

Abbotshall Church**Thursday 22nd February 2018**

Which place and date the Kirk Session met and was duly constituted with a reading from John 14 v1-7, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life", a prayer and all saying the Lord's Prayer..

- Sederunt** Ena Hudson with I Anderson, J Browning, G Bruce, I Clark, S Docherty, A Duncan, B Farrell, Jim Gilmour, G Houston, J McLeod, M Michael, A Moyes, D Murray, J Napier, W Page, J Paton, M Petrie, J Scott.
- Apologies** M Baxendine, P Bell, J Farrell, Jane Gilmour, R Kirkhope, R Michael, M Scriven, E Smith, A Steward, K Wilkie, R Wright.
- Agenda** The published agenda was approved with the addition of the Presbytery update.
- Minutes of Last Meeting** The minutes of the last meeting on 29th November were approved.
- Matters Arising** An informative article about the vacancy had been published in the February newsletter.
- Friendship Group** Isobel Anderson reported that the Rev. Robin McAlpine had given an enlightening talk to the group about his visit to Jenny Featherstone. The speaker at the next meeting was to be Chris Beattie of KART who would talk about his work in Schools and with Churches in the Kirkcaldy Area. An invitation was extended to all.
- Safeguarding** A report had been received from Mike Baxendine as follows:-
All Safeguarding training is up to date. Elder's refresher training will be due in the third quarter of 2019.
- Morag had received an email from the Church of Scotland's legal department reinforcing the need for safeguarding. The email would be circulated to all the Trustees.
- Presbytery Report** Jenny McLeod reported that the Presbytery had met on 6th December for the transaction of business.
- Presbytery planning is under review and will be the responsibility of the new Strategy and Resources Committee.
- Presbytery is due to receive a visit from the Moderator between 27th October and 5th November.
- Congregations are encouraged to inform the Presbytery Clerk if they are due to celebrate any major events or if any long term certificates are due.
- More Safeguarding trainers are required.

More members are required to join the Local Church Review teams. It is not essential to be an elder to be appointed to a team.

We discussed Church of Scotland National Strategy and Presbytery Strategy and Resourcing at the Conference Session on 6th February.

Allan Morton was ordained and inducted to the charge of Kennoway, Windygates and Balgonie: St Kenneth's on 15th February. The Moderator had attended this.

Rev Donald Lawrie has preached as sole nominee to Auchterderran and Kinglassie and will be inducted in March.

Presbytery next meets on 6th March..

Easter Week Services

All these services are at 7 pm.

Monday 26th March, West End Congregational Church

Tuesday 27th March, Bennochy Church

Wednesday 28th March, St Bryce Kirk

Thursday 29th March, Communion in Abbotshall and Auchtertool

Friday 30th March, Linktown Church

In addition, there are events at Linktown & West End Churches throughout the day - details in the Newsletter.

Easter Sunday

6.30 am Auchtertool Kirk Garden

8.30 am Early worship in the Beveridge Park

11 am Family service in Abbotshall.

Setting up Services

These activities had been performed by Rosie and Morag had continued them, however, they distracted her from the choir rehearsals and she relied on support from Morna when absent. After some discussion it was agreed that a rota of elders would be considered and a list of duties compiled.

The pulpit falls and communion table cloths, which are kept in a choir room cupboard and might be subject to mildew. Mike Petrie agreed to investigate this and review the roles of the hall keeper, cleaner and the tasks of a beadle and report his deliberations to the Congregational Board.

Early Service Communion

A member had requested individual cups to be available at the early communion, however, after discussion it was felt unwise to make a change at this time. This matter could be reviewed once a new minister was appointed.

The Vacancy

The Nominating Committee continues to explore all possible avenues which might lead to filling the vacancy. An advertisement was placed in the February Life and Work and a new list of Probationers about to complete their training is due at the end of March.

Year of Young People The Rev. Marc Prowe had sent a communication about the Year of Young People which he commended to the Elders and suggested that it should be supported by the Session. The Elders, while interested, did not feel that they could support this in any way under current circumstances.

Correspondence *Journey of Discipleship* 27th to 29th April in Tulliallan Police College, highly recommended, details now available from Morag.

A clear definition of a Charity Trustee had been provided by the Church of Scotland solicitor and communicated to the Elders. Subsequently the Session Clerk was trying to clarify the list of Trustees. The Treasurer advised that the list of Trustees in the annual accounts had to be kept up to date with a formal record of any trustee either joining or leaving.

Next Meeting Wednesday 25th April 2018 at 7.30 pm.

Close The meeting was closed with all saying the Grace.

Action Items Morag had received an email from the Church of Scotland's legal department reinforcing the need for safeguarding. The email would be circulated to all the Trustees. Morag Michael

To help with the setting up of the church before a service a rota of elders would be considered and a list of duties would be compiled. Morag Michael
Morna Scriven

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Minute Clerk

Interim Moderator