

Abbotshall Church**Thursday 31st October 2013**

which place and date the Kirk Session met. The Minister read from Paul's letter to the Hebrews Ch12, V1-3 and two modern hymns for All Saints Day. The meeting was then convened with prayer.

- Sederunt** Rev R Frew with I Anderson, P Bell, J Browning, I Clark, A Duncan, R Duncan, T Espie, B Farrell, Jane Gilmour, Jim Gilmour, R Henderson, J McLeod, M Michael, M Petrie, J Scott, M Scriven, A Steward, G Webster.
- Apologies** M Baxendine, S Docherty, J Farrell, J Henderson, G Houston, R Macintyre, R Michael, D Murray, A Moyes, J Napier, B Page, E Smith, J Scott.
- Minutes** The minutes of the meeting on Thursday 5th September 2013 were approved.
- Matters Arising**
- No appointment of Depute Clerk had been made.
 - Anne Gardener had been appointed as Prayer Promoter.
 - The church had been set up for Communion prior to the meeting.
 - Five elders had attended the 'Dementia Training.'
 - Alan Mentiplay's family had enquired about space in the graveyard. The Minister had been advised that there was no space available in Eddie Speed's garden. She had been in contact with Bereavement Services who advised her that after the work is done to restore the graveyard wall some space may become available, however, there was already a strong demand for this.
- Timing of Meetings** A proposal document had been circulated and subsequently the following meeting dates were agreed:-
- Thursday, 30 January--Trustees and Congregational Board
 - Wednesday, 26 February--Kirk Session
 - Thursday, 27 March--Trustees and Congregational Board
 - Wednesday, 30 April--Kirk Session
 - Thursday 29th May—Kirk Session.
- Five meeting dates after the summer will be arrange later.
- Eldership Consultation** An eldership consultation paper from the Church of Scotland's Mission and Discipleship Council had been circulated by email. Paper copies were provided and elders were asked to study the document and be prepared to complete the questionnaire at the next meeting.
- New Elders** It was intimated that more elders were required and that proposals should be made to either Rosie or Morag.
- Roll Re-organisation** Morag stated that with the new communion invitations there had been an opportunity to visit all the members again. She noted, however, that there are many members who never speak to their

Elder or have any other form of contact with the worshipping church. Consequently she was intending to reorganise the elders' districts to ease the work load on each Elder. To help with this the postal district for members not wishing a visit from their Elder would be extended. Elders were asked to advise her of members in their district with whom they had little or no contact.

Nominations to Church Boards and Committees

Rosie advised that there were opportunities to be involved in the wider work of the Church. She read from the list of Church Boards and Committees which is to be found on the church's website. Those interested needed to offer specific skills and should contact her.

Celebrate and Discover

A report was given by Morna Scriven.

Plans on behalf of Abbotshall Church are underway. Morna Scriven, Anne Moyes and Jenny McLeod have met twice now and have also visited the Craft Group to get them involved. They will meet again in January to discuss materials needed from groups and organisations of the church to complete Abbotshall's display and put forward how we live out the words 'I am the vine and you are the branches'.

Beryl Luke sent a flyer for church newsletters which will go into our newsletter on 10th November. This was also sent round the Session on Sunday prior to the newsletter.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY FOR 2014....
COMING SOON!**



**SATURDAY MARCH 22ND 2014
KIRKCALDY HIGH SCHOOL**

10AM TO 5PM

CLOSING PRAISE SERVICE AT 4PM

Our theme is "I am the vine, and you are the branches"

**Come and see the wide variety of displays and
resources that show this theme in action in**

congregations around the Presbytery!

Be part of our "Here's an idea" workshops

**Join in the music group and choir which will be formed
for the Praise event**

**Bring the family - something for all ages including a
children's activity area**

Visit the Prayer zone which includes a Prayer Journey

designed for Holy Week
In the foyer there will be a large selection of
exhibitors and resources available
Be part of this exciting event organised by the Mission
and Worship team in Kirkcaldy Presbytery

We have been asked to remind members of the need for volunteers to help on the day and those wishing to join in the events. Stewards are needed to help navigate people round the High School both inside and outside. Singers are needed to join the choir and musicians to play in the band at the closing worship.

If you think you would like to help then please let either Rosie, the Minister, Jenny McLeod, our Presbytery Elder, Anne Moyes or Morna Scriven know. Presbytery Team needs to know this by 15th November.

Presbytery website is at www.presbyteryofkirkcaldy.org.uk where you can find out more information.

Safeguarding

Two members of the pastoral care team were due to complete their training on the following Saturday leaving only one for further training.

Presbytery Update

There had not been a meeting since the 3rd September. A Service of Union for the charge of Auchterderran Kinglassie had been held on Sunday 27th October. A sole nominee was to preach for the charge of Dysart St Clair on the following Sunday.

Pastoral Care Update

Anne updated the Session about the health of members. She had resolved the problems associated with the Christmas gift list by restricting gifts to those in care homes. She also demonstrated a Christmas card which could be used as a calendar. This was to be sent to all members as an alternative to the gifts. The card/calendars were to be delivered by the newsletter distributors in early December.

Diary Dates

Sunday 3 November, 9.00am and 11.00am – Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Friday 8 November 9.40am, 11.00am, 1.40pm – Kirkcaldy West School visit to Abbotshall
Saturday 9 November, 10.00am-12noon – Christmas Fayre
Sunday 10 November, 10.50am – Remembrance Sunday Service
Thursday 21 November, 7.00pm – Consultation on Shaping the Future of the Church, Kinross
Wed 27 and Thurs 28 November – Christian Resources

Exhibition, Ingliston

Thursday 28 November, 2.00pm – Thursday Fellowship Group
(St Andrew’s Day Celebration)

Thursday 28 November, 7.30pm – Kirk Session meeting

Saturday 14 December, 10.00am-12noon – Christmas Coffee

Morning

AOCB

Jim Browning reminded the Session that the *Stewardship of Money* was the theme for next year’s stewardship month in September. Subsequent to the treasurer’s report at the last Congregational Board meeting he had prepared a paper to be reviewed with the treasurer, discussed with a small working party and then brought to the Congregational Board at its January meeting. He asked the Session for their prayers for this matter.

Having prepared the church for the formal Communion service Rosie asked for volunteers to organise this in future.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Session meeting will be on Thursday 28th November 2013.

Closing Prayer

The meeting was closed by the Session saying “*The Grace*” .

Action Items

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| a) Appointment of Depute Clerk | Members |
| b) Elders were asked to be prepared to complete the eldership consultation questionnaire at the next meeting. | Elders |
| c) It was intimated that more Elders were required and that proposals should be made to either Rosie or Morag. | |
| d) Elders were asked to advise Morag of members in their district with whom they had little or no contact. | Elders |
| e) Elders interested in the wider work of the Church should contact Rosie. | Elders |
| f) Volunteers are needed on Saturday 22 nd March 2014 to help with Celebrate and Discover. | Elders
Members |
| g) Elders were asked to give prayerful support for the planning work for the <i>Stewardship of Money</i> next September. | Elders |
| h) Having prepared the church for the formal Communion service Rosie asked for volunteers to organise this in future | Elders |

Minute Clerk

Moderator