

Abbotshall Church **Thursday 29th September 2016**

which place and date the Kirk Session met and was duly constituted with a reading and prayer. The Moderator commended www.sanctuaryfirst.org.uk as an interesting resource.

- Sederunt** Rev R Frew with R Duncan, Jane Gilmour, Jim Gilmour, R Henderson, J McLeod, J Napier, W Page, M Petrie, A Steward, K Wilkie.
- Apologies** J Browning, G Bruce, S Docherty, A Duncan, T Espie, E Fraser, M Hope, M Michael, R Michael, A Moyes, D Murray, M Scriven, E Smith,
- Minutes** The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25th May 2016 were approved.
- Matters Arising** Discussion of a new style Guild still to be had.
- Summer Services** Feedback from summer services was requested. United Services were enjoyed, particularly meeting up with those from other congregations. Comments on the 11.00am services in Abbotshall were on the whole favourable. It was suggested that the organ could perhaps be used alongside the piano. Whilst sitting together downstairs was enjoyed by most the seats in the gallery are considered more comfortable.
- Communion 6 November** Morag to hand out District lists and invitation cards. Elders who cannot attend to let her know timeously.
- Duty Rota** In the absence of the Session Clerk the minister encouraged all Elders to check the duty rota and to ensure they contacted 'Number One' if unable to attend and arranged cover.
- Messy Church** Rosie attended the last planning meeting of Bennochty Messy Church. They are keen to make it a joint venture. Messy Church dates have been advertised in the church and those interested in helping are encouraged to attend. Messy Church meets in Bennochty Church on Sundays 2 October, 6 November and 11 December from 3.30-5.30pm.
- Stewardship** September was our Stewardship Season with the focus being on the stewardship of talents and in particular the inter-generational exchange of talents. Talent Exchange challenge cards were issued to all members of the congregation. A slightly different card was issued to all members of the Scout and Guide groups. Jim Browning visited each group. It is hoped to use returned cards in a 'celebration of talents' in late November.
- Safeguarding** No report.
- Pastoral Care** Anne Steward reported that the Pastoral Care Group had met

recently for a catch-up. The Group continues to visit, send cards and deliver prayer shawls. As in previous years Anne is encouraging members to buy Crossreach Christmas cards to support this very valuable work of the Church of Scotland.

Presbytery Update

Jenny McLeod reported on the Presbytery meetings held on 28th June and 6th September

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Guest speaker was Hank John who gave us an overview of the work of the Gideons.

Rev Carolann Erskine was welcomed as the new minister at Markinch & Thornton.

Rev Allistair Roy who has been minister at Glenrothes: St Ninians is leaving to train as a primary school teacher. He will continue to be a Safeguarding trainer with Presbytery.

We were given reports from the General Assembly (Rev Marc Prowe) and Presbyterian Council and the 19 Guilds within Presbytery (Mrs Alison Davidson).

Local Church Reviews: Templehall, Linktown and Auchtertool were all found to be in a satisfactory state.

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Paula Civilec was welcomed as the new Presbytery Administrator.

Rev Andrew Donald of Pathhead Church is the new Moderator for the coming year.

The Church and Society Committee agreed to focus on Fairtrade, Care for Creation and Eco-Congregations, Build a House and Human Trafficking during this session.

Ann Wylie was our Youth Rep. at the General Assembly and she gave us a very enthusiastic account of the highlights of the week.

Vacancies:

- Convener of the LCR Committee
- Presbytery Prayer Coordinator
- Adult Trainers
- Fabric and Finance Committee – people with experience and a knowledge of fabric and financial matters
- Presbytery Clerk (effective from June 2017)

EMMS Bike & Hike Event took place on Saturday 17th September. This was well supported by Abbotshall.

Correspondence None

- Diary dates**
- Sunday 2 October, 3.30pm – Messy Church in Bennochty Church Hall.
 - Thursday 6 October, 2.00pm – Service in Raith Manor
 - Saturday 8 October, 10.00am – Coffee Morning
 - Thursday 20 October, 2.00pm – Thursday Fellowship Group, Rev Cameron MacKenzie
 - Sunday 30 October, 11.00am – Sacrament of Baptism
 - Sunday 30 October, 2.30pm – Service in Abbotsford Milton Road

- Thursday 3 November, 2.00pm – Service in Abbotsford Raith Manor
- Thursday 3 November, 7.30pm – Congregational Board meeting
- Sunday 6 November, 9.00am & 11.00am – Celebration of the Lord’s Supper
- Sunday 6 November, 3.30pm – Messy Church in Bennoch Church Hall
- Sunday 13 November, 10.50am – Remembrance Sunday Service
- Tuesday 15 - Thursday 24 November – Minister on holiday
- Thursday 17 November, 2.00pm – Thursday Fellowship Group, Rev Elisabeth Cranfield
- Sunday 20 November – Supply minister
- Saturday 26 November, 10.00am – Christmas Fayre
- Sunday 27 November, 11.00am – First Sunday in Advent
- Sunday 27 November, 2.30pm – Service in Abbotsford Milton Road
- Thursday 1 December, 2.00pm – Service in Abbotsford Raith Manor
- Wednesday 7 December, 6.30pm – Snowman Drive
- Sunday 11 December, 3.30pm – Messy Church in Bennoch Church Hall
- Thursday 15 December, 2.00pm – Thursday Fellowship Group Christmas Celebration
- Saturday 17 December, 5.00pm – Christingle Service
- Sunday 18 December, 11.00am – Young Church Christmas Service
- Saturday 24 December, 11.15pm – Carol Singing and Watchnight Service
- Sunday 25 December, 11.00am – Christmas Day Service
- Sunday 1 January, 11.00am – United Service in Linktown Church

Dates of next meetings Thursday 3 November, 7.30pm – Congregational Board meeting

Thursday 24 November, 7.30pm – Kirk Session

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

Action Items	Inform Session Clerk if unable to attend Communion.	All Elders
	Check Duty Rota and arrange cover if unable to attend.	All Elders
	Attend Messy Church to learn from and progress with Bennoch	Minister and interested Elders

Minute Clerk

Moderator