



# Presbytery of Kirkcaldy

## Presbytery Précis -February 2012

In her opening worship the Moderator, Rev Wilma Cairns, told the story of two shoe salesmen who were sent to Africa. One sent a telegram home that said: "Get me home, nobody here wears shoes." The other salesman's telegram said: "Send me all of the shoes you can, nobody here wears shoes." She encouraged us to see the opportunities not the difficulties in our Christian life and service.

**Viewforth and Dysart** – Representatives of the congregations of Dysart and Kirkcaldy: Viewforth were present to hear Presbytery debate the use of buildings in the united charge. After the report from the Ministries Committee, an amendment and discussion

- Presbytery agreed that the united congregation of Dysart and Kirkcaldy:Viewforth shall use the church and halls currently used by the individual congregations subject to a review to be carried out by Presbytery on the third anniversary of the union.
- Presbytery instructed the united congregation to develop shared worship and shared mission to the community, building on current practices.
- Presbytery agreed that the selection of manse should be determined by the united congregation within twelve months of the union, subject to approval by Presbytery.

**General Assembly 2012** – Presbytery agreed to move to a rolling rota rather than a fixed rota for attendance at the General Assembly. This will mean that ministers may not be attending at the same time as an elder from their congregation. Those due to attend this year have been informed.

**Annual Inspection of Records** - The annual inspection of records will take place in Kirkcaldy: St. Bryce on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April from 9.30am onwards. Session Clerks have been sent information.

**Hello and goodbye** – Presbytery welcomed the Rev Dr Douglas Galbraith to Presbytery and said farewell to Rev Alistair Wynne who is now living in Edinburgh.

**Interim Moderator** - Presbytery appointed Rev Gillian Paterson as Interim Moderator of Kinghorn during the absence of the Rev Jim Reid.

**Interim Moderator** - Presbytery thanked Rev Ian Elston for his recent service as Interim Moderator at Glenrothes: St Columba's. Mr Craig Caskie has been appointed in his place.

**Public Relations Person** – The Church and Society Committee asked Presbytery to look to appointing a Public Relations person to actively promote through the media (print and broadcast) the work of the church locally. This was approved. Further information / expressions of interest to Marc Prowe - [marc@linktown.org.uk](mailto:marc@linktown.org.uk)

**Sessional Hospital Chaplaincy** - Presbytery noted that an agreement has been made between the Ministries Council and NHS Fife terminating the arrangement for Sessional Chaplains on 31 March 2012 and that NHS Fife will be advertising for chaplain(s). We will recognize the service of our 3 Sessional Chaplains at our March meeting.

**Safeguarding** - Presbytery instructs all Safeguarding Coordinators to prepare their congregational records as detailed by the Safeguarding Office in the Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme, newsletter 5. Available from...

[http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/subjects/safeguarding\\_information](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/subjects/safeguarding_information)

**A Challenge** – Rev Ken Froude gave the report of the Vacancy Procedure Committee. He ended with a challenge – how could we better support vacant congregations? Could we release ministers in charges to take occasional services? To carry on the discussion please contact Ken... [kenfroude@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:kenfroude@blueyonder.co.uk)

**Celebrate and Discover** – Saturday 24 March 2012, 10am-5pm in Kirkcaldy High School. Come along, get involved, make a day of it. All congregations have been sent publicity materials and more will be coming. **Wanted – Stewards**. If you can give 2 hours (or more) to help steward please contact Gillian Paterson - [gillianpatersonpatolq@supanet.com](mailto:gillianpatersonpatolq@supanet.com)  
Please pray for this wonderful opportunity to celebrate what God is doing in this Presbytery.

**Souper Sunday** – Congregations are encouraged to celebrate Souper Sunday – please see Church of Scotland website for details. Please send any cheques to Jean Webster our Presbytery Treasurer who will write a Presbytery cheque for the HIV Aids Appeal.

**Elder Training** – Session Clerks have been sent information about Talking Up The Eldership on Saturday 26 May along with a questionnaire about Session Clerk training.

**Bike and Hike** – This year's Bike and Hike in aid of EMMS will be held on Saturday 1 September. Keep the date free. More information later.

**Moderator's Visit** – The Moderator designate of the General Assembly, Rev Albert Bogle, will be visiting the new Victoria Hospital on Wednesday 5 September. This follows on from a visit made by Very Rev David Lunan when he spent a week in Kirkcaldy Presbytery during his Moderatorial year.

**St Mark's Coptic Church** – Rev Bryan Tomlinson will take the greetings of Presbytery to their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service on Sunday 19 February. If you wish to join him the service begins at 10am, goes on until after 1pm and is followed by lunch.

**Personal Search Week at Auchmuty High School** – Marjorie Cowie gave Presbytery an enthusiastic report on what had been a wonderful week of opportunity for GROW, SU, School Chaplains and the Churches in the Glenrothes area. Over 200 first year pupils were challenged to think about their lives and beliefs over a whole school week (16-29 January). The Christian band Taste (from Essex) and the Foolproof Drama Group from Edinburgh played key roles in opening minds and challenging prejudices. Thanks to all who prayed and continue to pray. Thanks to the anonymous donation of £3,000 that covered costs.

*Presbytery meets next on Tuesday 6 March 2012 at 7.00pm in the St Bryce Kirk Centre, Kirkcaldy.*