



Presbytery of Kirkcaldy

Presbytery Précis -September 2012

In her opening worship the Moderator, Rev Wilma Cairns, took us back to the description of the early church found at the end of Acts 2, a picture of the church that should be our inspiration.

Moderator – Rev Tony Fowler, Minister of Kirkcaldy: Templehall, was appointed Moderator for 2012-2013. The outgoing Moderator, Rev Wilma Cairns, spoke of the experience which he brings to the post along with his dedication and humour and wished him God's blessing in the year ahead. The man of humour began by telling Presbytery that the experience that he brought of Moderating a Presbytery was many years ago – and he only lasted 3 months before he was off....to a new charge. On behalf of Presbytery Tony thanked Wilma for serving Presbytery as Moderator, for her thoughtful worship, her grace and sensitivity, and for leading Presbytery in several special services in the course of the year.

Website – www.presbyteryofkirkcaldy.org.uk – Presbytery was guided through the features of the new Presbytery website by Rev Alex Forsyth and Ken Wilkie, an elder at Markinch. Presbyters are urged to make use of the website, submit news and diary dates, and ensure that the information about their congregation is up to date and accurate. Presbytery thanked Alex and Ken in particular for all the work that has gone into getting the site up and running. Day to day updating of the site will now be done by Rosie Frew and George Luke. Any new information to them please. PLEASE LOG ON AND HAVE A LOOK!

Presbytery Accounts 2011/12 - the accounts for 2011/12 along with the budget for 2012/13 were presented by the Presbytery Treasurer, Jean Webster. The accounts were approved and now go to be independently examined. The budget was approved and Presbytery agreed to assess congregations within the bounds at the rate of £1.85 per member on the rolls as at 31st December 2011 as shown in the Returns of Persons and Agencies, and instructs that payment be made by cheque to the Treasurer on or before 1st November 2012. Presbytery thanked (in anticipation) Andrew Duncan and William Aitken for their examination of the accounts and thanked Jean for carrying out the duties of Presbytery Treasurer with diligence and care.

Service of Union – The Service of Union for the new charge of Dysart St Clair will be held in Dysart on Thursday 4 October at 7.00pm. Presbytery meets at 6.45pm.

Thornton – Presbytery approved the appointment of Ian Biernat, Reader, as Locum and Interim Moderator at Thornton Parish Church from Thursday 4 October.

Leslie: Trinity – Rev Alistair McLeod has taken over from Rev Mitchell Collins as Interim Moderator. Presbytery thanked Mitchell for his faithful service.

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 Ministry and Mission Allocations and Insurances are invited to attend. Presbyters have details. Names of delegates to Andrew Moore h6afm@yahoo.co.uk by 13 October.

Applications for Reductions in M and M Allocations – An application form and guidelines have been produced. Presbyters have copies.

Moderator's Visit – Rt Rev Albert Bogle and his wife are visiting the new Victoria Hospital on Thursday 5 September. This is a follow-up to a visit made by Very Rev David Lunan when he visited Kirkcaldy Presbytery. At that time the building work had just begun. The visit is to encourage staff and to emphasise the shared task of healing.

Bike and Hike – Marc Prowe thanked all those who took part in Bike and Hike on Saturday 1 September. A montage of photos was shown at the meeting. Marc and the folks from EMMS would like to evaluate the event so please send any comments to him. marc@linktown.org.uk

Information Please – In June Marc put out a request for information about what churches are doing to help combat poverty locally. Only one congregation replied....he would like to hear more!

Things happening around the Presbytery...

Session Clerks' Training – Thursday 20 September, 7.00-9.00pm in Templehall Church Hall.

The African Children's Choir – The Choir will be performing in Bennochty Parish Church on Friday 21 September, 7.30pm. All welcome. Come early for a good seat!

Flower Festival in Auchterderran St Fothad's – 26, 27, 28 September. Concert by Rosyth Concert Band in aid of DAPL in Auchterderran St Fothad's Hall on 28 September at 7.30pm.

World's Biggest Coffee Morning, McMillan Cancer Support – Saturday 29 September, 10.00am-12noon in St Bryce Kirk.

Tax Justice Bus – Christian Aid's Tax Justice Bus will be in Edinburgh on Wednesday 3 October.

Holy Whitewater – Rev Scott Burton will be speaking about his new book 'Holy Whitewater' on Wednesday 3 October at 7.00pm in St Kenneth's, Kennoway

Safeguarding Training – Training for Volunteers on Saturday 3 November, 9.15 for 9.30am start in St Kenneth's, Kennoway. Any Safeguarding queries contact Taylor Bell taylor.bell@sky.com

Leading Worship Workshops – These will be held on Saturday 3 November. More information coming soon. Interested? Contact our Adult Trainer, Beryl Luke berylluke@gmail.com

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

Projector – St Bryce Kirk has a video projector that is 'surplus to requirement'. Interested? Enter into negotiations with Ken Froude or the St Bryce Office kenfroude@blueyonder.co.uk

Ecumenical Friend - If you love meeting people from other churches, widening your own and other views of faith and church, occasionally meeting or being in touch; if you love hearing what is going on elsewhere, and passing on essential information; if a different creed does not abhor you, but if a shared love of God buoys you up; THEN YOU ARE THE PERSON WE ARE AFTER. You could be our "ecumenical friend", feeding into Kirkcaldy Presbytery's Church & Society Committee. Your help would be much appreciated. There is a national Church of Scotland network of help to support you, The Ecumenical Relations Committee. And locally there is previous good work and contacts to build on. Interested in finding out more? Contact Marc Prowe marc@linktown.org.uk or Rosie Frew, our Presbytery Clerk kirkcaldy@cofscotland.org.uk

More info from www.churchofscotland.org.uk/ Click on Councils and Committees, then Ecumenical Relations.

Presbytery meets next on Tuesday 2 October 2012 at 7.00pm in the St Bryce Kirk Centre for the transaction of ordinary business.