

**The Church of Scotland**

**The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy**

**Kirkcaldy: St Bryce Kirk**

**1 December 2015**

**The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy met for the transaction of ordinary business and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Rosemary Frew.**

**Sederunt**

21 Ministers, 5 Others, 27 Elders and 4 Corresponding Members as per the attendance sheet.

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from 4 Ministers and 3 other members of Presbytery as recorded.

**Welcome**

During the course of the meeting, the Moderator welcomed the following:-

-Rev. Scott McCrum, Glenrothes: Christ's Kirk, following his Ordination and Induction on 12 November 2015, and looked forward to his participation in the work of Presbytery.

-Miss Iona Pringle, Mission Development Worker, Kennoway, Windygates & Balgonie: St. Kenneth's. The Presbytery Service of Welcome and Introduction for her will take place in Kennoway on Thursday 28 January 2016.

-Mrs. Christine Hay, Glenrothes: St. Columba's a student candidate for the Ministry.

**Minutes of Meetings**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 1 September, 3 November and 12 November 2015 were approved and signed.

**Approval of the Agenda**

The Business Committee Convener, Rev Robin McAlpine, moved adoption of the Agenda as printed. This was agreed.

**Chaplaincy Service to H.M. Forces**

The Moderator welcomed and introduced Deputy Assistant Chaplain General, Rev. Cole Maynard, Headquarters 51<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade and Headquarters Scotland, and invited him to address Presbytery.

Mr. Cole explained his vocational work as a full time Forces Chaplain by means of a visual display 'Life on the Edge' which comprehensively covered his work and the work of other Forces Chaplains while on active service alongside front-line combat personnel in Afghanistan and elsewhere. Mr. Cole went on to explain the important work undertaken by both Regular and Reservist Chaplains which forms an essential part of the UK's defence strategy world wide.

The continuing support of the Church in sustaining personnel from all three Services and their families was a necessary component to ensure their integration in the community as a whole, both while serving and in the civilian environment when leaving the forces. Mr Cole assured Prebyters that the prayers and continuing support of the Church was not only appreciated but vital to ensure that the Chaplaincy Service can provide essential pastoral oversight to all branches in our three armed services in all parts of the world where British forces are deployed.

The Moderator thanked Mr. Cole for his address and wished him well in the future and, albeit the Presbytery of Kirkcaldy was probably not the most likely recruiting ground, he could be assured of our prayers and support in this vital work of Christian witness.

**Overture amending the Ministers and Deacons in Civil Partnerships (Act 1 2015)**

Having been sent down to Presbyteries under the Barrier Act, this was addressed. Presbyters were referred to the 'Reports of the General Assembly 2015 Remits Booklet' page three.

The Moderator referred to the Overture, the explanatory notes which had been circulated to Presbyters concerning the proposed amendments to the existing legislation, and explained the secret ballot voting process to be followed.

The Moderator called for comments and a number of Presbyters expressed divergent views on the proposed Overture. The Moderator, having confirmed there was no further comment or discussion, closed this part of the procedure. It was established that all Presbyters present and entitled to vote in person were in possession of a ballot paper.

The General Assembly having sent down this Overture to Presbyteries for their consideration under the Barrier Act, Presbytery proceeded to vote by secret ballot. Having confirmed that all Presbyters entitled to vote had cast their vote, the voting process was closed. The Clerks acting as Returning Officers proceeded to count the votes.

Presbytery determined as follows :-

there voted 'FOR the Overture' – thirty-two (32) votes

there voted 'AGAINST the Overture' – twenty (20) votes.

There were no spoiled papers.

The appropriate return will be completed by the Clerk and submitted to the Principal Clerk by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

**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. Service of Introduction**

Presbytery agrees to hold a Service of Introduction for Iona Pringle, Mission Development Worker at Kennoway, Windygates and Balgonie: St Kenneth's, to be held in Kennoway Church on Thursday 28 January 2016. Presbytery will meet at 6.45 for 7 pm. The service will be conducted by the Moderator, the Rev. Rosie Frew with the Rev. Mike Allardice preaching.

**2. Presbytery Administrative Support**

Presbytery appoints the following committee to look at the roles and responsibilities of the posts of Presbytery Clerk, Depute Clerk and Presbytery Administrator, with the purpose of determining the best structure to support Presbytery in the future: Rosie Frew (Presbytery Clerk), Douglas Hamill (Depute Clerk), Beryl Luke (Administrator), Robin McAlpine (Business Convener), plus one other member of the Business committee.

### **3. Conference Follow-up**

Following the Presbytery conference on *Reimagining the Regional Church*, Presbytery encourages Committee Conveners to make contact with the equivalent Conveners in the Presbyteries of Dunfermline and St Andrews, with the view to exploring the possibilities of joint working.

#### **Intimations**

Relevant intimations were made to Presbytery.

#### **Church and Society Committee**

The Moderator called for the report of the Church and Society Committee which was given by the Convener, Rev Alan Kimmitt.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

##### **1. Linking with Other Presbyteries**

Presbytery encourages the Church and Society Committee to explore ways of communicating with and co-operating with the corresponding committees in the other Fife Presbyteries.

#### **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. Fabric Matters - Kinghorn**

Presbytery supports the grant application by Kinghorn Parish Church to the General Trustees for £11,820 inclusive of VAT. The grant is to fund a feasibility study on the future potential uses of the Church.

#### **Ministries Committee**

The Moderator called for the report of the Ministries Committee which was given by the Convener, Rev Jim Reid.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

##### **1. Candidate for Ministry**

Presbytery notes with approval that Christine Hay has been accepted as a candidate for full-time ministry of Word and Sacrament.

##### **2. Pulpit Interchange Sunday**

Presbytery approves the 2016 rota for Pulpit Interchange Sunday, 7 February 2016, urging host churches to make contact with their visiting minister in good time.

##### **3. Parish Ministers' PVG Checks**

Presbytery instructs all Parish Ministers within the bounds to ensure that they respond to requests from the Safeguarding Office to complete PVG checks in accordance with Act V11 2011(as amended)

##### **4. Presbytery Plan**

a) Presbytery notes that its Ministries Committee has carried out the annual review of the Presbytery Plan, and has no amendments to propose for the current year.

b) Presbytery notes that discussions with the congregations of Buckhaven and Wemyss, Wellesley and Methilhill and Denbeath on the nature of future support across that area require to be completed, and that the Ministries Committee intends to review the plan as it affects the Kirkcaldy area over the year ahead.

c) Presbytery approves the current Presbytery Plan without amendment and refers the matter to Ministries Council's Presbytery Planning Task Group for consideration.

### **Mission and Discipleship Committee**

The Moderator called for the report of the Mission and Discipleship Committee which was given by the Vice-convener, Mr Ian Biernat, and included a presentation by the Rev. Allistair Roy concerning the safeguarding of children using the internet.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

#### **1. Youth Representative to General Assembly**

Presbytery invites congregations to nominate a Youth Representative (aged 18 – 25) to represent Presbytery at the General Assembly 2016, applications to be submitted to the Presbytery Clerk before 1 February 2016.

### **Vacancy Procedure Committee**

There was no report.

### **Correspondence**

#### **Forwarded**

- 29 Oct Job advert, Family and Community Worker, Kirkcaldy Methodist Church
- 29 Oct Mission and Discipleship Enews
- 2 Nov Job advert, Temp Twinning Development Officer
- 2 Nov Info re CMS winter retreat
- 3 Nov Info re fund-raising concert at Pathhead Church
- 4 Nov Info re Community of Faith Conference for churches with few or no children
- 5 Nov Info re refugee events in Fife
- 5 Nov Info re Talk on Middle Eastern Christians in UK
- 10 Nov Info re concert in Dunfermline Abbey
- 10 Nov Info re Interfaith job advert
- 11 Nov Guild Enews
- 19 Nov Church and Society Enews
- 24 Nov Info re Taize School and College Weeks 2016

#### **Clerk/Business Committee**

- 4 Nov Request for congregational statistics
- 5 Nov Calculation of commissions for General Assembly 2016
- 5,10 and 23 Nov Letters from Rev JER Campbell
- 20 Nov Copy of e-mail sent to ministers re security advice to congregations
- 23 Nov Encrypted USB drive for Presbytery use

#### **Church and Society**

- 2 Nov Groundswell newsletter
- 5 Nov SCPO newsletter
- 10 Nov News from Ecumenical relations

#### **Fabric and Finance**

- 29 Oct Info and decisions about endowments re sale of East Wemyss Church
- 13 Nov Care of Ecclesiastical Properties - Presbytery Return

#### **Ministries**

- 29 Oct Info re applicant for discernment process.
- 2 Nov Ministries Council Presbytery Conference Report
- 4 Nov PPTG draft minute – 15.9.15
- 10 Nov E-mail from Christine Hay re acceptance as a candidate

**Adjournment**

Presbytery adjourned to meet at 6.45 pm on Thursday 28 January 2016 in Kennoway Parish Church for the Service of Welcome and Introduction for Iona Pringle MDS, and then at 7 pm on Tuesday 1 March 2016 in the St Bryce Kirk Centre for the transaction of ordinary business.

The Moderator conveyed her best wishes to Presbyters for Christmas and the New Year and closed the meeting with prayer.

\_\_\_\_\_(Moderator)

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**The Church of Scotland**

**The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy**

**Kennoway: St Kenneth's**

**28 January 2016**

**The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. Rosemary Frew, for the Service of Welcome and Introduction of Miss Iona Pringle as the Mission Development Staff Worker in the charge of Kennoway, Windygates & Balgonie: St Kenneth's.**

**Sederunt**

10 Ministers, 5 Others, 7 Elders and 1 Corresponding Member as per the attendance sheet.

**Associated with Presbytery**

Revs Hugh O'Brien, Marc Bircham and Scott Burton from Perth Presbytery; Rev David Denniston from Edinburgh Presbytery; and Mr Jason Ungiah from UF Erskine Church, Burntisland.

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from 5 Ministers and 7 other members of Presbytery as recorded.

**Welcome**

The Moderator welcomed all present, particularly those Associated with Presbytery and extended a special welcome to our new Mission Development Staff Worker.

Presbytery proceeded to the Church where the Moderator conducted public worship and the Rev. Michael Allardice gave the Address.

The Rev. Richard Baxter introduced Miss Pringle and gave an explanation of the vision in relation to the work to be undertaken in the St Kenneth's parish.

The Moderator put to Miss Pringle the prescribed questions reaffirming her faith, and received satisfactory answers.

The Moderator put the prescribed question to the Congregation asking them to promise to give their support to Miss Pringle, and received a positive response.

The Moderator and Members of Presbytery then extended the right-hand of fellowship.

The Rev. David Denniston gave a charge of counsel and encouragement to Miss Pringle and to the congregation.

Presbytery resumed in session and confirmed that the name of Miss Pringle will be added to the Roll of Presbytery as a Corresponding Member.

The Moderator thanked all who officiated and participated in the Service, the Office-bearers and members of Kennoway, Windygates & Balgonie: St. Kenneth's congregation for making all necessary arrangements.

The Depute Clerk thanked the Moderator for conducting the Service.

**Adjournment**

Presbytery adjourned to meet at 7 pm on Tuesday 1 March 2016 in the St Bryce Kirk Centre for the transaction of ordinary business.

The Moderator closed the meeting leading Presbytery in the saying of the Grace together..

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