



Presbytery of Kirkcaldy

Presbytery Précis - March 2015

In his opening worship the Moderator, Rev Robin McAlpine showed a video clip of Martin Luther King Jr delivering his 'mountaintop' address. He then asked the question, 'Who speaks a word to the nations today? Who speaks a prophetic word?' He went on to say that the challenge to the church is to put our head above the parapet and speak God's word to the nation, a word of hope.

Fife Pilgrim Way – Presbytery was addressed by Nick Cooke of the Fife Pilgrim Way Community Engagement Project. 500 years ago St Andrews was one of the key pilgrimage sites in Europe alongside Rome and Santiago de Compostela. He talked about the resurgence of interest in pilgrimage and the opportunity pilgrimage presents to reposition faith in people's lives. The Fife Pilgrim Way is an exciting new long distance walk under development, following in the footsteps of medieval pilgrims through the heart of Fife. The input and involvement of local communities is of key importance and to that end a series of drop in events have been planned. For more information visit www.fifecoastandcountrysidetrust.co.uk The two events in Kirkcaldy Presbytery are:

Glenrothes Heritage Centre, Sat 11 April, 12.00pm – 3.00pm

Kennoway Library, Sat 18 April, 10.00am – 12.30pm

Commissioners to the General Assembly - Presbytery appointed Revs Wilma Cairns, Elisabeth Cranfield, Ken Froude, Robin McAlpine, Alistair Roy, Alan Sharp, Mrs Jacqueline Thomson DCS, Mrs Sheena Briggs [St. Ninian's], Mrs Fiona Cunningham [Torbain], Mr Graham Harrower [Bennoch], Mrs Jean Levack [Buckhaven & Wemyss], Mrs May Russell [Methilhill and Denbeath] and Mrs Mary Tulloch [Kinghorn] as its Commissioners to the 2015 General Assembly.

Annual Inspection of Records - The annual inspection of records will take place in St. Bryce Kirk Centre, Kirkcaldy on Monday 20th April from 9.30am onwards. Session Clerks have information.

Fellowship Meal – The annual fellowship meal will be held prior to the June meeting. Menus and booking forms will be sent out in May.

Representative Elders and Additional Elders - Congregations are asked to submit names of representative elders and additional elders to serve on Presbytery for the year 2015/2016 to the Clerk by 19th June 2015. 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

New Appointments - Presbytery appointed Rev Ken Froude as Interim Moderator at Wellesley Church during the minister's period of absence. It appointed Rev Robin McAlpine as Convener of the Business Committee and Rev James Reid as Convener of the Ministries Committee for the session 2015/16. Notice was given that the name of Rev. Rosemary Frew will be brought to the next meeting of Presbytery to serve as Moderator for the ensuing year.

Interim Moderators – Presbytery is very reliant upon and very grateful to a number of elders who serve as Interim Moderators in Vacancies. If you, or an elder you know, would be interested in exploring this particular service please contact Jacqueline Thomson or the Clerk.

Fewer Ministers, More Ministries Report and Questionnaire - It is the intention of the Ministries Committee to use the statistical analysis from this Report and Questionnaire by sharing it with Ministries Council to provide data on how our congregations within Presbytery are considering tackling the anticipated reduction in ministry posts within the Church. The Ministries Committee asked Presbytery to refer the question of offering practical training in this regard to the Mission and Discipleship Committee.

Study Leave Applications – Presbytery approved Study Leave applications submitted by Rev Robin McAlpine and Rev Rosie Frew. Robin plans to visit one of our Mission Partners, Jenny Featherstone, at Chodort College in Zambia. Rosie plans to visit Peru with Traidcraft to see Fairtrade at work and to see the difference it makes. Both applications have now to be approved by the Ministries Council.

The God Question – The Mission and Discipleship Committee reported that it had received positive feedback from 'The God Question' presentation on Tuesday 3 February. Over 100 people attended from most of the congregations in our Presbytery, and six from St Andrews Presbytery. A set of resources has been purchased by the committee. These are being kept in the Presbytery Office and can be loaned out to congregations. Contact Beryl Luke if you wish to borrow them. The resource provokes a lot of discussion and debate and the committee is considering how best to promote this in our Presbytery.

M&D Musings – The latest edition has been sent out to congregational contacts.

Education Rep – A member of Dunfermline Presbytery has submitted an application to be church representative for Education on Fife Council. There were two expressions of interest from members of our Presbytery but both were happy that the post will be filled and were prepared to step aside.

Churches' Mutual Credit Union – The Church and Society Convener, Rev Alan Kimmitt, spoke about the recently launched Churches' Mutual Credit Union. He encouraged ministers, congregational trustees (including elders), church employees and their household members to consider joining – www.cmcu.org.uk

Support for St Mark's Coptic Orthodox Church - Following the beheading of Coptic Christians in Libya on February 15th (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-31481797>) the committee contacted Bryan Tomlinson, who has links with St Mark's Coptic Orthodox Church in Kirkcaldy. Bryan visited the church on Sunday 1 March and expressed our concern and support. He also took a message of support from the Moderator of the General Assembly.

Betty Scott – Presbytery said farewell and thank you to Betty Scott (Auchterderran Kinglassie) who is moving to Oban to be near her family. Betty has served Presbytery as Precentor and World Mission contact, organising visits from our Missionary Partners. We wish her God's blessing.

Easter Labyrinth in Kinghorn Parish Church Halls - The Easter Labyrinth will give the opportunity to walk through our Lord's journey to the cross. There will be symbols to handle and look at to allow time to reflect on Christ's suffering for our sake. It will help us to think and pray about our own lives and about people who are suffering in the World today. This is a free event open to all. The Labyrinth will be open on
Tuesday 31st of March, 1.30pm - 4.00pm & 6.00pm - 8.30pm
Wednesday 1st April, 1.30pm - 4.00pm & 6.00pm - 8.30pm
Thursday 2nd April, 1.30pm - 4.00pm
Friday 3rd April, 1.30 pm - 4.00pm

Saturday 9 May, 7.30pm – Gala Concert by the Glasgow Phoenix Choir in Wellesley Parish Church, Methil, in aid of the Hall Development Fund. Tickets £10. Presbyters have information poster.

"The Amazing Love Tour" Concert - Clive Parnell, Christian singer and songwriter, and band. Saturday 23rd. May 2015 at 7.30pm in Burntisland Parish Church Hall, West Leven Street. Tickets are £5.00 from Ann Smith, Tel 01592 873994, or from Chapter & Verse, High Street, Burntisland, or at the door. e-mail - asmith461937@gmail.com Proceeds to Mission Aviation Fellowship

Presbytery meets next on Tuesday 30 June 2015 at 7.15pm in St Bryce Kirk, Kirkcaldy for the transaction of ordinary business. The Presbytery Meal is at 6.00pm.