



Presbytery of Kirkcaldy

Presbytery Précis - March 2012

It's coming together like a jigsaw - come along and make it complete!



Our March meeting of Presbytery had service as its theme. In her opening worship the Moderator, Rev Wilma Cairns, reminded us that service is central to our Christian belief and serving others is the way of the church.

Retirements - Members of the congregations of Innerleven East and Dysart were present to hear tribute paid to their ministers Rev Jamie Templeton and Rev Tilly Wilson who are both retiring in the next few weeks.

Sandy McKenzie, Session Clerk of Innerleven East, spoke warmly of Jamie's 37 years in the charge. He described him as a man with a pastoral heart who always tried to stay true to his calling, working away quietly for the people of his parish. Wilma commented that throughout his ministry Jamie was a diligent and faithful member of Presbytery and Presbytery Committees, serving as Moderator from 1987-1988. On behalf of Presbytery Wilma expressed the hope and prayer that Jamie and his wife Veronica would enjoy a long and happy retirement.

Raymond Domin, Session Clerk of Dysart, shared bad jokes and happy memories with the Presbytery as he spoke of Tilly as a symbol of strength and leadership, a very special person. Tilly spoke passionately of the most glorious, most amazing journey that has been her life in ministry, and of loving and supportive congregations. Wilma paid tribute to Tilly's involvement in Presbytery in Committee work, as Moderator from 2005-2006, and as Presbytery Chaplain for many years. On behalf of Presbytery, she wished Tilly well in her retirement.

Safeguarding Certificates – The Moderator presented Certificates to a number of Safeguarding Co-ordinators who have recently undergone training – Gordon Mitchell, Kinglassie; Carol Lambert, Linktown; Diane Waddell, Bennoch; Mairwen Wardlaw, Methilhill and Denbeath; Kathryn McLean, Burntisland; Robert Dingwall, Buckhaven and Wemyss; Andrew Leggate, Torbain. The importance of a church safe for all was emphasised as was the pivotal role played by Safeguarding Co-ordinators.

Hospital Chaplaincy – Rev Elisabeth Cranfield, Rev Ian Gordon, Rev Jamie Templeton and their predecessors were thanked and commended for the valued work they have undertaken as sessional chaplains at Randolph Wemyss, Glenrothes and Cameron Hospitals. They will be 'replaced' by a new Community Chaplain to be based in Cameron Hospital. An appointment has just been made. A new chaplain has also been appointed for the Victoria Hospital.

General Assembly – Revs Ben Pieterse, Allistair Roy, Robin McAlpine, Gillian Paterson, Alan Sharp, Richard Baxter and Ken Froude, Mrs Jacqueline Thomson DCS, Mrs Christine Whitelaw, Mrs Elizabeth Scott, and Messrs Thomas Fowler, Alfred Patey, Ken Cameron, George Grant and Alec Redpath will be our Commissioners at the General Assembly in May. Miss Ruth Reidpath from Glenrothes: St Margaret's will be our Youth Representative.

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

Property Registers – New Property Registers now available for download from the General Trustees section of the Church of Scotland website.

Public Relations Person – At our last meeting Presbytery agreed to appoint a Public Relations person to actively promote through the media (print and broadcast) the work of the church locally. Further information / expressions of interest to Marc Prowe - marc@linktown.org.uk

Presbytery Website – If you, or someone in your congregation, could assist with the construction of a Presbytery Website please contact Rev Gilbert Nisbet – gcn-leven@blueyonder.co.uk

Talking Up The Eldership - Saturday 26 May – Leaflets giving information about this training day were distributed to Presbytery members.

Session Clerk training – Session Clerks are asked to return questionnaire to Jean Wilson.

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 took the greetings of Presbytery to their 20th Anniversary Service. The prayer and support of Presbytery is much appreciated.

Lentfest – This is a Glasgow churches initiative. Check out their website www.agap.org.uk/lentfest

Presbytery meets next on Tuesday 1 May 2012 at 7.00pm in the St Bryce Kirk Centre, Kirkcaldy.