

**At Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016, on which date and place the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted by the Moderator, Rev James McNay.**

Hymn: CH4 154 O Lord my God (How Great thou art)

Reading: Acts 8:1-22

Prayer

### **Sederunt & Apologies**

Rev James J. McNay (Moderator) Rev Alan A Ford (Clerk)

### **Ministers:**

M. Scott Cameron, Ian Currie., Alan Ford, Dorothy Granger, Marion LK Howie, James McNay, D. Ross Mitchell, Alex Noble, Andrew S Taylor, Jim Teasdale, Martin Thomson, Chris Vermeulen, Alan Ward, Elizabeth R L Watson, T David Watson, Tanya Webster, Jeanette Whitecross,

### **Diaconate**

Fiona Blair

### **Elders:**

Christine Black, Mary Blair, Stephen Brown, Andrew Campbell, Margaret Cassidy, Grahame Cunningham, Margaret Green, Ian Hackney, A C Douglas Hamilton, Jean Hunter, Lynn Hunter, Rosemary Jarvie, Finlay. S, Kerr, Ron Lavalette, William Mackay, Jane B (Sheena) Marr, Gordon K McConnell, Stuart McMahon, William McNish, J (Mima) McSwan, Deirdre Murray, David Noble, Fiona Page, William Parker, Anne Pringle, Rae Reid, R Allan Richardson, Magnus MB Ross, E Taylor, Alastair Todd, Kathleen Tudor, Ann Turner, Ken Welch

### **Corresponding Members:**

Margaret Broster, Moira Buchanan, R (Bert) McCool,

### **Apologies**

### **Ministers**

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Alan Falconer, Mandy Hickman, Roddy MacDonald, Marjory H Mackay, Sandy McCallum, Fiona Ross, Arthur Sherratt, David Whiteman

**Elders:**

Lindsay Campbell, Archie Currie, William Kelso, Linda McClelland, J Fulton Murdoch, Jean Niven,

**Corresponding Members:**

A (Sandy) Montgomerie, Andrew Bruce.

The minutes of the meeting held on April 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 (Pages 12-15) were approved

**Order of Business**

**Roll of Presbytery**

No Change

**Correspondence – the following were noted:**

From General Trustees, re: the Sale of the Church Building on Cumbrae.

Letter of thanks and appreciation from Crossreach with regard to the work undertaken by the Committee in relation to Geilsland School.

**Order of the Day at 8.00pm Church of Scotland Guild**

Mrs Moira Buchanan spoke about the work of the Guild locally and nationally with particular emphasis on the current Guild Projects and with reference to the National Gathering and the “Big Sing”. The report was warmly welcomed by the Presbytery.

**REPORTS & DELIVERANCES**

**Mission Committee**

The Convener gave a brief report on the twinning meeting held recently at Kilwinning Mansefield Trinity. He hopes to bring further details about progressing a twinning arrangement to the June Presbytery Meeting.

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### **Business Committee**

1. Presbytery noted that arrangements were being made for the Committee seeking a new Presbytery Treasurer to reconvene
2. Presbytery was invited to approve the Nomination of the Rev Dorothy A Granger BA BD, Minister at Ardrossan Saltcoats Kirkgate Church as Moderator of Presbytery for the year 2016/2017. Presbytery warmly approved
3. Presbytery was asked to indicate whether or not they felt that an April Meeting is necessary and overwhelmingly agreed that it was not; a Notice of Motion in respect of a change to Standing Orders will now be brought to a later meeting of Presbytery.
4. Presbytery noted that Compassionate Leave had been granted to Rev David Whiteman, Kilbirnie Auld Kirk, and that a subsequent notice of absence on sick leave had also been received. It is anticipated that he will return to work from Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> 2016.
5. Presbytery noted that Rev David Whiteman tendered his resignation as Interim Moderator at Saltcoats St. Cuthbert's from 20<sup>th</sup> April. Presbytery confirmed the appointment of Rev T David Watson as Interim Moderator from the same date.
6. Presbytery noted that the Rev Arthur Sherratt (Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's) continues on sick leave.
7. Presbytery noted that the Clerk had received an acknowledgment of receipt of the relevant documents from the Special Committee of Presbytery and that one of those previously appointed (Mr Ian McLagan) had had to withdraw due to ill health, Presbytery approved the appointment of Ms Elizabeth Ashmole in his stead.
8. Presbytery congratulated the Moderator, Rev James McNay, in joining the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Moderator of the National Youth Assembly and a variety of other Presbytery Moderators in a cycle ride in aid of the Moderator's Challenge in support of StARS, the St Andrews Refugee Service, a project of St Andrew's Church in Cairo which both the GA Moderator and the NYA Moderator visited recently. It was noted that donations can be made at <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/moderatorschallenge16/291450>

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**Stewardship, Finance and Property****Finance - Report****The Presbytery 5% Reserve**

As at May 2016, the sum of £34,577 remains available to distribute against actual M&M contributions for 2016. This sum has been arrived at after deductions as already approved by Presbytery per below.

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Presbytery 5% Reserve (2016)	<u>62,077</u>	
Already Approved by Presbytery:		
Stevenston Livingstone	(12,500)	Presbytery Debt Repayment
Stevenston Ardeer	(12,500)	Presbytery Debt Repayment
West Kilbride Parish Church	(500)	Presbytery Youth Leader Training Event
Stevenston High Kirk	(2,000)	Presbytery "Path to Renewal" Pilot
<b>Available as at May 2016</b>	<u><b>34,577</b></u>	
Presbytery Dues	(22,233)	
Survey Dues	(6,588)	
Remaining Balance	<u><u>5,756</u></u>	

The Finance Committee proposes to reduce M&M's for each congregation by the amount of their invoiced Presbytery Dues (£2.70 per member) plus their Survey Dues (£0.80). This means that each congregation will not be charged by Presbytery for each member they have, thus ideally seeking to promote mission and membership of the Kirk

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Further, there remains a balance of £5,756 in the reserve. The Finance Committee therefore proposes to reduce M&M's proportionately to the three-year average income base of each congregation used by 121 to calculate the annual amount of M&M contributions at the start of 2016.

The total M&M reduction for each congregation is shown in the following table. Treasurers should continue to pay the monthly regular amount of M&M's and deduct the amount in the table from the final instalment due to 121. This is usually done by cancelling the standing order in favour of 121 prior to the payment of the final instalment, and by making a manual payment of the balance by cheque.

**The Committee gave Notice of Motion that at the June meeting of Presbytery it will move the following deliverance:**

Approve a reduction in Actual 2016 Ministries and Mission contributions to be funded from the 2016 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve for each congregation to the amount as given below:

Cong. Number	Congregation	Total
	Ardrossan & Saltcoats	
120645	Kirkgate	1,146
120650	Ardrossan Park	1,586
120651	Beith Parish Church	2,926
120654	Brodict St Brides	611
120655	Corrie	202
120656	Cumrae	996
120657	Dalry St Margarets	2,270
120658	Dalry Trinity	873
120659	Fairlie	1,066
120662	Kilbirnie Auld	1,270
120663	Kilbirnie St Columba's	2,006
120664	Kilwinning Old	2,287
120665	Kilmory Isle Of Arran	161
120669	Lamlash	433
120670	Largs Clark Memorial	3,008

120671	Largs St Columba's	1,551
120672	Largs St John's	2,827
120673	Lochranza And Pirnmill Kilwinning	306
120674	MansefieldTrinity	875 1,113
120676	Saltcoats North	
120677	Saltcoats St Cuthberts	1,156
120678	Shiskine St Molios	347
120679	Stevenston Ardeer	1,004
120680	Stevenston High	1,081
120681	Stevenston Livingstone	1,101
120684	West Kilbride	1,934
	Whiting Bay And	
120686	Kildonan	442
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Property – No Report

**Presbytery adjourned to meet on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016 within West Kilbride Parish Church for the Celebration of Holy Communion and the conduct of Ordinary Business.**

**Business Committee to meet in Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 at 3.00 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church**

**Closing Worship**

**Hymn CH4 436 - Christ Triumphant!**

**Benediction**

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

