

Abbotshall Church**Thursday 29th May 2014**

which place and date the Kirk Session met and was duly convened with prayer.

- Sederunt** Rev R Frew with I Anderson, M Baxendine, A Duncan, R Duncan, A Elder, T Espie, E Fraser, Jane Gilmour, Jim Gilmour, R Kirkhope, J McLeod, M Michael, D Murray, J Napier, B Page, M Petrie, M Scriven, J Scott, A Steward.
- Apologies** P Bell, J Browning, I Clark, S Docherty, R Henderson, R Macintyre, R Michael, A Moyes, E Smith.
- Minutes** The minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 30th April 2014 were approved.
- Matters Arising** Jim Gilmour has agreed to remain as Presbytery Elder.
- Communion** Church was set up prior to the meeting, everything in hand for Sunday morning.
- Stewardship** The recently printed Church Newsletter contains a letter from Jim Browning accompanied by 3 leaflets supplied by 121. These were delivered in addressed envelopes to each household.
- The Michael Family Concert on Friday 23rd May, a spin-off from stewardship, was a big success. Over £4,500 was raised. Grateful thanks were recorded to Richard, Joanna and Hilary for the giving of their time and talent to the church in this way. Thanks also to Jane Gilmour who was the ‘event manager’ and her team, especially Jim Gilmour, for all their hard work.
- Richard recorded the concert and is hoping to produce CDs. Due to copyright these cannot be sold but donations could be sought!
- Safeguarding** Michael Baxendine indicated that all elders must undertake part one of the Safeguarding training. He will keep us informed of dates. (As a Session we underwent training in February 2009 with Tom Conway. It should be updated every 5 years.)
- Presbytery Update** No Presbytery meeting since our last Session meeting.
- Prayer Pilgrimage** The Moderator advised Session that George Luke, the Presbytery Prayer Promoter, is organising a Prayer Pilgrimage on Saturday 7th June. 10.00am – a time of prayer in Abbotshall. 11.00am – We move on to Auchtertool. 12noon – Presbytery wide gathering in St Bryce Kirk followed by coffee / packed lunch.
- Pastoral Care Update** Willie Beveridge is making slow progress following his shoulder injury. His confidence has taken a real knock. Jean Napier encouraged elders to phone / visit.

Diary dates	As in previous minute.
General Assembly Report	The Moderator and Session Clerk had both attended the General Assembly which met in Edinburgh last week, 17 th - 23 rd May. Morag shared her thoughts on the week. She praised the Moderator, John Chalmers, for his skilful leading of the Assembly. Rosie advised on the impact of the legislation on Ministers in Civil Partnerships which is coming down to Presbyteries for approval under the Barrier Act. If approved, then during any time of vacancy the Kirk Session will have to decide if they wish to consider a candidate who is in a civil partnership or not.
Christian Aid	Euan Fraser thanked his dedicated team of 20 collectors. The Abbotshall total was £2,150, slightly up on last year. Linktown had not taken part in the collection this year so Abbotshall had collected in some of their usual streets. This will be reviewed for next year. The Moderator thanked Euan for all his hard work.
OLM Probationer	Rosie advised that she has been asked to take a student on his final training placement (probation) for Ordained Local Ministry (non-stipendiary ministry). James Bissett should be with us from November for approx. 10 hours a week for 9 months.
Dates of next meetings	It was agreed to continue alternating Session meetings between Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Wednesday 3 September – Kirk Session in the Church Thursday 25 September – Congregational Board Thursday 30 October – Kirk Session Wednesday 26 November – Kirk Session
Closing Prayer	The meeting was closed by the Session saying “ <i>The Grace</i> ” together.
Action Items	Safeguarding training dates – Michael Baxendine

Minute Clerk

Moderator