



Presbytery of Kirkcaldy

Presbytery Précis - October 2011

In her opening worship the Moderator, Rev Wilma Cairns reflected on persistence and the power of persistent prayer.

It was a fairly short meeting of Presbytery (as Presbytery meetings go) but with a lot of information about resources and reminders about forthcoming events.....

Roths Trinity: Representatives from the congregations of Leslie: Trinity, Glenrothes: St Columba's and Glenrothes St Ninian's were present to hear Presbytery's approval of their Basis of Parish Grouping. The Parish Grouping is to be referred to as Roth's Trinity.

Presbytery Retreat – Rev John McLean and his Committee were thanked for organising a most enjoyable day with Very Rev Andrew McLellan.

Retirement – Rev Jamie Templeton has intimated to Presbytery that he intends to retire on 18 March 2012.

Local Assessors – The Ministries Committee invites application from anyone interested in training as a local assessor for Ordained Local Ministry. There is a training day in January.

REMINDER - Presbytery Planning Questionnaire – Replies to Rev Andrew Donald by 31st October.

Prayer Promoters – George Luke, Presbytery's Prayer Co-ordinator spoke of the wonderful resource we have in our Prayer Promoters. Congregations are encouraged to use the gifts of their Prayer Promoters within all aspects of church and parish life.

REMINDER - National Stewardship Programme - congregations are asked to nominate up to four members to attend the launch of the Programme in the Presbytery of Kirkcaldy in St Bryce Kirk on Thursday 27th October 2011 at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Replies to the Committee by 10 October, please.

Safeguarding – Presbyters have a sheet summarising the implications of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 for Kirk Sessions and congregations.

Safeguarding Training in Bennoch Church on 8 October – 4 places left. Training for Co-ordinators in Auchterderran: St Fothad's on Saturday 26 November, 9.00am-4.00pm. If you are interested in attending either of these events, or if your congregation wants to book some training please contact Taylor Bell on 01333 351050 taylor.bell@sky.com

The People's Bible – Come along and write 2 verses in the People's Bible.... Tuesday 18 October in Morrison's Car Park, Glenrothes, Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd October in the Mercat Shopping Centre, Kirkcaldy. Volunteers needed in both venues – contact Rev John McLean john@mcleanmail.me.uk or Rev John Thomson j.thomson10@sky.com for more details. Presbyters also have information sheets.

Celebration Day in Kirkcaldy High School - Saturday 24 March 2012 – A day for every congregation in the Presbytery. Celebrating, Discovering, Sharing the Kingdom in the Kingdom. There will be worship, workshops, prayer, displays, resources..... Put the date in the diary now! How can your congregation get involved?

Pray it Forward – Presbyters were handed prayer cards to use and then hand on. This is an initiative of the Mission and Discipleship Council. A box of 80 assorted cards is £5, 3 boxes for £12. Order from mandd@cofscotland.org.uk , 0131 225 5722 (ask for Lesley Cameron, Mission and Discipleship Council).

Prayer Call – A lot of work goes into the production of the monthly Prayer Call. Please use it in your congregations – include it on the intimation sheet each Sunday, copy it or e-mail it round.... In addition there is now an annual Prayer Diary to help you pray regularly for our Presbytery.

Nominations - Nomination to the Councils and Committees of the Church of Scotland: At this time of year Presbyteries, Ministers and Session Clerks are asked to make nominations for possible appointment to the Councils and Standing Committees of the General Assembly. The Nomination Committee is looking for members, elders, deacons and ministers with skills and experience that will be of use in a particular area of work. Ministers and Session Clerks have nomination forms. Sam Dryburgh sits on the Nomination Committee and he would appreciate knowing who has been nominated from our Presbytery. (dryburgh1839@fsmail.net)

Prisoners Week, 20-27 November 2011 - This is an opportunity to remember all in our communities who are affected by crime and imprisonment – prisoners and their families, victims of crime and those who work within the Criminal Justice System. Information from www.PrisonersWeekScotland.org.uk

Church of Scotland HIV Programme – Advent Calendars and Souper Sunday resources available. Contact hiv@cofscotland.org.uk or 0131 225 5722, or log onto www.churchofscotland.org.uk/speak_out

REMINDER - Pastoral Ministries Workshops Day – Saturday 29 October, 9.30am-4.00pm. £10 for the day. Booking forms to Beryl Luke by 16 October 2011.

Workshops to choose from: Visiting in Bereavement and Loss - Sadie Elliott, Reader and Adult Trainer in West Lothian Presbytery; Transition from Home to Care - how the church help? - led by Mary Moffett, Training Coordinator for Faith in Older People; Caring for those with Learning Disabilities - led by Ginnie Wilkie, Adult Trainer in Dunkeld & Meigle Presbytery; Safeguarding Requirements and Pastoral Care - led by Andy Strachan, Training & Development Adviser for the Church of Scotland's Safeguarding Service; Pastoral Care of Young People - led by Beryl Luke, Adult Trainer in Kirkcaldy Presbytery.

Presbytery meets next on Tuesday 1 November 2011 at 7.00pm in Buckhaven and Wemyss Church (Buckhaven building) for a Celebration of the Lord's Supper followed by a Conference Session.