



# Presbytery of Kirkcaldy

## Presbytery Précis - April 2014

In her opening worship the Moderator, Myra Deas, talked about the Transfiguration of Jesus and how our knowledge of him will never be complete until we meet him face to face. She challenged Presbyters to use this season of Lent as a time to spend in his presence and to glimpse something of his awesome wonder.

**Union of Markinch and Thornton** – Members of the congregations were in attendance to hear Presbytery approve their Basis of Union. The Service of Union will be held on Thursday 5 June 2014 at 7.00pm. Presbytery meets at 6.45pm. Venue to be confirmed. Mrs May Russell was appointed Interim Moderator of the united congregation.

**Commissioners to the General Assembly** - Presbytery appointed Reverends Andrew Donald, Ian Elston, Rosemary Frew, Alan Kimmitt, Maudeen MacDougall and Catriona Morrison, Mrs Jacqueline Thomson DCS, Ms Grace Cord, Mrs Joan Cumming, Mr Douglas Hamill, Mr Hugh MacKenzie, Mrs Morag Michael and Mr Andrew Strachan as its Commissioners to the 2014 General Assembly and Iona Kimmitt from Glenrothes: St Columba's as its Youth Representative.

**Representative Elders and Additional Elders** - Congregations are asked to submit names of representative and additional elders to serve on Presbytery for the year 2014/2015 to the Clerk by 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014. Those elders proposed should be willing to serve on the committees of Presbytery and play a full part in the work of this court of the Church. Letters have gone to Session Clerks.

**Rev. David G. Adams** - Presbytery received a Practising Certificate from David Adams and granted him a seat on Presbytery.

**Moderator of Presbytery** - Notice was given that the Convener of the Business Committee will bring the name of the Reverend Robin Mc Alpine to the next meeting of Presbytery to serve as Moderator for the ensuing year.

**Sharing of information** - The Fabric & Finance Committee would like congregations to share their good experiences of businesses employed to carry out repairs and maintenance to their church property. By sharing this information it is hoped that a list of individuals or companies who may be considered in the future for any work to be undertaken can be compiled. (There would be no obligation on any congregation to use any recommendations provided.) It is hoped to distribute this information for the new session of Presbytery. Recommendations to Brian Lumsden [bandslumsden@btinternet.com](mailto:bandslumsden@btinternet.com)

**Celebrate and Discover** – Presbytery thanked Gillian Paterson and her team for all the hard work that went into making Celebrate and Discover such a good day. Gillian shared this recipe for a successful day...Take 1 enthusiastic planning team, add a year of planning, pour in 24 congregations, around 800 visitors, 4 workshop leaders, 15 participants in workshops and stir gently. Mix in a separate bowl a dedicated team of prayer secretaries, a holy week prayer journey, and the healing rooms prayer team and allow peace and healing prayers to flow. Blend in 25 stewards, 2 mini buses, 21 passengers, 5 Church of Scotland councils, along with a range of groups, charities and organisations and you find a warm welcome on the ground floor! Add to this 23 colourful displays, 3 messy church teams, many interesting items for discussion, along with an enthusiastic opening worship and the day is off to a good start.

Take all these ingredients and bring them slowly to the boil in the closing worship...where 1 mime team, four readers, three speakers, a choir and an orchestra all combine to produce an amazing conclusion to a brilliant day where around 800 people were able to experience and enjoy being part of this Presbytery, and more than anything seeing what God is doing in our lives.

If you have any good photos of the day please send them to the Presbytery Office – [kdypres@googlemail.com](mailto:kdypres@googlemail.com) We are compiling a resource to share with '121' and other Presbyteries.

**Caring for God's People** – This Pastoral Care conference will be held on Saturday 10 May, 10.00am-4.00pm in St Bryce at a cost of £10. Presbytery elders have information and booking forms.

**Safeguarding** – Training dates to be noted:

- 3rd May: @ Torbain, Elders' Training, 09.45 for 10.00 start, finish 12.30. Andy Strachan
- 10th May: @ Pathhead, Part 1, 09.15 for 09.30 start, finish 12.30. Alli Roy / Joyce Leggate
- 14th June: @ Dysart, Part 2, 09.15 for 09.30 start, finish 12.30. Alli Roy

For further information, please speak to Taylor Bell, Presbytery Safeguarding Co-ordinator.

**Conference** - David Plews, Congregational Development Worker, M&D Council, is organising a Session Clerks and Elders conference at the Police College, Tulliallan from 24 – 26 October. For more details please visit <https://www.resourcingmission.org.uk/events/session-clerks-and-elders-conference-2014>

**Presbytery Pilgrimage** – This will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June (day before Pentecost). Prayers to be said in every church building as people gather from all parts of the Presbytery to a central location for prayer. There are 24 charges of which 4 have 2 buildings i.e. 28 places of worship, so there will be 14 routes leading to a central location. For further information, please speak to George Luke, Presbytery Prayer Co-ordinator.

**Equip** - Equip (Kirkcaldy) is the sixth in a series of regional events organised by the Mission & Discipleship Council, featuring inspiring speakers, practical ideas and useful resources for mission. To be held in St. Bryce Kirk on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 am till 3.30pm. Workshops will include: Messy Church, Café Church, Worship and "Go For It". The keynote speaker will be Martin Fair, minister of St Andrew's church, Arbroath. More details from Rob Rawson, Mission Development Worker (East), M&D Council on 07966286614 or e-mail on [rrowson@cofscotland.org.uk](mailto:rrowson@cofscotland.org.uk)

**Table Talk** – Presbytery has been given a copy of this resource. Questions to hand out round a table, at a study group etc to get folk talking. See Robin McAlpine.

**Welfare Reform and Poverty** - Last year, half a million people in the UK depended on emergency food aid. There is a very interesting report by Church Action on Poverty, entitled 'Walking the breadline' research on food poverty, co-published with Oxfam. This is available for download at <http://www.church-poverty.org.uk/walkingthebreadline/info/report/walkingthebreadlinefile>

**Truth and Lies about Poverty / Economy** – Each congregation was issued with 2 copies of this report in June 2013. There is now also **bible study** available for your local house/study group at <http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Bible-passages-on-TL.pdf> and for groups a **special study guide for exploring attitudes to poverty** has been developed (7 pages), to download here: <http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/TL-Study.pdf>

**Imagining Scotland** - Results of this Church of Scotland community consultation are now available. See results on [www.tinyurl.com/ISF2014](http://www.tinyurl.com/ISF2014)

**REMINDER - Inspection of Records** – The annual inspection of records will take place on Wednesday 16 April in the St Bryce Centre. A timetable has been issued to Session Clerks.

**Fellowship Meal** – This annual meal for Presbyters will be held at 6.00pm on Tuesday 24 June. Information will be sent out in May.

***Presbytery meets next at 6.45pm on Thursday 5 June for the Service of Union of Markinch and Thornton and then at 7.15pm on Tuesday 24 June 2014 in St Bryce Kirk, Kirkcaldy for the transaction of ordinary business.***