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From the Interim Moderator

Dear Friends,

I have changed hats! I have been accustomed to sitting (although rather irregularly! I do have an excuse!) in the pew on Sunday mornings rather than wearing my clerical collar. However, now I have a new role within the congregation. I was appointed as the Interim Moderator at Barnhill St Margaret's by the Presbytery of Perth when the Rev Dr Andrew Gardner completed his time as our Interim Minister. I wish to thank Andrew for his ministry and leaving the congregation in such good heart. I would ask you to remember Andrew in your prayers as he begins as the Interim Minister at Dunblane: St Blane's linked with Lecropt.

You have recently heard during Sunday worship edicts regarding the Electoral Roll which is required for a future Congregational vote, and I am indebted to the Session Clerks, Church Secretary and the Kirk Session for compiling the Electoral Roll. The Electoral Roll is required when the congregation will be asked to vote 'For' or 'Against' the proposed union of the churches in Barnhill & Broughty Ferry. The united church will be called Broughty Ferry Parish Church. More will be said about this matter and explained to the congregation prior to any Congregational vote.

The Kirk Session has agreed to appoint as Locum Minister the Rev Lorna H Tunstall who was the Probationer Minister at Barnhill St Margaret's. Lorna has recently demitted as Minister at Clyne linked with Kildonan and Loth Helmsdale. Lorna will begin as the Locum Minister on the 10 October 2023. I am pleased Lorna has joined the ministry team at Barnhill St Margaret's and I would ask you to give her a warm welcome as she begins her ministry with us. As Interim Moderator, you will see me in the pew, but still irregularly! I will occasionally be in the pulpit! I will be working with the Kirk Session in the coming days regarding the union of the churches. I am delighted to play my small part in the ministry of Barnhill St Margaret's and I know from my knowledge of the Kirk Session and Congregation you will play your part in securing the future of our church, so Christian worship and ministry continues in this area for many years to come.

God Bless,

Rev. John C. Duncan

Welcome Back Lorna

The Kirk Session has appointed Rev. Lorna Tunstall as our new Locum Minister. Lorna begins her work for us on Tuesday 10 October until further notice.

The congregation will remember Lorna with affection when she was a Probationer with us for 18 months under Rev. Alisa McDonald before being ordained as minister at Clyne Parish Church, Brora.

Lorna has now left Brora and is back in the Dundee area and the Kirk Session is absolutely delighted that Lorna has agreed to be part of our church family once more.

Whilst the Rev. John Duncan will continue to be our Interim Moderator, Lorna will be undertaking ministerial duties on two days per week in addition to taking the 10.30am Sunday services. The 9.15 service will continue as at present.

Lorna is enthusiastic to be returning to serve us at Barnhill St. Margaret's and we know that the congregation will give Lorna a warm welcome back and give her its full support.



SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER
at 9.15am and 10.30am

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING
AND BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY**

**A soup lunch will be served in the hall after
the 10.30am service.**

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OUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 10

7pm - Youth Group (Hall)

Monday 11

2pm - Badminton (Hall)

Tuesday 12

9.30am - Morning prayers (Hall, Room1)

9.30am - Tots and Toddlers (Hall)

2pm - Service in Shiell Court

Wednesday 13

10am to 12 noon - Coffee and Chat (Hall)

Thursday 14

9.30am - Tots and Toddlers (Hall)

2pm - Badminton (Hall)

2pm - Book Club ((Hall, Room1)

2pm - Outreach Committee (Session Room)

Friday 15

Autumn Walk followed by refreshments. Meet at the hall at 10.15am.

Men's Group Outing to Montrose Heritage Centre.

2.15pm - Craft Group (Hall foyer)

Sunday 17

9.15am - Early Service

10.30am - Worship. Chi-Rho meet

Monday 18

2pm - Badminton (Hall)

Tuesday 19

9.30am - Morning prayers (Hall, Room1)

9.30am - Tots and Toddlers

2pm - Guild (Hall)

Wednesday 20

12 noon to 2pm Café (Hall)

Thursday 21

9.30am - Tots and Toddlers (Hall)

2pm - Badminton (Hall)

Friday 22

2.15pm - Craft Group (Hall foyer)

Sunday 24

Harvest Thanksgiving and Back to Church Sunday

9.15am - Early Service

10.30am - Worship followed by a soup lunch in the hall.

7pm - Youth Group (Hall)

Monday 25

2pm - Badminton (Hall)

Tuesday 26

9.30am - Morning prayers (Hall, Room1)

9.30am - Tots and Toddlers

7.15pm - Kirk Session meeting (Hall)

Wednesday 27

10am to 12 noon - Coffee and Chat (Hall)

Thursday 28

9.30am - Tots and Toddlers (Hall)

2pm - Badminton

Friday 29

2.15pm - Craft Group (Hall foyer)
7pm - Concert for Christian Aid with the Strathspey and Reel Society in the church

Saturday 30

4pm to 5.30pm - Messy Church (Hall)

OCTOBER

Sunday 1

9.15am - Early Service

10.30am - Worship and Guild Dedication. Chi-Rho meet.

Monday 2

2pm - Badminton (Hall)

Tuesday 3

9.30am - Morning prayers (Hall, Room1)

9.30am - Tots and Toddlers (Hall)

2pm - Guild (Hall)

Wednesday 4

12 noon to 2pm Café (Hall)

Thursday 5

9.30am - Tots and Toddlers (Hall)

2pm - Badminton (Hall)

Friday 6

2.15pm - Craft Group (Hall foyer)

Sunday 8

9.15am - Early Service

10.30am - Worship

Monday 9

2pm - Badminton (Hall)

Tuesday 10

2pm - Service in Shiell Court

Wednesday 11

10am to 12 noon - Coffee and Chat (Hall)

Thursday 12

2pm - Badminton (Hall)

2pm - Book Club (Hall, Room 1)

Friday 13

2.15pm - Craft Group (Hall foyer)

Sunday 15

9.15am - Early Service

10.30am - Worship

Monday 16

2pm - Badminton (Hall)

Tuesday 17

2pm - Guild (Hall)

Wednesday 18

12 noon to 2pm Café (Hall)

Thursday 19

2pm - Badminton (Hall)

Friday 20

2.15pm - Craft Group (Hall foyer)

Sunday 22

9.15am - Early Service

10.30am - Worship

Monday 23

2pm - Badminton (Hall)

Tuesday 24

9.30am - Morning prayers (Hall, Room1)

9.30am - Tots and Toddlers (Hall)

Wednesday 25

10am to 12 noon - Coffee and Chat (Hall)

Thursday 26

9.30am - Tots and Toddlers (Hall)

2pm - Badminton (Hall)

Friday 27

2.15pm - Craft Group (Hall foyer)

Saturday 28

10am to 12 noon - Guild Coffee Morning (Hall)

4pm to 5.30pm - Messy Church (Hall)

Sunday 29

9.15am - Early Service with Communion

10.30am - Worship with Communion

Monday 30

2pm - Badminton (Hall)

Tuesday 31

9.30am - Morning prayers (Hall, Room1)

9.30am - Tots and Toddlers (Hall)

7.15pm - Kirk Session (Hall)

NOVEMBER

Sunday 5

Congregational Vote on Union (to be confirmed)

Church Register

New Members:

We welcome to our Church family:

Mrs Lesley Reekie

Mrs Helen Russell

Marriages:

We give our congratulations to:
Mr Fraser Laing and Miss Lindy Collings

Funerals:

We remember those who have died recently:

Mrs Eileen Miller

Mr Andrew Love

Mrs Lesley Peebles

Mr Douglas McCutcheon

Concert for Christian Aid

with the

Dundee Strathspey

and Reel Society

Friday 29 September 2023

at 7pm in

Barnhill St Margaret's Church

Tickets cost £8 and are available from the Church Office, Tel: 737294 or at church doors on Sundays after the services.

All proceeds to Christian Aid

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FROM OUR SESSION CLERKS

Broughty Ferry Parish – Union of Churches

Work is progressing at pace with the Session Clerks of all 5 parishes working together to ensure the vote, whenever it is taken, meets with the legal requirements of the Church of Scotland and is therefore a valid vote to be implemented.

The Session Clerks are also working on a joint newsletter for all congregations which outlines the details of the relevant issues to consider ahead of the votes taking place. It had been hoped to distribute this newsletter together with this issue of Network to give you time to consider your point of view. However, it has not been possible as yet to co-ordinate the distribution of the newsletter which we feel is important.

The Broughty Ferry newsletter regarding the Union of the Parishes will be distributed as soon as can be organised and in enough time for you to consider the issues prior to voting. The date of the congregational vote is likely to be 5th November, please consult the church website www.bsmchurch.org.uk for confirmation

If you have any questions please contact the Session Clerks at sessionclerk@bsmchurch.org.uk

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

At Barnhill St. Margaret's, we are committed to encouraging equality, diversity and inclusion and want every member, adherent, volunteer and worker to feel respected and able to give their best in an environment free of bullying, harassment, victimisation, and unlawful discrimination. We promote dignity and respect for all, in a church family where the contributions of all volunteers and workers are recognised and valued.

The Kirk Session, as recommended by the Church of Scotland, has now formally adopted a policy statement which may be viewed on our website at www.bsmchurch.org.uk

Iain and Denise
Joint Session Clerks

Articles for the next edition of
Network should be with the
Church Office by
10 November 2023

BOOK CLUB



The Book Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 2p.m. in Room 2 of the church

halls. The first meeting of this session is Thursday, 14th September. The first book is 'The Glass House' by Eve Chase and October's book is 'The Fair Botanists' by Sara Sheridan. New members are most welcome. For further information, please contact the Church Office in the first instance.

CAFE

Our Café re-opened in the hall on Wednesday 6th September serving soup and sandwiches as well as homebakes with tea and coffee. It will be open between 12 noon and 2pm on the following dates:

- **20th September**
- **4th October**
- **18th October**
- **1 November**
- **15 November**
- **6 December**
- **20 December**



We look forward to welcoming you.

COFFEE and CHAT

Do you fancy a coffee or tea and a chat? Why not have a piece of cake or a scone too? Come along to our new look Coffee and Chat on:

Wednesday 13 September from 10am until 12 noon in the Church Hall *No Charge*

Bring a friend or neighbour with you or just bring yourself – everyone is welcome. Future dates as follows:

- **27 September**
- **11 October**
- **25 October**
- **8 November**
- **22 November**
- **29 November**
- **13 December**



Please let us know if you have an e-mail address and would be happy to share it with us. It helps keep our costs down and lets you hear our news quickly.
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WITH REFUGEES BROUGHTY FERRY (WRBF)

WRBF is a group of people based in Broughty Ferry who help refugees here and overseas. We are affiliated to the Broughty Ferry Churches Group. Our approach is based on volunteering. We act as a conduit between people who are interested in providing some time and energy to working with refugees, and opportunities for volunteering, which include mentoring individual refugees, group activities, or helping to source and send clothing and other materials to refugees in Europe.

We are very grateful that one of our congregation, Alison McGregor, has donated to WRBF a number of paintings by her late husband, Alastair. Many of you will recall that Alastair was a gifted amateur artist. We intend to sell these paintings to raise funds to help with our work with refugees. The paintings will be on sale at the Broughty Craft Fayre at the St Aidan's Centre on Saturday 30th September. We are also planning to allow the congregation to view and purchase paintings on Sundays 10 and 17 September in the church hall after the morning services.

If you are interested in learning more please contact WRBF on Facebook or email Graham.mckee@hotmail.co.uk

MEN'S GROUP

Our next excursion will be on Friday 15th September when we will be visiting the Montrose Air Station Heritage Centre. We will be leaving Dundee late morning, stopping for lunch in Montrose followed by a guided tour round this award-winning museum.

The Men's Group is open to all men in the congregation and provides a good opportunity to get out and about and meet new (and not so new!) people.

If you are interested in attending, and are not already signed up, please contact me at

Graham.mckee@hotmail.co.uk

Holiday Club

This year's holiday club, Starship Discovery, ran from Monday 7 August to Friday 11 August in our Church Halls with a Service on Sunday 13 August. This was our second year working with the 3 Broughty Ferry Churches (namely St Luke's & Queen St; St James and New Kirk). There were 18 children attending over the week and great fun was had by all while learning the story of Peter. This culminated in our Service which was very well received and attended by the 4 Churches represented throughout the week.



Autumn Walk

Time to put on your walking shoes! Members of the Outreach Committee are planning a local walk to take place on Friday 15 September 2023.

Meet at 10.15am in the church hall for a stroll to the Urban Beach at The Glass Pavilion then back to the hall for coffee/tea and cake.

Please let the church office know if you are hoping to join us.

Guild



Here we are fast approaching the start of the 23/24 session. It is the 3rd year of the theme "Look Forward in Faith" with a new theme of "New Wine, New Wine-skins", something intriguing to think about.

Over the summer speakers have been contacted and the programme is ready. This will be available in church during September and at the first meeting on the 19th September at 2pm. Capitation will be £20.

The speaker on this afternoon will be from the Dundee Tapestry, followed by Dumfries House, The Eden Project, The River Tay, Easthaven Together Project and Dickens at Christmas so lots to look forward to.

Our coffee morning will be on Sat. Oct. 28 and we hope for another good turn out. We have decided that the Christmas meal will be at lunch time on 12th December so it will be easier for more of our members to attend.

Looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

For further information contact
Christine Johnston 477739

Message from Alan . . .

Riverside Inn would like to announce that Alan Mooney has been nominated for best BOH (stands for Back of House) team member at his work for making his section at the kitchen all clean every time he is on shift.

He tries his best and he is a super fast dishwasher and a super fast cleaner of the counters on his section by cleaning the counters and emptying the food waste bin every time that he's on shift.

He was nominated for this award at the Pride of Greene King Awards 2023.

In addition

Scotland Learning Disability Sport: Alan Mooney won a Silver medal for Boccia singles and also, him & his partner won a 4th place award for Boccia Doubles

Well done on your achievements Alan from everyone at Barnhill St Margaret's.



From the Rev Dr Andrew Gardner

Dear friends,
I write to thank you for your kindness to me as the period of Interim Ministry came to an end. Your generosity was overwhelming and expressions of thanks moved me deeply. I have many positive memories of working alongside you and I made many new friends at Barnhill St Margaret's. You are now at a stage where the congregation will vote on the proposed union and I am confident that under the leadership of your Interim Moderator Rev John Duncan, you will move forward, looking to the new opportunities for mission that come your way as a united charge. As I write to you I am preparing for my next Interim Ministry placement. I will be serving at St Blanes l/w Lecropt from the beginning of August. It will be a very different type of Interim Ministry experience and the circumstances behind the placement not the same as those that brought me to Barnhill St Margaret's. I wish you the Lord's peace and blessing for the future

With all good wishes,
Andrew

An Anniversary Celebration!

On 18 August, Alison Tonner celebrated an incredible 25 years as our Church Secretary. At the early morning Worship on Sunday 27 August Alison was presented with gifts as a mark of the congregation's appreciation of Alison's length of service and dedication to her work on our behalf. Alison became Church Secretary in 1998 and has seen service under no less than 5 ministers and several Interim Moderators. Alison always undertakes her extensive range of responsibilities without complaint and always with good humour and a smile. A BIG thank you Alison for all you do for us.
Iain and Denise

