

BRIEF HISTORY

Although there is evidence of Monk's from Arbroath having built a Chapel and Hospice in Tayport around the 12th century, the first established Presbyterian Church came into being in 1607. This new Church and Parish was known as Ferry-Port-on-Craig and is situated just off the south end of Castle Street, surrounded by the old cemetery.

In 1807, the United Presbyterian Church built their own church in Castle Street and was known as the Erskine Church.

Then after the Scottish Disruption in 1843, when the Free Church of Scotland was formed, after breaking away from the established Church of Scotland over patronage (the right of a congregation to call a Minister of their choice) among other things, they built the present church on the Queen Street site. It was known as Queen Street Free Church of Scotland.

As a result of the union in 1929, these three Presbyterian Churches became part of the Church of Scotland as it is today.

While initially remaining independent within the town, in 1962 Erskine Church united with Ferry-Port-on-Craig Church and became known as the Erskine Ferryport on Craig Parish Church.

Then in 1978 Queen Street Free Church united with the Erskine Ferryport on Craig Parish Church to become Tayport Parish Church, worshipping in the Church in Queen Street.