congregation of two Churches.

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 still a building on the original site which was rebuilt in 1794 and again in 1828 and is still in good state of 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 all these three Congregations came under the umbrella of the Church of Scotland, but each kept their separate identities, until January 1962 when on the retirement of the Rev. C. W. Stobie of the Ferry-Port-on-Craig Church, 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 being the Rev. Erskine Stewart in the charge. In 1978 when the Rev. G. Ayre left Queen Street Church to take up an appointment in Dundee, the Congregation of Queen Street Church united with the Erskine-Ferry-Port-on-Craig Congregation and the name of Tayport Parish Church came into being.