



Presbytery of Kirkcaldy

Presbytery Précis - March 2013

In his opening worship the Moderator, Rev Tony Fowler, read from Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12, The Suffering and Glory of the Servant. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Rev Alan Kimmitt – Presbytery welcomed Rev Alan Kimmitt, the new minister of Glenrothes: St Columba's.

Commissioners to the General Assembly - Presbytery appointed Revs. Alexandra Rosener, Tony Fowler, Ken Froude, Gilbert Nisbet, Alex Forsyth, Jim Reid and Marc Prowe, Mrs Jacqueline Thomson, Deacon, and Mr Bryan Gould, Miss Isobel Ireland, Miss Dorothy Murray, Mrs Wilma Page and two other Elders as its Commissioners to the General Assembly of 2013.

General Assembly Youth Rep - Presbytery appointed Craig Higgins from Glenrothes: St Ninian's as its Youth Representative to the 2013 General Assembly.

Annual Inspection of Records - The annual inspection of records will take place in Kirkcaldy: St. Bryce on Wednesday 17th April from 9.30am onwards. Session Clerks have been sent information.

Inspection of Congregational Accounts – Presbytery appointed Richard Baxter (convener), Olive Gardner, Sam Dryburgh, Bert Simpson, and Steve Pimentil to inspect and attest the Accounts of all congregations within the bounds for 2012 and to report to Presbytery at its September meeting.

Applications for Reduction in Ministry and Mission Allocations for 2014 – In August the Fabric and Finance Committee will distribute application forms and notes on the submission of applications for reduction in the Ministry and Mission Allocations for 2014. Priority will be given to Mission projects in considering such reductions. In the cases of KART, GROW and Street Pastors the congregational committees responsible for these mission projects will be encouraged to submit applications through one of the member Churches.

Safeguarding - Presbytery agreed to instruct Kirk Sessions to ensure that all those who work with vulnerable groups, attend a volunteers safeguarding training course. At the moment volunteer workers (any one on congregational safeguarding register) do not need to do training if they do not wish to. This deliverance brings them into line with panel members and coordinators where training is compulsory. Courses will be run by our Presbytery Safeguarding Trainers. Planned training courses are as follows: venues to be confirmed. Saturday 20th April: Volunteers training, 3 hours. Saturday 18th May: Coordinators / Panel members part 2, 2-3 hours. Saturday 31st August: Volunteers training, 3 hours. Anyone interested, please contact Taylor Bell, Presbytery Safeguarding Coordinator. (01333-351050, taylor.bell@sky.com)

Ministries Committee – The Convener drew the attention of Presbytery to a number of papers recently published by the Ministries Council: Proposed changes to the Enquiry and Assessment Scheme; Updated guidelines on Guardianships, Sisting of Vacancies and Continued Vacancies; Updated guidelines on Part Time Ministries.

Presbytery Interchange - Presbytery thanked everyone involved for their co-operation in annual Pulpit Interchange. It was a very successful day.

Lentfest is drama, music, film, visual and literary art, inspired by the Gospel, encouraging people of all backgrounds to think about the Christian faith through the arts. It is organised annually by AGAP (the Archdiocese of Glasgow Arts Project) www.agap.org.uk/lentfest/lentfest-2013/

Faith Sharing – Beryl Luke is running a 3 part course on Sharing your Faith on Thursdays 7, 14 and 21 March at 7.30pm in St Bryce. Please phone the St Bryce Office to book a place and give Beryl an indication of numbers. 01592 640016

Praise Service - A Praise Service to conclude the Presbytery wide '*prayer and banner pilgrimage*', will be held on Sunday 12 May, at 7 pm in St Columba's Church, Glenrothes.

"Talking up the Eldership" – the next course will be held on Saturday the 25th May. Any ideas or issues that elders wish to explore, please pass them onto Beryl Luke, Presbytery trainer, as soon as possible. The course is open to all elders and prospective elders.

Fellowship Meal – The annual fellowship meal will be held prior to the June meeting.

Presbytery Retreat - The annual Retreat Day will be held Thursday 3rd October 2013 and led by Dr Francis Bridger, Rector of St Mary's Church, Broughty Ferry and Dean of the Diocese of Brechin.

Celebrate and Discover 2 – Following on from the success of Celebrate and Discover last year Presbytery agreed that "*Celebrate and Discover 2*" be held in Kirkcaldy High School on Saturday the 22nd of March 2014

Digitisation of Presbytery Boundaries – George Luke showed us our parish boundaries in Google Earth and demonstrated ways this facility could be used. Congregations will get more information soon.

Congregational Twinning - Presbytery encourages Kirk Sessions and Ministers to make use of available resources to help setting up congregational twinings. Twinings are about receiving mutual inspiration of faith, not about sending money or gadgets overseas.

IF campaign - The IF campaign wants to end global hunger and is ecumenical and inter-faith. www.enoughfoodif.org In the UK the IF campaign wants David Cameron and George Osborne to confirm that the UK budget from 2013 onwards will give 0.7% of national income to international aid. Further information www.enoughfoodif.org/lobby Locally, a group led by Rev Elisabeth Cranfield has met Lindsay Roy MP to talk about the IF Campaign and to encourage him to write to both David Cameron and George Osborne. Marc Prowe is contacting Gordon Brown.

Poverty and hope - Information on where those in need can go for help and hope is posted on the Presbytery website. www.presbyteryofkirkcaldy.org.uk

Food Bank - Is there a need for a foodbank in Kirkcaldy? Please contact Rev Marc or Cllr Judy Hamilton if you are interested in getting involved. Please praise and thank God for the longstanding efforts of the food-parcel system of Glenrothes: St.Ninians and the Salvation Army Kirkcaldy, among many, many others.

So Say Scotland - With the referendum of 2014 coming up, the Church and Society Council of the Church of Scotland met on 28th February to enable discussion, in partnership with Future of Scotland, SCVO, Electoral Reform Society and others. What values are most important to you for the Future of Scotland? How can we make Scotland a better place to be? How do we put our values into practical action? www.sosayscotland.org/ makingithappenfolk@gmail.com

The former **St Andrew's Church**, Kirkcaldy was recently sold and is now the home of the Redeemed Church of God, Open Heavens, Fife. The mother church is in Nigeria and the Scottish base in Aberdeen.

A vacancy has arisen for a salaried **Organist/Choirleader** at Glenrothes: St Ninian's. Contact Myra Deas for more information. 01592 755074 myradeas@blueyonder.co.uk

Presbytery meets next on Tuesday 7 May 2013 at 7.00pm in the St Bryce Kirk Centre, Kirkcaldy, for the transaction of ordinary business.