

Abbotshall Church **Wednesday 22nd February 2017**
which place and date the Kirk Session met and was duly constituted with a reading and prayer.

- Interim Moderator** The Moderator welcomed Ena Hudson to the meeting as the prospective interim Moderator during the vacancy. Ena, an elder at Kinghorn church, recently completed training as an Interim Moderator and has shadowed another Interim Moderator for experience.
- Sederunt** Rev R Frew with I Anderson, J Browning, G Bruce, I Clark, A Duncan, R Duncan, Jane Gilmour, Jim Gilmour, M Hope, J McLeod, M Michael, R Michael, D Murray, J Napier, W Page, J Paton, M Petrie, J Scott, M Scriven, E Smith, A Steward, K Wilkie.
- Apologies** M Baxendine, P Bell, S Docherty, T Espie, B Farrell, J Farrell, E Fraser, R Henderson, A Moyes,
- Minutes** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24th November 2016 were approved.
- Matters Arising** The Session Clerk indicated that there had been improvements in the keeping of the duty rota. She asked to be advised of absences during the coming period of the new rota.
- Communion** Several elders agreed to setup the church for communion on Friday, 3 March at 1.45 pm.
- Vacancy** The next Presbytery meeting will be on 7th March at 7 pm in St Bryce. The congregation will be cited to attend to hear Presbytery deal with Rosie's translation to Bowden and Melrose. Morag has been asked to address Presbytery on behalf of the congregation. The Interim Moderator will be appointed along with the Vacancy Advisory Committee.
- Rosie had been in discussion with Catriona and Mark to smooth the transfer of activities to them as locum ministers. She reminded the elders that there were detailed duty lists available in the vestibule for church, wedding and funeral services. She had also transferred the telephone account to the treasurer. Her intention was to finish on 7th March, holiday from 11th to 18th and move out of the manse on 20th.
- Lent Studies** Similar to the previous year there will be joint study groups as listed in the *Diary Dates* at the end of these minutes. Booklets were available in the church.
- Friendship Group** This had met during the previous week to discuss the future of the group. Meetings at which there is no speaker tend to be less well attended however, those present were very appreciative of the gathering. It had been decided to hold the meetings on the

last Wednesday of each month in the Kennedy Hall at 2 pm and to rename the group the *Abbotshall Friendship Circle*..

- Messy Church** There had been discussions with Louisa the organiser of Messy Church at Bennochty Church. Due to the lack of commitment it had been decided not to develop this at Abbotshall but to continue to support the work at Bennochty. The next Messy Church at Bennochty is on 12th March.
- Stewardship** It was noted that the rolling programme had brought around the stewardship of time. While there had been some interest in the previous talent exchange activity it appeared that some form of review was needed before further plans were made.
- Safeguarding** The following report was sent:-
Diane Murray, Young Church, will be attending a Safeguarding refresher course on March 18th at Torbain Church. Otherwise all training is up to date. The Safeguarding Congregational Annual Register is ready for submission to Presbytery.
- Pastoral Care** 42 prayer shawls and blankets had now been distributed with cards and had been well received. Anne thanked the craft group for these. Two members were in Cameron hospital and had received visits from the congregation. Richard and Rosie were to celebrate communion with the two members on the following Friday.
- Presbytery Update** Presbytery had met on 6th December and Jenny McLeod provide the following report:-

We were addressed by Mark Evans, Head of Spiritual Care NHS Fife. Mark's aim is to make Fife a Centre of Excellence for the development and provision of spiritual care. Fortunately there has been no reduction in his budget despite the financial constraints within the NHS.

Presbytery Clerk, Rev Rosie Frew, intimated that she had been asked to preach as Sole Nominee for the charge of Bowden and Melrose. Rev Alan Kimmitt, minister of Glenrothes: St Columba's was appointed as her successor with effect from March 2017.

The Mission and Discipleship Committee are seeking an Adult Trainer and a Prayer Coordinator.

Congregations are encouraged to support the World Mission's *Build A House Appeal* to rebuild houses destroyed in the Nepalese earthquake in 2015.

Presbytery Plan Review – the Kirkcaldy Area was reviewed in 2016 and the Ministries Committee is not proposing any changes to the Plan. Indeed they are encouraging closer

collaborative working using the model of the Kirkcaldy Town Centre Churches.

Correspondence Morag had received the following intimations:-
Pastoral Care Conference, Saturday 21st June in the Vine Conference Centre in Dunfermline.
The KART winter newsletter was available.
Anne Steward agreed to advise the Pastoral Care group of the June conference.

Diary dates *Wednesday 22 February, 7.30pm* – Kirk Session meeting
Monday 27 February – Sunday 12 March – Fairtrade Fortnight
Thursday 2 March, 2.30pm – Service, Abbotsford Raith Manor
Friday 3 March – World Day of Prayer Service
Sunday 5 March, 9.00am and 11.00am – Communion

Lent Studies

Mondays 6, 13, 20, 27 March at 7.00pm in Linktown Church Halls

Thursdays 9, 16, 23 and 30 March at 11.00am in Bennoch Church Halls

Monday 10 April at 7.00pm in Abbotshall Church Halls

Saturday 11 March, 10.00am – Coffee Morning in the Church Hall

Sunday 9 April, 11.00am – Palm Sunday Service

Tuesday 11 April, 7.00pm – Holy Week Service in St Bryce Kirk

Wednesday 12 April, 7.00pm – Holy Week Service in Abbotshall Church

Thursday 13 April, 7.00pm – Maundy Thursday Communion Service in Auchtertool Church

Friday 14 April, 7.00pm – Good Friday Service in Bennoch Church.

Sunday 16 April, 8.30am – Easter Service in the Beveridge Park

Sunday 16 April, 11.00am – Easter Sunday Service

Dates of next meetings Wednesday 29th March at 7.30 pm. This meeting will be chaired by Ena Hudson the Interim Moderator.

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

Action Items 3rd March at 1.45 pm. Church setup for Elders communion.

Anne Steward agreed to advise the Pastoral Care group of the June conference.

Anne Steward

Minute Clerk

Interim Moderator