

Which place and date the Kirk Session met and was duly constituted with a reading from Jeremiah 29 v11 - 13, and a prayer.

- Sederunt** Ena Hudson with Michael Baxendine, Iain Clark, Bruce Farrell, Euan Fraser, Gordon Houston, Marina Hope, Jenny McLeod, Morag Michael, Anne Moyes, Diane Murray, Jean Napier, Jim Paton, Michael Petrie and Ruth Wright
- Apologies** Patricia Bell, Glenn Bruce, Andrew Duncan, Jennifer Farrell, Jane Gilmour, Jim Gilmour, Roderick Henderson, Richard Michael, Bill Page, Janice Scott, Morna Scriven, Elspeth Smith, Anne Steward and Kay Wilkie
- Agenda** The published agenda was approved
- Minutes of Last Meeting** The minutes of the last meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> of February were approved.
- Matters Arising** Morag reiterated the email that was sent regarding safe guarding. Action taken from February meeting, a list is now in place for setting up of the church on a Sunday morning, Michael Petrie reports that area where pulpit falls, and communion table cloths are held is dry and just requires cleaning. Morna has completed a comprehensive list for the long service awards, the moderator will be visiting Kirkcaldy presbytery between the 27<sup>th</sup> of October and the 5<sup>th</sup> of November. 3 long serving members have been put forward for awards these are Ruth Wright, Beth Webster and Janice Scott. Morag has also sent emails out to others to ascertain if they have had long certificates issued previously.
- Safeguarding** Mike Baxendine gave a short report on safe guarding, the annual records for 2017 and been presented to presbytery to sign off. Nothing else to report at this time.
- Presbytery Report** Jenny McLeod reported that the Presbytery had met on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March, during this meeting congregations are to be encouraged to celebrate the year of young people. There will also be the chance to purchase pray now publication “stories of Encounter “for £6 (a bargain price) from Jenny directly. A service of introduction for Rev David Denniston as interim minster will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> of April at Glenrothes Christ Kirk. Presbytery next meets on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June.
- Pastrol Care** Anne not present at meeting no report received. Michael Baxendine did pass on that one of our members Isa Witherspoon as died this week and also that Ron Sharp in Raith Manor is declining in health.

- Communion –** Morag distributed the communion invitations to elders present, also a request to help set up the church on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of June at 2pm, can anyone who is available let Morag know. Reminder that Morag is now using iCloud email address.
- Summer Services -** Abbotshall will be in for worship on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July as normal then 4 Sundays of joint worship at the 4 central Kirks, possibly the 15<sup>th</sup> of July will be at Abbotshall (joint worship). This is still to be confirmed.
- The Vacancy** Michael Baxendine gave an update to all present with the exciting news that we have a sole nominee. His name is Justin Taylor. He is currently completing his probationary period which ends at the end of June. He is originally from South Africa and is married to Lesley and they have daughter called Emily who is 14. Justin will be preaching as the sole nominee on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May. It will then be up to the congregation to appoint him through a vote. This information will be published in the newsletter to encourage all members to come along on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May to hear Justin preach, a reminder to all that a vote can only be made if you attend that Sunday and you are on the electoral role. Ena gave a vote of thanks to the nominating committee who have work hard and excelled themselves. Morag also reminded the young church due to Justin preaching on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May the young church presentations will have to be before or after this date. Communion is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June (it may be possible to have the presentations that day). Joint services over the month of July may also have to be negotiated as this will be when Justin is due to start. Looking at the 9<sup>th</sup> of July for ordination. Question was posed about the manse being ready for new minister Mike Petrie said this should not be a problem and they could move in before ordination.
- Correspondence** 13<sup>th</sup> of May Abbey Church Dunfermline are hosting a service of celebration and thanksgiving for the NHS (70 years), all are invited along at 3.30pm. Scripture union Scotland are hosting events for young people, further information and dates can be found at <https://www.suscotland.org.uk/growingyoung> An email was received from Mountain Spring ministries who would like to come along and give a talk to the congregation, it was agreed that during the period of change we will leave this open at present. Also a reminder to anyone visiting London to pop in to Crown Court, Church of Scotland, Russell Street, Covent Garden for a visit.
- Next Meeting** Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> of May 7.30pm
- Close** The meeting was closed with all saying the Grace.

**Action Items**

Long service awards to be agreed - Morag Michael

Setting up church on 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2pm for communion names to Morag – Morag Michael

Elders to encourage all members to attend service on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May to listen to sole nominee and also vote to appoint him as new minister – All Elders

Joint summer services to be agreed (in connection with ordination of new minister) – Morag Michael

Minute Clerk

Interim Moderator