

Profile of the Church of the Holy Rood Carnoustie



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Welcome to Carnoustie

Carnoustie is situated on the beautiful Angus coastline, eleven miles from Scotland's fourth largest city, Dundee. It is an hour's drive from the ski slopes and the beautiful Angus Glens, two and a half hours' drive from the fabulous Cairngorm National Park with its skiing, walking and climbing opportunities.

Historically Carnoustie has developed from a small farming and fishing community and further growth followed the spread of the railway system in the nineteenth century. The seaside location of Carnoustie, with its beautiful sandy bay, has made it a popular tourist destination, helped in no small way by the establishment of the prestigious golf links. The British Open Golf Championship has been held here seven times since 1931 and we look forward to the next 'Open' here in 2018.



Carnoustie is a very active and caring community and the population has increased to 11,500, with the addition of several well planned housing developments around the area. The town benefits from an excellent transport system by which connection can be made to the rest of Scotland by bus, train and air. The people of Carnoustie take full advantage of these transport links especially the local bus service into Dundee westwards, and Arbroath, Montrose



and Aberdeen, eastwards. There is easy access to main roads and cycle paths. A small airport at Dundee is only a forty minute drive from the town. There is some local industry

and farming is still of importance in the area but many people commute to Dundee, or to other Scottish cities.

Carnoustie residents are fortunate in having a modern Health Centre with all the attendant services and there is easy access to Ninewells, an excellent teaching hospital in Dundee, which has a well deserved international reputation for the excellence of its scientific research departments.

Shoppers can visit a good selection of small businesses along the main street and there is a larger, up-graded Co-operative supermarket, as well as two 'Spar' shops and other small convenience stores in the town. Being a tourist area, there are several excellent Hotels and B&B facilities offering a variety of food, in addition to the local restaurants and cafes catering for many different tastes. Larger supermarkets and shopping malls are easily accessible also.



The educational facilities in the area are of a very high standard. There are three Primary Schools, Woodlands and Burnside, built 2007/2008 and Carlogie Primary which has been extensively refurbished. The excellent Carnoustie High School serves the town and the surrounding rural area. Dundee, the nearest city, has two universities as well as the Dundee and Angus Further Education College with a campus in Dundee and Arbroath eight miles away. All of these establishments offer a wide range of courses to degree level and further.

Carnoustie is proud to support over seventy clubs and organisations, offering facilities to cater for every interest and age group. The Angus area has many sites of historical interest, country parks and sites of scientific interest within easy reach.

The Diocese of Brechin



The Church of the Holy Rood lies in the Diocese of Brechin stretching from Muchalls in the north to Dundee in the south. The Church of the Holy Rood plays a full part in the life of the diocese through Diocesan Synod, participation in diocesan events and support of the diocesan companion links with the Diocese of Iowa in the United States and the Diocese of Swaziland in southern Africa.

The Rectory

The Rectory dates from 1888 and is a family home, with two reception rooms, a study, kitchen, utility room and cloakroom downstairs and four bedrooms and bathroom upstairs. It is in walk-in condition. There is a large front garden and a secluded area to the rear with a carport.

Since the Quinquennial Review of 2014, most of the urgent work requiring attention has been undertaken. The house is currently rented out on a short-term lease.



The Church

The charge of The Church of the Holy Rood has roots that can be traced back to 1836, but the foundation stone was not laid until 1880 and the building consecrated one year later. The church follows early Scottish Gothic style and is built of local stone. The roof and woodwork are of pitch pine and the choir stalls of oak. The Chancel was added in 1893 and the pipe organ fitted in 1911, one of only three such instruments remaining in the country.

Before the retiral of the last Rector in 2016, the church interior was modernised with the installation of a new central heating system, the replacement of pews by comfortable chairs, the installation of a p.a. system and a disability access ramp to the front door.

Since 2016, services have been led by the Ministry Team and the Interim Rector. The Ministry Team comprises a retired non-stipendiary priest, two lay readers, and a lay worship leader, supported by intercessors and readers from the congregation.



We are a welcoming, friendly and active fellowship of approximately 74 families, with many skills and talents willingly and widely shared within the congregation and the local community. Among these 74 families, we count 101 communicants, 26 adherents and 11 children.

According to the annual statistical returns, on Advent Sunday 2016 the number of **Communicants** on that Sunday were: males – 9; females – 22. The total **attendance** on that day was: males – 10; females – 22.

The number of **Communicants** during Eastertide 2016 was 47, whereas during Eastertide 2017 the number was 74. These figures indicate that attendance has not been affected negatively during the present vacancy.

Sunday Worship

The main Sunday service takes place at 10.30 am. On three Sundays per month, it is a Sung Eucharist and is attended by an average of 30-35 worshippers, this number increasing noticeably for major festivals and baptisms. The 1982 Liturgy is used. When no clergy are available, the service is led by a Lay Reader using the reserved sacrament (with the required alteration at the Thanksgiving Prayer). Throughout the year there are regular family Eucharists with a focus on young people.



Interior of the church set up
for Palm Sunday

On one Sunday each month, the lay Worship Leader leads a modern day Morning Prayer.

Sunday readings are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary and are given to the congregation on sheets prepared by Redemptorist Publications. Normally, hymns are taken from *Hymns Old and New* but other sources are used as and when required. Members of the congregation of all ages are encouraged to take an active part in services, leading intercessions, reading, serving at the altar, and acting as welcomer's and sides people.

Music

We are blessed with an excellent organist and choir of 14 adults and 3 young people. It is ably led by one of the Lay Readers who has built up the choir over many years. It is augmented by other members of the congregation when required and uses music from a wide variety of traditions.



The Holy Rood Choir

Mid-week Services

A 10.00 a.m. Eucharist is celebrated each Wednesday and is joined fortnightly by the Women's Guild.

Young Church

There is a small, enthusiastic group of young people in the Sunday School and YCP (Young Church People – their own choice of title). They are encouraged to share their ideas and to be actively involved with all aspects of church life.

Their message for this Profile:

“We are very good at raising money for our chosen charities through sponsored activities. It is good fun helping out at church fayres and fetes (we can bake cakes as well as eat them!) We are hoping that our new minister will be part of all that we do and be able to talk with us and understand where we come from. We



Some of the Young People on
Mothering Sunday

would like a confident person who knows what we need and will set about getting it. We enjoy being part of the congregation of Holy Rood, especially helping to plan some of the Services and joining in with singing, reading, serving at the altar and our own discussion group.”



Reading the lesson

Other Aspects of Church Life

The Vestry meets monthly to undertake general organisational and administrative duties and to share in the making of policy with the rector.

The Women’s Guild meet fortnightly and are inveterate fund raisers whose enthusiastic hard work greatly benefits the church.

A house group meets weekly for study throughout the year.

Our Fellow Christians

The seven Churches in Carnoustie (one Episcopalian, three Church of Scotland, one Roman Catholic, one United Free and one Baptist) are very supportive of one another and work together successfully in many areas of the community. The church leaders meet regularly for a working lunch, to organise rotas for school visits, chaplains for youth organisations, services in residential homes and sheltered housing complexes and a wide variety of community events.

We share worship on a regular basis, particularly during Holy Week and at major Christian festivals. This close co-operation has been a blessing not only for Holy Rood but for the community as a whole.

Finances and Remuneration

The finances of Holy Rood are in good order and sufficient to provide remuneration for a part-time priest-in-charge for a period of five years. The post is offered on a house-for-duty basis with small stipend in the range of £4,000 - £5,000 p.a. (plus pension contribution), in return for Sunday ministry plus two days per week. Occupancy of the rectory will be free of rent and council tax. For a priest occupying his/her own house, a housing allowance in lieu of occupancy of the rectory will be available in addition to stipend. Expenses of office will be fully reimbursed at diocesan and provincial rates. Holiday allowance will be as per provincial guidelines.

Looking Forward

We look forward to continuing and developing the sustained, inspirational leadership we experienced with our last Rector, and will welcome a priest who shows enthusiasm and commitment towards the congregation and wider community, who will encourage us to continue to be open and amenable to reflection and evaluation of our mission here in Carnoustie, and who will lead us into further growth and mission.

We look forward to exploring and developing alternative types and times of worship so as to inspire and encourage all age groups within our church family and beyond.

We look forward to extending our programme of outreach and addressing the opportunities and challenges presented by the considerable influx of newcomers to this area.

Above all we look forward to serving the kingdom of God in the community in which we are set and to working with, and supporting, a priest who will enable us to do so.



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