



All three congregations host a number of group meetings and activities throughout the week. Details are available locally or from the phone numbers below.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you require the services of a minister or need any further details. We wish you a happy and peaceful visit and we look forward to welcoming you at any of our services.

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This leaflet has been jointly produced by Westray's Baptist, Church of Scotland and United Free congregations. All three meet for Sunday worship at 11.30am, with united evening services being held on a rotational basis around the different Kirks. The evening times vary (see local notices for details). The Church of Scotland congregation on neighbouring Papa Westray meet every Sunday at 2.30pm.

Details of other events, including midweek services are available locally.

Each of our congregations offers an opportunity for public worship according to our own traditions but we share many services and other events throughout the year (eg. Harvest Thanksgiving, Holy Week, Easter, Christmas etc.) as well as having a programme of united summer services in recent years and a number of shared social activities (eg. Christmas party, summer picnic etc.).

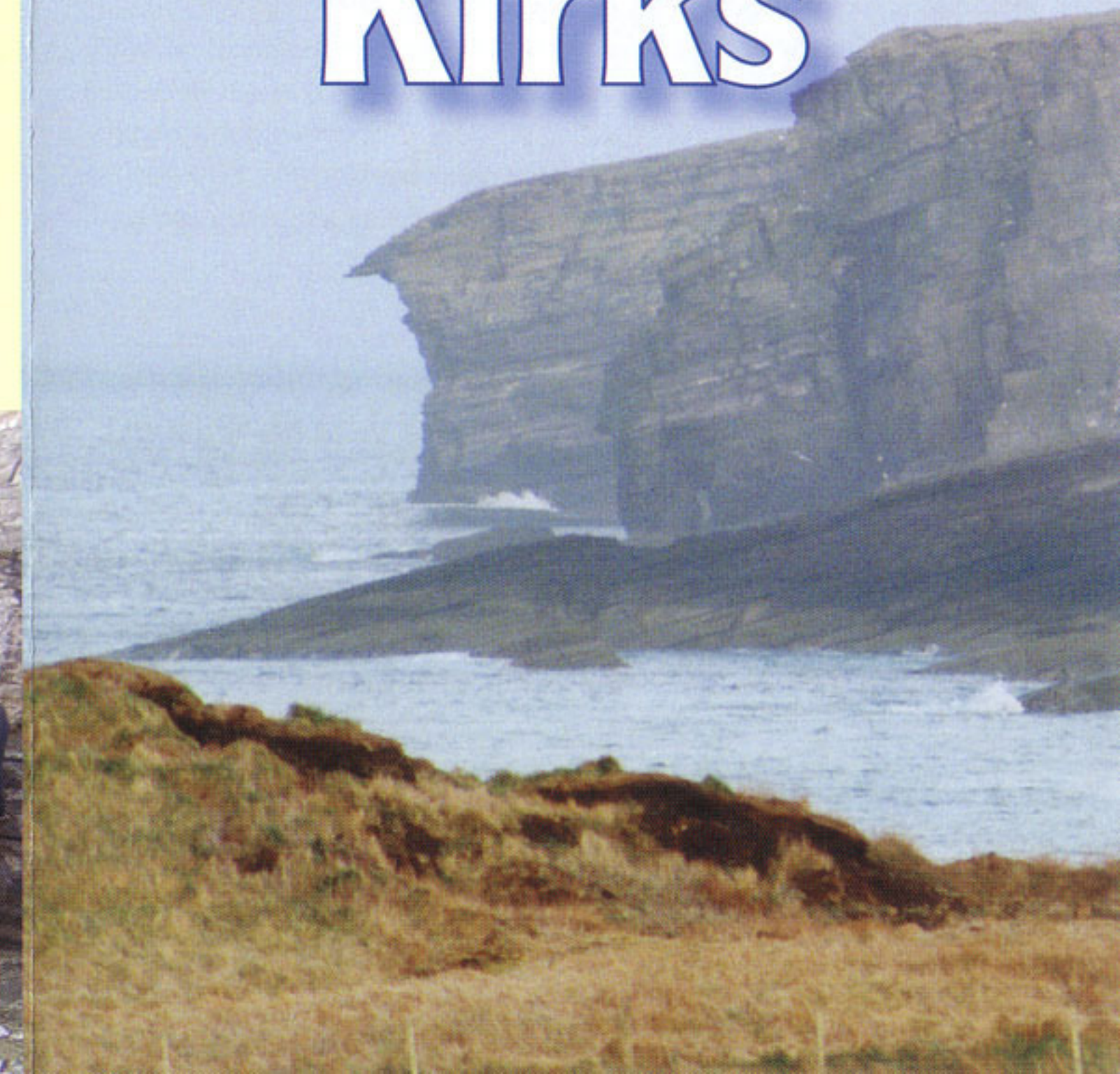
You will find a warm welcome at any of these events or services



Easter Sunday Morning service in St Mary's Kirk.



Welcome to Westray's Kirks





Baptist Church

The Westray Baptist Church was formed in 1810 as a result of a spiritual revival in 1797. The congregation worshipped in the open air, met in barns and various other venues including Notland Castle. Large numbers attending necessitated the building of the present Baptist Kirk in 1865. It is situated in the village overlooking Pierowall Bay. Numbers are smaller nowadays but a committed congregation continues to meet and carry on the Baptist tradition.

Sunday School, Bible Class and Crèche are held during the Sunday morning service with Children's Church at holiday times. Communion is celebrated regularly and all believers are invited to join with us. Music plays an important part in our services, which are often led by our worship band. The Wednesday midweek meeting provides an opportunity for prayer and fellowship. Other church activities include the Women's Fellowship and the Youth Fellowship. Details of what's happening and when can be obtained by calling the contact number overleaf.

We value the fellowship with our friends at the UF Church and the Church of Scotland through regular joint services and events. We are delighted to have visitors join us at any of our services and you can be sure of a warm welcome.

Church of Scotland

The Church of Scotland is Westray's largest denomination but we're still small enough to enjoy informality and a closeness of fellowship that we value. The Kirk building (completely refurbished in 2002) lies 2 miles south of Pierowall at the turn off to Cleaton House and generates most of its energy needs from a wind turbine and ground-source heat pump. Community use of the facilities is encouraged and we trust you'll find a warm welcome.

There is Sunday School and crèche at all services, with the exception of the regular family (or all-age) worships, in which children are encouraged to participate fully. Tea and coffee is often served after services.

Holy Communion is celebrated regularly (usually on the first Sunday of the month). We always use a common cup and the Sacrament is open to any people of any denomination or age who wish to share in this way.

An evening prayer service (normally last of the month) comprises readings, music and silent prayer. Other evening services are shared with our Baptist and UF neighbours. The congregation is "linked" (ie. Shares a minister) with our sister congregation in Papay.

Amongst other activities there is a Guild, Youth Group and Young Adults' Group. For details of any events or if you would like a lift to the Kirk, call the number overleaf.

Our aim as a congregation is to serve God in our community: worshipping, witnessing, caring. You're welcome to join us at any time (the Church is always open). Sit anywhere and make yourself at home in your Father's house.



United Free Church of Scotland

This congregation had as its first church the now ruined building known as the "Sheepie Kirk". The New Kirk (costing £800 and seating 500 people!) was opened in 1867, having been built nearer the manse which had been finished in 1863. The Kirk can be clearly seen on top of the hill, one mile south of Pierowall village.

A church hall was built and dedicated to the memory of the Rev George Reid, first minister of the congregation, and it is this building, to the rear of the big church, which is now used for all church services.

The access door faces the large car park. Inside there are three steps up into the Reid Memorial Hall, a bright and welcoming space which has a 61 inch HomeVideo screen thereby offering an interesting combination of traditional and modern worship services.

You will be welcome at any of our services including Communion which is celebrated every third month. Songs of Victory is the most commonly used hymnbook. Sunday school meets during the 11.30am Sunday morning service which may not always be in the UF church as an important feature of our worship is fellowship shared with our Baptist and Church of Scotland friends.