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Ferryport on Craig Parish Church There has been a Presbyterian church in Tayport since 1607 when the Parish split off from Leuchars Parish and became known as the Parish of Ferry-Port-on-Craig. There is still a church on the original site (known as the Auld Kirk) which was rebuilt in 1794 and in 1828 and although not now part of the Church of Scotland it is still used for community activities.

Erskine Church The Erskine Church in Castle Street was the United Presbyterian Church in the Town. It was built in 1807 and became part of the Church of Scotland in 1929. It was in use as a place of worship until January 1962 when it joined with the Ferry-Port-on-Craig Church to become the Erskine-Ferry-Port-on-Craig Church under the Rev Erskine Stewart. It is now a private residence.

Queen Street Parish Church In 1843 at the time of the Scottish Disruption, the Minister of Ferry-Port-on-Craig (Rev W Nicolson) and his Kirk Session resigned en masse and founded the Queen Street Free Church of Scotland, which the congregation built using stones they quarried from the Scotsraig Estate (the present façade, bell tower, hall and organ are all later additions).

In 1929 this church like the Erskine church became part of the Church of Scotland and in 1978 Queen Street and the Erskine-Ferry-Port-on-Craig churches joined together to become Tayport Parish Church. In 1990 the Rev. Colin Dempster was the first Minister to be inducted to the adjusted charge now known as Tayport Parish Church.

On the 5th November 2006 the Minister and Session Clerk of Tayport Parish Church signed a historic Covenant with the Minister and Session Clerk of the King Street United Free Church, ensuring that the churches work closer together.