



Presbytery of Kirkcaldy

Presbytery Précis - October 2012

In his opening worship the Moderator, Rev Tony Fowler, spoke of his hero – Philip the Evangelist – but remarked that it was unlikely in today's world that we would chance upon someone reading the Book of Isaiah and desperate to hear the Christian message. Today the church is regarded by many as an irrelevance. That doesn't mean we back off. We're not separate from society and its problems. The message of Isaiah was a message of God's grace. We must share God's love and God's desire to forgive and transform – though your sins are like scarlet they shall be as snow. Grace doesn't mean downplaying sin. Grace rejected means judgement. Our first word must always be a word of grace. Tony ended with a challenge - if we don't speak out, who will?

GROW and KART – Presbytery welcomed Gwyneth Duff and Chris Beattie of GROW and KART. They shared some of the highlights of their last year. Gwyneth spoke of the Personal Search Week at Auchmuty which was well received by pupils and teachers, new SU groups and H2O events for the young folk from all the Glenrothes churches. She asked for prayer for a new venture – Prayer Spaces – and for the development of H2O. Chris spoke of new SU groups and of Activity Days held on school in-service days in the local churches. He asked for prayer for a Personal Search Week in Viewforth in March and for the development of Activity Days.

Moderator's Visit – Rt Rev Albert Bogle visited the new Victoria Hospital on Thursday 5 September. It was a very encouraging and informative visit. Andrew Donald met Albert and took him to the hospital. Marc Prowe and Wilma Cairns joined Mark Evans and the Chaplaincy Team on the tour of the hospital. Rosie Frew delivered Albert safely back to the station. Marc and Wilma's reflections on the day can be found on the website.

Presbytery Plan – There will be a special meeting of Presbytery on Tuesday 20 November to discuss and approve the Presbytery Plan. Andrew Donald hopes to have papers ready for distribution in late October.

Dysart St Clair – The Service of Union takes place on Thursday 4 October. Rev Alexandra Rosener has been appointed Interim Moderator. Alex Redpath and May Russell were warmly thanked for their service as Interim Moderators of Kirkcaldy: Viewforth with Thornton and Dysart.

Ministry and Mission Allocations for 2013 - the proposed M and M Allocations for 2013 were received and remitted to congregations. Presbytery has power to reduce the proposed allocation by 3%. Any congregation wishing to apply for a reduction from the proposed allocation should make application on the form issued at the last Presbytery. Any such applications should be made to the Convener of the Fabric and Finance Committee by e-mail (H6AFM @yahoo.co.uk) on or before 9th November 2012. ***Please note that this is far earlier than in previous years.***

Committee on Church Art and Architecture – congregations must contact the Committee in the early stages of planning for alterations and development. They must contact the Committee prior to the installation of projection screens and audio-visual equipment to ensure that the worship function and aesthetic quality of the Church building are protected

Recycle Church Furnishings – Please use CARTA's web based Exchange and Transfer service to enable the appropriate recycling of church furnishings.

Attestation of Congregational Accounts – Rev Richard Baxter reported on behalf of the Accounts Attestation Committee which has examined the 2011 Accounts. Two congregations had significant shortcomings, seven had minor shortcomings and 18 were satisfactory. Congregational Boards and Kirk Sessions are reminded of the importance of ensuring that issues highlighted by the Committee are fully addressed. Presbytery thanked treasurers, finance teams and independent examiners for their diligent work and for the ever improving quality of the Accounts

presented. Presbytery also thanked Richard and his team - Olive Gardiner, Steve Pimentil, Bert Simpson and Sam Dryburgh - for their work.

Presbytery Planning Task Group – A Convener is still to be appointed for this important group. Ken Froude has been appointed to facilitate further conversation concerning the Plan

Presbytery and Parish Workers – Presbytery heard of concern surrounding the issuing of a recent consultation document by the Ministries Council relating to a proposed Terms and Conditions Review for PPWs. The importance of the work done by our PPWs was affirmed.

Ruth Reidpath – Ruth was our Youth Rep at the General Assembly and she reported on her busy week. She greatly enjoyed the fellowship of the other Youth Reps, the good preparation for each day's business and the evident passion and support of Commissioners.

Prayer – George Luke spoke about a Presbytery Prayer Pilgrimage which will start in Templehall Church. The Presbytery banner along with prayers and greetings will travel round all the churches in the Presbytery. Orders for **Pray Now** to George by the end of October. Cost - £6. Orders of 10 or more £5.60. georgeluke.kdy@googlemail.com

Conference on Ministry and Mission Allocations and Insurance – This Conference will be held on Thursday 25 October in Kirkcaldy: St Bryce from 7.00pm. Treasurers and Finance Conveners and others interested in issues related to M and M Allocations and Insurances are invited to attend. Names of delegates to Andrew Moore h6afm@yahoo.co.uk by 13 October.

Safeguarding Training – Training for Volunteers, Pastoral Care Visitors etc on Saturday 3 November, 9.15 for 9.30am start in St Kenneth's, Kennoway. To book please contact Taylor Bell taylor.bell@sky.com

Leading Worship Workshops – These will be held on Saturday 3 November. Presbyters have information. Interested? Contact our Adult Trainer, Beryl Luke berylluke@googlemail.com

Corrymeela Community – Inderjit Bhogal, leader of the Corrymeela Community will be speaking in Bennoch Church on Sunday 18 November at 7.00pm.

Peace and Justice in the Holy Land - Presbytery urges worship leaders, Kirk Sessions and congregations to engage with peace and justice issues in the Holy Land (Israel and Palestine), taking inspiration from the "Invest in Peace" resources provided by the World Mission Council.

Ecumenical Friend – The Church and Society Committee is still looking for someone to be an "ecumenical friend. There is a lot of previous good work and contacts to build on. Interested in finding out more? Contact Marc Prowe marc@linktown.org.uk or kirkcaldy@cofscotland.org.uk

SRT – Speakers from the Society, Religion and Technology Project are most willing to visit congregations and church groups. www.srtp.org.uk/

Christians Against Poverty – Alan Sharp spoke about the importance of this work. Befrienders are needed to work alongside the CAP worker supported by Burntisland Church.

Bibleworld Mobile will be in Kirkcaldy from 29 October – 9 November. There will hopefully be a couple of open evenings. More information to follow.

Intimations – Presbytery intimations to the Clerk by 12 noon on the day of Presbytery for display on the screen and inclusion on the website. www.presbyteryofkirkcaldy.org.uk

Presbytery meets next on Tuesday 6 November 2012 at 7.00pm in Templehall Parish Church for a Celebration of the Lord's Supper followed by a Conference led by Kathy Galloway, Head of Christian Aid Scotland.