




Monifieth South
Angus

PARISH PROFILE



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VISION

To provide for a vibrant, caring and growing Christian Community in South Angus.

To achieve its Vision, Monifieth South Angus Church will

- bear witness to The Gospel of Jesus through innovative and traditional Christian Worship
- provide pastoral care to all, within a loving and joyful community, especially at times of personal crisis
- secure the future of the Church through creative work with young people, e.g. through Messy Church, Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade
- be at the heart of the community and encourage the wider community to become involved in its activities
- respond to the social needs of the whole community in the parish, in constructive and collaborative ways

Introduction

Following the vacancies created by the departure of the former ministers of Monifieth Parish Church and Monikie & Newbigging and Murroes & Tealing Church, the Presbytery of Perth has granted permission to the congregation of Monifieth South Angus Church to call a minister on a Basis of Reviewable Charge. The appointment will be reviewed seven years from the date of induction of the minister.

At present, our church is in a healthy position, financially. Any interested applicant will be provided with a full annual financial report.

History of the charge

Monifieth South Angus Church was formed on 21st September 2023 by the Union of Monifieth Parish Church with the Parish of Monikie & Newbigging and Murroes & Tealing Church.

The church operates under a Unitary Constitution and is part of the Presbytery of Perth.

The combined roll of the church is 795. We have a weekly attendance at Sunday worship of approximately 100. The congregation ranges in age from infants and children up to the age of 100.

The Kirk Session has agreed to depart from the historic and current practice of the Church of Scotland, in order to permit the ordination or induction of a minister who is in a civil partnership or same-sex marriage. As such it is “D” Status.

In order to mirror the set up of the local Angus Council Communities Team which covers the whole South Angus area of Carnoustie, Monifieth and the Sidlaws, there have been discussions between Monifieth South Angus congregation and the neighbouring congregation of Carnoustie Trinity regarding the possibility of working in the future as a Parish Grouping, Cluster or even closer. This could lead to a more sustainable staffing plan of 3.5 FTE across the grouping working in a team ministry set up.

The People

The staffing of the church is:

One full-time minister – the current vacancy

One 0.5FTE MDS – currently vacant

One part-time organist - currently vacant (This position will be advertised once a new minister has been inducted to the charge)

Two part-time hall cleaners

The Kirk Session comprises 57 elders, 34 men and 23 women.

The most recent admission and ordination of elders took place in June 2023.

There are many holders of long service awards.

The Pastoral Care Team supports the minister in the pastoral care of the parish. The Team meets regularly to plan its work, under the supervision of the Kirk Session and the minister, when appointed.

The Faith and Worship Team organises and leads services on a regular basis during the year or on particular occasions as agreed by the Kirk Session.

The Hospitality Team organises refreshments for visitors and after services.

Conduct of public worship

Our programme of regular public worship is presently:

- Sunday Morning Services at 11 o'clock in The Monifieth Building on the first four Sundays of the month and in Murroes Church Hall on the fifth Sunday.
- Weekly midweek service in Murroes Church Hall.
- Full Communion Services at 11 o'clock on Sunday mornings on the first Sunday of February, May, August and November.

Worship

Since the Pandemic, our worship has changed to include an online presence, with services typically streamed live on YouTube -@monifiethparishchurch

We currently have support from a number of guest ministers and our interim moderator.

- We have a full AV suite in the church building, enabling us to display the words of hymns and readings using a program called Presenter. This eases the building of the service for the minister and also allows the showing of short videos or other presentations.
- We use an assortment of translations of the Bible, including NRSV, NIV and GNB.
- We sing hymns and songs both old and new, from CH4 and other sources.
- Readings – and sometimes prayers – are given/led by members of the congregation.
- A printed intimations sheet and an order of service are produced each week and distributed by e-mail. Paper copies are also available at the church door, handed out by those on welcome duty.
- Our choir is involved in Sunday morning services, regularly assisting worship with an introit and/or an anthem.
- We have an electric piano as well as an organ.
- The Faith and Worship Team is often involved in leading worship and its input has been very well received by the congregation.
- Regular services are also held in some of our local care homes, led by members of the congregation or by the minister; the Sacrament of Communion is held in these homes at particular times of the year.
- We are open to new styles of worship. Café Services are held in Murroes Church Hall from time to time.

Annual events

The range of activities within the newly-united Monifieth South Angus Church is still being developed but by continuing traditions in the previous congregations, a number of events will form part of our church year. They include:

- Gift Service during Advent – we support a variety of charities, recently donating to Perth Prison Visitors' Centre, Women's Aid, food banks and the Social Work Department (for disadvantaged local children)
- Harvest Thanksgiving Service – in recent years, offerings have been made to local food banks and Dundee Starter Packs
- Quiet Service – held annually in December, for those who have been bereaved and wish a quiet service of reflection during the run-up to Christmas
- Remembrance Services – within the Monifieth Church Building and at the Monifieth War Memorial as well as wreath laying at Monikie, Wellbank, Murroes and Tealing War Memorials
- Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade Enrolment Services

- Guild Week service
- Christian Aid Week Activities
- Services with other Christian communities in Monifieth – Carols by Candlelight in St Bride’s RC Church, joint Maundy Thursday service in Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, World Day of Prayer
- Our annual “Bake and Book” event runs for several weeks throughout the summer. A very successful fund-raiser, it also provides an excellent social link between church and community. It has become so popular that caravanners at the local site have been known to book their holidays around the dates of the sale in order to enjoy the camaraderie and to spot a bargain!
- Christmas Fayres in the Monifieth church building and the Monikie Memorial Hall are well supported by the community.
- Various coffee mornings, fayres, quiz nights, afternoon teas, games nights and other events throughout the year play an important part of our mission to reach out to our neighbours and provide social activities to help prevent isolation in our community.

The Local Community

The parish of Monifieth South Angus Church extends from the Tay Estuary coast inland through a large swathe of fertile farming land. It includes Monikie, Newbigging, Murroes, Wellbank, Kellas, Bucklerhead, Tealing and the town of Monifieth, as well as farming communities typical of this area of Angus.

The church hall at Murroes is the focal point for all the activities that go hand in hand with vibrant village life.

Previous ministers have formed close connections with many of the village primary schools.

Monifieth High School and its two primary schools have also enjoyed close involvement with previous ministers.

Monifieth is a small, lively community on the outskirts of Dundee, with a population of approx. 10,000. Although geographically close to Dundee, Monifieth is an independent burgh, proud of its place in Angus. Despite its coastal situation, the area enjoys a mainly mild climate, with one of the lowest recorded rainfalls in Scotland.

Proximity to Dundee allows easy access to a varied cultural scene – with theatres, cinemas, museums, art galleries and libraries.

The city boasts two universities, two colleges and a school of contemporary dance.

Monifieth is an attractive place to live, with good local shopping amenities, an excellent secondary school and two very good primary schools. There has been a lot of new building around the periphery of the town and with many new and young families coming to live in the area, the population has grown markedly in recent years. Some of these new families attend activities held in the church building by outside organisations and we look forward to building on this initial contact with them as part of the Five Marks of Mission.

Local health services are available at the health centre and with local dentists. Dundee is also home to a number of NHS hospitals, including the internationally renowned teaching hospital, Ninewells.

A variety of leisure pursuits is readily available in Monifieth, including a gym (with swimming pool) bowling, golf and keep fit facilities. Local clubs offer opportunities for choral singing, amateur dramatics and art. In addition, there are many other organisations in the area for all ages, including Scouts, Guides, Probus, Rotary, dancing classes, music groups, badminton, pickleball and a local youth football team.

With good road, rail and bus links, Monifieth gives excellent access to Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth and Aberdeen. Within easy reach of the town there are many lovely beaches, various country parks and other landscapes that provide more challenging walking, climbing and winter sports opportunities.

The inland area is typically rural with an irregular public transport service and will require a car to be able to visit many of the parishioners.

Monifieth South Angus Church Life

Members of our inter-generational congregation are involved in a wide range of roles. The following is an indication of many of the tasks, but it is not an exhaustive list.

- Supporting the minister with pastoral care visits
- Participating in services – reading, leading prayers, planning and leading entire services
- Welcoming visitors to church for regular services and also on special occasions such as weddings and baptisms
- Producing and presenting the AV resources required for services and other events and supplying AV support to visiting ministers
- Providing services for residents of local care homes
- Providing teas and coffees after morning service and hospitality at other times, allowing members to meet on a social basis
- Manning our weekly ‘Food For All’ stall outside the church, Monday Lunches and weekly Community Play Date
- Decorating the sanctuary with flowers and delivering them to parishioners after services
- Maintaining the church building and finances (Fabric and Finance Team)
- Maintaining the website
- Contributing to and updating details for our quarterly church magazine, IMPACT
- Continuing involvement with the running of the new community fridge in Monifieth
- Providing a safe, secure place for groups to meet and keeping the charge for these at an accessible level for all in our community.
- Leading an active monthly Messy Church
- Leading weekly morning prayers

Our Buildings

The Manse

The Manse is a modern, detached house in a quiet residential street in Monifieth. The ground floor comprises kitchen, utility room, cloakroom and three public rooms. On the first floor are four double bedrooms (one with en-suite facilities) and a bathroom. There is a double garage attached, with a maintenance pit in one of the bays. The interior has been re-decorated throughout. The external paint work was carried out in 2023. The double-glazed sliding doors to the garden from the lounge have been replaced. The carpets in the lounge, study, dining room and the four bedrooms and the floor coverings in the kitchen and utility room have all been replaced. The stair and upper landing carpet which was new two years ago has been professionally cleaned. The double oven in the kitchen has been replaced. The other white goods consist of a dishwasher, fridge/freezer, quartz hob and microwave oven in the kitchen and a washing machine and dryer in the utility room. PAT testing and five-yearly fixed wiring testing and inspection was undertaken in November 2023. The heating and hot water is provided via a modern condensing gas fired boiler which is maintained annually. The Manse was built in 1988 and is fitted with an intruder alarm. The EPC rating is a "C".



The Manse is a ten-minute walk from the church building in the High Street and a five-minute walk from a primary school.

Murroes Church Hall

It is planned that the current Murroes Church Hall will be redeveloped and upgraded in order to create a welcoming community hub for worship, mission and social activities.



The sale of the church buildings in Monikie and Murroes is underway, in accordance with the local Presbytery Plan.

Our Church Building in Monifieth

The new church building opened in September 2019, replacing three former places of worship within the town.



The congregation of the former Monifieth Parish Church is proud of our achievement in building this attractive, modern space for worship. This will allow us, as a new union, to move forward in an extremely welcoming and flexible building which is seen as a strong heart to the community.

Thank you for taking the time to read our Parish Profile.

If you want to know more about us, further details can be found on our website.
www.mpcos.org.uk

If interested, please submit a letter of application and cv to our session clerk.

We would be happy to provide applicants with the following documents.

- Video of manse and interior
- Manse condition schedule
- Latest accounts and Giving To Grow details
- EPC

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