

The Church of Scotland

The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy

Kirkcaldy: Abbotshall

3 November 2015

The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator Rev. Rosemary Frew, for the Celebration of Holy Communion, the transaction of urgent business and a conference session on 'Re-imagining the Regional Church'.

The Moderator welcomed the Rev. Dr. Marjory MacLean who would lead our conference session.

The Moderator also welcomed representatives from the congregation of Glenrothes: Christ's Kirk who had been cited to appear for their interest.

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19 Ministers, 4 Others, 25 Elders and 4 Corresponding Members as per the attendance sheet.

Apologies

Apologies were received from 8 Ministers and 9 other members of Presbytery as recorded.

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Moderator, having welcomed all present, proceeded with the Celebration of Holy Communion.

Following Holy Communion, Presbytery reconvened for urgent business.

Call from Glenrothes: Christ's Kirk to Mr. Scott McCrum

The Clerk laid on the table the Call to Mr. Scott McCrum, along with all the relevant papers relating to the nomination and election.

The Moderator welcomed representatives of the Congregation who had been cited to appear for their interest. Mr. Ron McDougall spoke on behalf of the Congregation.

Presbytery sustained the Call and the Moderator thanked Mr McDougall and members of the Congregation for their attendance and wished them and their new Minister well in the future.

Business Committee

The Moderator called for the report of the Business Committee which was given by the Convener, Rev. Robin McAlpine.

It was moved seconded and agreed:

1. Ordination of Mr Scott McCrum

Presbytery sustains the Call to Mr Scott McCrum to the congregation of Glenrothes: Christ's Kirk. The service of Ordination and Induction will be held on Thursday 12 November 2015 at 7.00pm. The Moderator will conduct worship and the Rev Eileen Miller will preach. Presbytery will meet at 6.45pm.

Vacancy Procedure Committee

The Moderator called for the report of the Vacancy Procedure Committee which was given by the Convener, Mrs. Jacqueline Thomson.

It was moved seconded and agreed:

1. Glenrothes: Christ's Kirk

a) Presbytery thanks Rev Richard Baxter for serving as Interim Moderator at Christ's Kirk, Glenrothes during their period of vacancy.

b) Presbytery thanks Rev Andrew Donald, Mr Hugh Mackenzie and Mrs May Russell for their assistance serving as members of the advisory committee to Christ's Kirk, Glenrothes during their period of vacancy.

Fabric and Finance Committee

The Moderator called for the report of the Fabric and Finance Committee which was given by the Convener, Mr. Brian Lumsden.

It was moved seconded and agreed -

1. 2016 Ministries and Mission Contributions

Presbytery concurs with the decision of the Fabric and Finance committee as to the distribution of funds made available from the reduction of £47,444, to the Presbytery Ministries and Mission Contribution for 2016.

2. Fabric Matters

Presbytery homologates the decisions made by the Committee under delegated authority, as follows:

a) Wellesley, Methil

Presbytery concurs with the Committee's approval of the request from Wellesley Parish Church to spend £13,886 excluding VAT, on essential roof repairs, the costs to be met from their own funds. Separately a Grant application was made to the General Trustees and a sum of £12,000 was awarded from the Priority Areas budget towards the project.

b) Glenrothes: Christ's Kirk

Presbytery concurs with the Committee's approval of the Grant Application request from Glenrothes: Christ's Kirk for £6,502. This cost is for part refurbishment of the manse required to meet the required manse condition schedule.

c) Kirkcaldy: St Bryce

(1) Presbytery concurs with the Committee's approval of the request from Kirkcaldy: St Bryce for the installation of Solar Panels to their hall roof at a cost of £ 14,640 inc VAT. The funding of this project will be made from Climate Change Fund grant already in place.

(2) Presbytery concurs with the approval to a further request from Kirkcaldy: St Bryce for £19,656 inclusive of VAT to be drawn down from their Consolidated Fabric Fund for essential and immediate repairs to various areas of the Church steeple and roof.

Intimations

Relevant intimations were made including a welcome, as a Corresponding Member of Presbytery, to Miss Iona Pringle, Mission Development Staff worker at Kennoway, Windygates & Balgonie: St. Kenneth's.

Additionally the congratulations of Presbytery were expressed to Mr. James Bissett on the successful completion of his training for Ordained Local Ministry.

Correspondence

Forwarded

- 10 Sept Church and Society Enews
- 11 Sep Update on Church response to refugee crisis
- 12 Sep Invite from St Andrews Presbytery to Living with Dementia seminar
- 15 Sep Letter from Moderator re Up For School petition
- 16 Sep Info from CCLI communications
- 16 Sep E-mail from Fife Interfaith Group re refugee crisis
- 17 Sep Church and Society Enews
- 17 Sep Info re Scottish Churches Anti-human Trafficking Group conference
- 18 Sep Info re CMS winter retreat
- 18 Sep Info re Go For It learning events
- 29 Sep Crossreach Information sheet
- 5 Oct Info re Christian Aid Service of Thanksgiving
- 8 Oct Mission and Discipleship Council Enews
- 14 Oct Request for GA Youth Rep nominations
- 15 Oct Info re Carer Information Event
- 16 Oct Info re Open Alpha Weekend at Nethy Bridge
- 19 Oct Message from West Fife Gideons
- 22 Oct Church and Society Enews
- 26 Oct Info re Margaret Harris Lecture (Lecturer – Mona Siddiqui)
- 26 Oct Crossreach Information Sheet
- 27 Oct Invitation to take part in survey

Clerk / Business Committee

- 14 Sep Letter from Mission and Discipleship re Learning Disabilities Consultation.
- 15 Sep Invite to Learn Exploring Faith Launch Event
- 25 Sep E-mail from Ministries Council re unsuccessful bid for Pioneer Ministry funding
- 2 Oct Prisoners' Week leaflets
- 16 Oct Info re annual office bearer returns.

Fabric and Finance

- 8 Oct Letter from General Trustees re Auchterderran Kinglassie
- 8 Oct Letter from General Trustees re Methil Wellesley
- 23 Oct Joint Working Group Report for comment

Ministries

- 17 Sept Decision of Local Review allowing applicant to proceed to Assessment Conference
- 2 Oct List of new Ministries Candidates 2015
- 19 Oct Info re 2015-16 placements in Presbytery

Mission and Discipleship

- 14 Sep Info re 121 Prayer Diary rota

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet at 6.45 pm on Thursday 12 November 2015 in Glenrothes: Christ's Kirk for the Ordination and Induction of Mr Scott McCrum, and then at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 1 December 2015 in St Bryce Kirk Centre, Kirkcaldy, for the transaction of ordinary business.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Conference Session

Following a time of fellowship, Presbytery reconvened in conference.

The Moderator again welcomed and introduced the Rev. Marjory MacLean who serves as a Vice-convenor on the Ministries Council. Rev. MacLean conveyed the greetings of the Ministries Council to Presbytery and addressed our conference session on the subject of '**Re-imagining the Regional Church**'.

Following her address Presbyters formed into four discussion groups relating to our four standing committees of Church & Society, Fabric & Finance, Ministries and Mission & Discipleship. The members were asked to discuss four main questions with an emphasis in relation to the remit of their standing committee group.

The questions were :-

1. Currently what is the level of contact with other Presbyteries?
2. Could we benefit from added resources or modified structure?
3. What positive progress could be achieved with additional resources?
4. What benefit would there be through legal and structural changes leading to a possible union with other Presbyteries?

Following discussion, the recommendations from each group were passed to the Business Committee for consideration and report.

The Moderator thanked the Rev. MacLean for the positive and informative way she led our conference and thanked her for her expert contribution.

The Moderator closed our Conference with the Benediction.

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