



## Vision & Purposes

Broughton St Mary's is an active and friendly congregation with a clear mission to reach out to all in the parish and make our excellent and modern facilities available to our neighbours.

At Broughton St Mary's we want to continue to be engaged as the Church, united in faith and seeking to share God's love with those in the parish. Our church affirms people no matter creed, colour, gender, sexual orientation or age.

## The Parish

The parish of Broughton St Mary's lies immediately to the north-east of Edinburgh city centre and comprises mixed inner city land uses of housing, industrial, warehousing and office uses. The parish contains a large tract of the Georgian Northern New Town developed between 1802 and 1830, but also Victorian tenements, inter-war villa housing and more recent flatted developments on redeveloped former industrial land.

Education is provided by Broughton Primary School and St Mary's RC Primary Schools and Drummond Community High School. The minister is Chaplain to Broughton Primary School and has a working relationship with Drummond Community High School. The Scotland Yard Adventure Centre for children and young people with additional support needs is also within the parish. Sources of employment are distributed throughout the area.

Other faiths in the parish are represented by Annandale Mosque and The Edinburgh Baha'i Centre. The congregation has developed regular contact and established good relations with both the Muslim and Baha'i communities. This included an invitation in 2017 to the Imam of the mosque to address the congregation at Sunday worship. The invitation was reciprocated when the minister spoke at a gathering of the mosque community.

In terms of resident population the parish is the second largest in the Presbytery area with an estimated population in 2011 of almost 11,300 almost half of whom are in the young adult age group of 25 to 44 years. This compares to one-third in this age group for the city as a whole and correspondingly all other age groups, apart from those in the student (16 to 24 years) age group are less well represented. The parish population is therefore characterised by low numbers of children, significantly higher numbers of students and young adults up to 44 years and fewer in the older and elderly age groups.

The church hosts a Foodbank which caters for those in the parish affected by Food Poverty. The City of Edinburgh Council runs a centre for people with learning difficulties which is based at the church.

Broughton is also a significant centre for the Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgender community. Broughton St Mary's carries out a ministry to this community, with agreement from Greenside Parish Church (whose parish also includes the edge of the LGBT "Pink Triangle").

## The Church

The sanctuary in Bellevue Crescent was opened in 1824. It became St Mary's Parish Church and the congregation acquired its present name in 1992 in a union with Broughton McDonald. A significant redevelopment of the lower ground floor and garden was completed in 2010 to create a series of high quality flexible spaces that provide considerable opportunity for outreach and the creation of community.

Broughton St Mary's is led by one Minister of Word and Sacrament inducted on a Basis of Unrestricted Tenure. The congregation is governed in accordance with the Deed of Constitution (Unitary Form).

## Congregation

At the time of writing there were 175 people on the Communion Roll and 59 adherents. The number on the Supplementary Roll as at 31 December 2017 was 8.

## Worship

- Sunday Worship is held weekly at 10:30. Members of the congregation participate in worship by leading prayers, reading the Bible and other worship activities. Praise is accompanied on the organ and piano and the choir plays a significant part in the service singing an introit and anthem every week. During term-time younger members leave part-way through the service for Sunday Club. A crèche is also available every week.
- Messy Church is a monthly Saturday event aimed at children of primary school age, allowing them to mix fun and activities into informal worship.
- Broughton St Mary's is keen to develop other alternatives that will meet the needs of those who are not attracted to the traditional Sunday service.
- Services are held which serve the local community:
  - Christmas watch-night service.
  - Mid-week reflective services.
  - A service of remembering and healing.
  - Services for LGBT History Month and Pride Edinburgh.
  - Remembrance Sunday service attended by Royal British Legion, Territorial Army, Broughton Primary and Drummond CHS, Scouts, Community Council, Annandale Mosque, Baha'i Faith, Quakers.
- Broughton St Mary's also hosts other denominations, faith groups and community groups who wish to worship and gather for reflection. These include: Quakers, United Methodist Church (Zimbabwe), Assembly of God (Brazil), Romanian Orthodox Church, Bellevue Chapel, Christian Meditation Groups, Spiritualists, Buddhists.
- Broughton Primary School end-of-term service and Christmas services.
- A World AIDS Day service working with people from Waverley Care.



## Groups and Organisations

There are a number of church and community groups affiliated with Broughton St Mary's. Our building is in use seven days a week. We provide a warm and welcoming safe place for many groups including:

Youth	Adult
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sunday Crèche (new born to 3 years)</li><li>• Sunday Club (3 years to 14/15)</li><li>• Messy Church (pram to P7)</li><li>• Rainbow Guides</li><li>• Brownie Guides</li><li>• Beavers</li><li>• Cubs</li><li>• Scouts</li><li>• Lingotots (Spanish tuition)</li><li>• Lothian Autistic Group</li><li>• Children's Drama Groups</li><li>• Smart Cookies After School Club</li><li>• Children's Parties</li><li>• LGBT Youth</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Church Choir</li><li>• Bible Study and Discussion Groups</li><li>• Art Club</li><li>• Carpet Bowls &amp; Scrabble</li><li>• Exercise and Wellbeing Classes (4)</li><li>• Music Groups, i.e. Scottish Chamber Orchestra, SCO Chorus, Dunedin Consort, No Strings Attached Community Wind Band, Sax Academy, Aria Alba, Voice Arc, Pitchcraft, Cadenza, Edinburgh Gaelic Choir &amp; Concerts by various groups including the above.</li><li>• City of Edinburgh Council (Bellevue Project) which caters for adults from the local area with learning difficulties</li><li>• Family gatherings</li></ul>

The Sunday Club has 22 children on its roll although not all attend every week. LGBT Youth wishes to use our facilities in the future.

## Kirk Session

There are 23 elders in the Kirk Session, 20 of which take an active part in the work of the Session. The most recent ordination of elders took place in 2008 when four elders were ordained. Two elders were admitted in 2015.

The Kirk Session has appointed a number of teams to carry out its work:

- Pastoral Care Team (supports the minister in the pastoral care of the congregation)
- Finance Team
- Fundraising Team
- Safeguarding Panel
- LGBT Advisory Group
- Property Team

The Kirk Session has identified opportunities and challenges, needing to be smarter in use of our IT/digital presence (Facebook/Twitter) and connecting with the 20-40 age group and children. We need to ascertain the main direction and course for the parish. We would like to find ways of identifying new leadership from within our number and would welcome a facilitative ministry to help us continue our journey of faith.



## Staffing

The congregation has three members of staff:

- Church Administrator (16hrs per week)
- Organist and Choirmaster (self employed)
- Contract cleaner

The Organist and Choirmaster is Chris Dyter. He is an accomplished musician and accompanies worship on the Lewis organ and also on piano.

## Manse

We are in the process of purchasing a new manse at 78 March Road, Blackhall, Edinburgh, EH4 3SY. The property is approximately three miles from the church and has been superbly upgraded and extended to provide a substantial modern family home. Further information about the manse can be found on our website or on request from the Clerk to the Nominating Committee, Diane Chisholm email: [diane\\_c@btinternet.com](mailto:diane_c@btinternet.com).

## Finance

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2013 to 2017 can be found on our website at <https://www.bstmchurch.org.uk/finance/>.

## Further Information

Church Website: <https://www.bstmchurch.org.uk/>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/bstmchurch/>

**The Kirk Session voted to depart from the Church's traditional position in respect of ministers in civil partnerships and same sex marriages.**

