



Presbytery of Kirkcaldy

Presbytery Précis - May 2013

REMINDER - 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.

REMINDER – Heart and Soul – Sunday 19 May, 1.00pm – 6.00pm in Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh. A day of celebration for the Church of Scotland.

REMINDER – General Assembly – Saturday 18 May – Friday 24 May. George Luke is distributing a special edition of Prayer Call.

In his opening worship the Moderator, Rev Tony Fowler, read from Isaiah 55 and reminded us that in those days, as now, our choices have consequences. We have to choose between the secular and the godly, the world's way or God's way.

The Moderator paid tribute to Mrs Constance Roberston who died last month. Constance (Connie) served Presbytery faithfully and well over many years as our Church and Society Convener and as our Ecumenical Officer. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband and family as well as with the congregation of Glenrothes: St Ninian's where she was an elder, organist and choir leader.

Inspection and Attestation of Congregational Records - The annual inspection of records was conducted on 17th April 2013 and Presbytery commended congregations for the quality of their record keeping.

Representative Elders and Additional Elders - Congregations are asked to submit names of representative elders and additional elders to serve on Presbytery for the year 2013/14 to the Clerk by 21 June. 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.

Commission of Assembly - Rev. Alex Forsyth and Miss Dorothy Murray were appointed to serve on the Commission of Assembly for 2013/14. (The Commission of Assembly meets, when required, between General Assemblies to hear appeals etc)

Financial Support for Presbytery Candidates - Presbytery agreed to show its support for candidates from Kirkcaldy Presbytery in training for the ministry or the Ordained Local Ministry by making a payment of £250 to them in their first year. The four candidates currently in training will receive that payment now.

Safeguarding – In 2010-11, following the instruction of the General Assembly of 2010, Tom Conway, our Presbytery safeguarding trainer, visited every Kirk Session in the Presbytery and carried out the '*Kirk Session, roles and responsibilities*' training material. As some Elders were not able to attend and new Elders will have been ordained since then, this material will again be offered to Kirk Sessions. The number of training sessions will be based on Kirk Session responses and will be offered on a presbytery wide basis.

Christian Aid Week begins on Sunday and focuses on the IF campaign. The IF campaign wants to end global hunger and is ecumenical and inter-faith. www.enoughfoodif.org

Fife Directory – Fife Council is compiling a directory giving information to those in need. We are making our Presbytery directory available. It is posted on the Presbytery website. www.presbyteryofkirkcaldy.org.uk Please make Marc Prowe aware of any updates.

Requests – there are requests for chaplains / volunteers from NHS hospitals for “after-hospital” community befrienders; the YMCA Kirkcaldy, both for their befrienders “One to One” scheme, and for a chaplain within Youth Work setting; Samaritans for volunteers; Street Pastors for volunteers; and WPCScotland.co.uk workplace chaplaincy.

Foodbanks are mushrooming in Levenmouth, Glenrothes and Kirkcaldy. Look out for further details and for ways that you can get involved.

Templehall and Levenmouth workers forums – Marc drew our attention to these. A worker forum is a chance for different agencies (health workers, council agencies and charities) comparing notes.

Inter-faith – Any congregation involved in an inter-faith (as opposed to ecumenical) venture is asked to contact Marc Prowe with details.

What Scotland do you want to see? – To enable discussion on the 2014 referendum and the future of Scotland log on to www.sosayscotland.org/ or contact makingithappenfolk@gmail.com

Invoices for Work Done – Please note that in cases where committee and/or Presbytery approval has been given for proposed works to proceed, or for the release of funds held in the consolidated Fabric Fund, congregations are required to submit a copy of final invoices to the Fabric and Finance Committee upon completion of the work.

KART and GROW – Presbytery was made aware that funding from the Church of Scotland’s ‘Go For It’ Fund has ceased for GROW (Glenrothes ReachOut Worker) and will soon cease for KART (Kirkcaldy Area Reachout Trust). It is ‘pump-priming’ funding to get a venture up and running. Congregations are encouraged to give financial support where possible to enable this valuable work to continue.

Union – The congregations of Auchterderran St Fothad’s and Kinglassie have indicated their desire to unite, in accordance with the Presbytery Plan. The new congregation will be known as Cardenden Kinglassie Parish Church and will retain its two places of worship. A Service of Union will be held later in the year.

Trip to Northern Ireland – Robin McAlpine informed Presbyters of a trip in September to Corrymeela and Belfast being organised by Bob Purdie, a member of his congregation and an expert on Ireland. Presbyters have information or you can contact Bob at purdie.bob@googlemail.com or 01592 646681

Presbytery meets next on Tuesday 25 June 2013 at 7.15pm in the St Bryce Kirk Centre, Kirkcaldy, for the transaction of ordinary business. The annual Presbytery meal is at 6.00pm.