

**Abbotshall Church****Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

which place and date the Kirk Session met and was duly constituted with a reading and prayer.

- Sederunt** Ena Hudson with I Anderson, M Baxendine, J Browning, G Bruce, I Clark, B Farrell, E Fraser, Jane Gilmour, Jim Gilmour, R Henderson, G Houston, M Hope, J McLeod, M Michael, R Michael, A Moyes, D Murray, J Napier, J Paton, M Petrie, M Scriven, A Steward, R Wright.
- Apologies** S Docherty, A Duncan, R Duncan, J Farrell, W Page, E Smith, K Wilkie.
- Cancelled Meeting** An apology had been received from Rev. Tony Fowler, the chairperson of the Presbytery vacancy committee, for the cancellation of the meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.
- Minutes** The minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were approved.
- Matters Arising** The Lent Study meetings had proceeded as planned.
- Envelopes with the June Communion duties would be distributed at the end of the meeting. As there were no reserves for communion duty the Session Clark appealed to Elders to ensure their attendance.
- Several Elders offered to set up the Church on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 3 pm.
- Abbotshall Friendship Circle** This had met during the afternoon and was well attended although more people would be welcomed. The next meetings would be held on Wednesdays 31<sup>st</sup> May and 28<sup>th</sup> June at 2. pm in the Kennedy Hall.
- Safeguarding** Mike Baxendine advised that the next round of refresher courses was about to commence and that the relevant office bearers would be invited to attend.
- Pastoral Care** Activities were proceeding normally. The Session was advised of a previous elder now in Marchmont Care Home.
- Presbytery Update** The following report of the Presbytery meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March was submitted by Jenny McLeod.
- The Rev. Alan Kimmitt, Glenrothes St Columbas, took the Oath de Fidei and took up the position of Presbytery Clerk.
- Presbytery agreed to the Translation of Rev. Rosmary Frew to Bowden and Melrose. Several members of Kirkcaldy Abbotshall were present and tribute was paid to her successful ministry by Morag Michael the Session Clerk. The Moderator,

the Rev. Andrew Donald, thanked Rosie for her service to the Presbytery including her valuable contributions as Clerk and Moderator. Rosie's induction took place in Melrose Parish Church on 30<sup>th</sup> March and was attended by a large representation of members from Abbotshall and the Presbytery.

The annual publication of "Pray Now" is available to order through Presbytery at the reduced price of £8.50 (normal price £14.99).

A Pastoral Care Conference will take place on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June in Dunfermline and congregations are encouraged to send representatives.

At least £2,100 has been raised by congregations for the "Build a House" appeal.

There was a service of introduction for the Rev. Lynn Brady as Interim Minister at Kirkcaldy Dysart St. Clair on 19<sup>th</sup> March.

The Rev. David Smith's induction will take place in Glenrothes St. Ninians on 27<sup>th</sup> April.

**Worship 28<sup>th</sup>  
May**

The Session Clerk intimated that Catriona and Marc would be away on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May which was also the last Sunday of the young Church before the summer recess. She agreed to arrange a locum minister.

**Vacancy**

The congregation's Electoral Roll will be on public view on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May in the halls at the time of the coffee morning and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May in the Church following the morning service.

A newsletter item will be published seeking information about members of the congregation who have lost contact.

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May there will be a meeting with the Presbytery Vacancy Advisory committee at 7.30 pm in the main hall.

**Correspondence**

The Bethany Trust had sent a letter seeking support and it was agreed to send the retiring offering from the communion services.

The KART spring newsletter was available for elders to read.

A letter had been received from NHS Fife's Spiritual Care Department Community Chaplaincy group seeking volunteers to act as listeners. Training would be available. Weekly morning or afternoon listening sessions would then be arranged.

A *Path of Renewal* scheme had been started by the Central Church to change the current pattern of church life. Support is

available to enable congregations to review their approach to the Faith and to change their culture.

The Iona Regional Plenary Session will be taking place in Dunblane.

*Place for Hope*, offers a mediation service to congregations.

**AOCB** Euan Fraser encouraged elders to participate in the Christian Aid week door to door collection from 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May. He advised that Abbotshall was still strongly supporting this, however, more collectors would be welcome.

**Diary dates**

*Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm* Presbytery Vacancy Advisory Committee in the main hall.

*Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May morning* The congregation's Electoral Roll will be on public view in the halls at the time of the coffee morning

*Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May morning* The congregation's electoral roll will be on public view in the Church following the morning service.

*Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 6.00pm* Session meeting to finalise the Electoral Roll. First vote on the potential employment of a minister in a civil partnership

*Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 pm* Session meeting. Second vote on the employment of a minister in a civil partnership

*Wednesdays 31<sup>st</sup> May 2 pm* Friendship Circle in the Kennedy hall

*Wednesdays 28<sup>th</sup> June 2.pm* Friendship Circle in the Kennedy hall

*Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 12 noon* Election of the Vacancy Nominating Committee after the church service.

**Dates of next meetings**

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

**Action Items** As there were no reserves the Session Elders  
Clark appealed to Elders to ensure their  
attendance at the June Communion.

Elders offered to set up the Church on Elders  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 3 pm prior to  
Communion.

The Session Clerk agreed to arrange for a substitute Minister to take worship on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Morag

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Minute Clerk

Interim Moderator

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