

At Beith Parish Church on 3rd September 2019, which date and place the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev Tanya Webster BCom DipAcc BD.

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Rev Tanya Webster (Moderator), Mrs Jean Hunter (Clerk)

Ministers: Rev Angus Adamson; Rev Hilary Beresford; Rev Alan Ford; Rev Mandy Ralph; Rev Marion Howie; Rev Roderick Macdonald; Rev James McNay; Rev Dr Graham McWilliams; Rev D Ross Mitchell; Rev Alexander Noble; Rev Fiona Ross; Rev Andrew Taylor; Rev Martin Thomson; Rev Alan Ward; Rev Elizabeth R L Watson; Rev David Watson.

Elders: Mrs Mary Aitken; Miss Christine Black; Mr Ian Brown; Ms Margaret Brown; Mr Andrew Bruce; Mr Andrew Campbell; Mrs Margaret Cassidy; Mr Ewan Cochran; Mr Archie Currie; Mr Ian Hackney; Mr Finlay Kerr; Mrs Lynne Kerr; Mr William Mackay; Mrs Annie Martin; Mrs Beverley Millar; Mrs K McIlreavy; Mr Stewart McLellan; Mrs Linda McLelland; Mr Stuart McMahan; Mr J Fulton Murdoch; Mr Brian Murray; Mrs Deirdre Murray; Mr David Noble; Mr William Parker; Mr Allan Richardson; Mrs Peigi Robb; Mr Magnus Ross; Miss Helen Scott; Mrs Eleanor Taylor; Mrs Ann Turner; Mr Ken Welch.

Corresponding Members: Mrs Moira Buchanan; Mrs Mary Ford; Mrs Helen Kerr; Mrs Bea Nicholson; Mr William Robertson.

Apologies for Absence

Ministers: Rev M Scott Cameron; Rev Norman Cruickshank; Rev Jonathan Fleming; Rev Lily McKinnon; Rev Sarah Nicol; Rev David Sutherland; Rev Jeanette Whitecross.

Deacons: Mrs Isobel Beck; Miss Fiona Blair.

Elders: Mrs Margaret Green; Mrs Christine Thomas.

Corresponding Members: Mrs Elizabeth Clarke; Mrs Sharon MacLeod; Mrs Evelyn Slater; Canon Rev A Montgomerie.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2019 (Pages 21-24) were approved.//

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Correspondence

A letter had been received from Deacons, Miss Fiona Blair and Mrs Isobel Beck, with a request to address Presbytery on the Diaconate.

An E mail was received from the Interim Ministry Task Group advising of the next IMTG meeting to be held on 17th September 2019.

Other correspondence had been circulated to Presbytery during the summer.

An errata to the 2019/2020 Presbytery Year Book had been circulated with the 3rd September Presbytery papers.

Roll of Presbytery

Removed from Roll – Mrs Elizabeth Clarke through resignation as an Additional Elder.

Added to the Roll – new Commissioned Elders:

Mrs Lynne Kerr – Ardrossan Park Church

Mrs Beverley Millar – Lamlash Church

Ms Margaret Brown – Kilwinning Mansefield Trinity Church

Mr Stewart McLellan – Stevenston High Kirk.

The Moderator welcomed all new members.

Installation of the Mr R Allan Richardson as Moderator for Session 2019/2020

The Moderator Rev Tanya Webster installed Mr Allan Richardson as Moderator for Session 2019/20. Mr Richardson took the chair and thanked Rev Tanya Webster for her service as Moderator and for her dignity and diligence in carrying out her duties. He thanked Presbytery for electing him and for entrusting him with this honour and he looked forward to the year ahead. He thanked his family and for all who had supported him so far since being Moderator elect.

STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORTS & DELIVERANCES

Business Committee

Rev Martin Thomson, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.

Presbytery:

1. Received the report.//

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2. Approved the Presbytery Committees for Session 2019/2020 as proposed by the Nominations Committee, as they appeared in the Presbytery Year Book for 2019/2020 with the corrections which were included in the errata.

The Moderator said that we would move to take up consideration of the request from Rev Tanya Webster minister of Ardrossan Park Church to translate to Aberdeen: Midstocket Church. He then invited Tanya to address Presbytery.

Rev Tanya Webster then addressed Presbytery. She told us she had come to Ardrossan Park eight and a half years ago and found a friendly congregation. Introducing new initiatives along the way the congregation had been supportive of her. They had many church weekends away together all over Scotland and even down into England. She had found willing and capable volunteers in the congregation. Her background had been in Finance and served on the Finance and Stewardship Committee, the Advisory Committee and as Moderator. A Highlight for her was the visit to Malawi as part of the group from Presbytery. The three towns welcomed her where community and church overlapped.

The Moderator thanked Rev Webster.

The Clerk advised that Parties had been cited for their interest and intimated that Mr Ron Lavalette would speak on behalf of the congregation if invited.

Parties were called. The Moderator then invited Mr Ron Lavalette to speak on behalf of Ardrossan: Park congregation.

Mr Lavalette spoke highly of their minister. She engaged well with the children and knew all their names. When people were sick she was a faithful pastor to them and had a care and concern for end of life issues with compassion for her people. Her preaching brought the Bible alive for the people and her times of meditation to reflect on the sermon were meaningful.

Ron said she would be missed at Park but realised there was a time to come and a time to move on with God's call.

The Moderator thanked Ron for his words. He then called for Parties to be removed.

The Convener then moved the following deliverances:

3. Agreed to Translate Rev Tanya Webster from the charge of Ardrossan: Park to Aberdeen: Midstocket in the terms of Act V111 2003.
Appointed Rev Alan Ward as Interim Moderator in the Vacancy from 1st October 2019 as approved by the Vacancy Procedure Committee.
4. Noted that the updated Electoral Register of Dalry St Margaret's Church was attested by the Clerk.
5. Agreed to Sustain the Call from Dalry: St Margaret's Church to the Rev David Albon from Mauchline l/w Sorn in the Presbytery of Ayr.//

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6. Noted that during his term of office the Moderator will take the greetings of Presbytery to the following congregations: Kilbirnie: Auld Kirk; Kilwinning: Old; Largs Clark Memorial; Saltcoats: North; Stevenston: Ardeer I/w Stevenston: Livingstone.

The Convener invited Rev Ross Mitchell to present the next item pertaining to the Boundaries of Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity Church and Kilwinning: Old church and Rev Mitchell gave a brief explanation.

7. Reaffirmed that the line of separation between the parishes of Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity Church and Kilwinning: Old Parish Church should be the line of the railway between Glasgow and Ayr. Furthermore the southern boundary between the Parish of Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity Church and Stevenston: Livingstone Church should be the line of the A78 roadway between its bridge over the Glasgow to Ayr railway line and the Pennyburn Roundabout.
8. Instructed the Presbytery Clerk to inform the Principal Clerk's Office of this to ensure that all future maps and descriptions of the parish of Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity Church take these boundaries into account.
9. Noted that Rev Lilly McKinnon was still currently on sick leave and as she had been off work for more than six months this had triggered the Income Protection/Ill Health Act. An Ill Health Committee has been set in place according to the Act: a member of Ministries Council, the Presbytery Clerk and Rev James McNay.
10. Noted that the Presbyteries of Ardrossan, Ayr and Irvine & Kilmarnock will meet in Kilmarnock: Kay Park Church, 52 London Road, Kilmarnock on Tuesday 10th September 2019 at 7.00pm. Papers would be circulated prior to the meeting on 10th September as requested at the June 11th Presbytery meeting, for Presbyter's interest.
11. Noted that Rev Mandy Ralph will remain as an OLM on the Roll of Presbytery until her Induction into a Charge. This is in order for her to be able to retain her seat in Presbytery until the date of an Induction.
12. Noted that Rev Mandy Ralph will be inducted to the Charge of Annbank I/w Tarbolton in Tarbolton Parish Church on Wednesday 2nd October at 7.00pm. Ayr Presbytery will meet at 6.30pm.

Ministries and Superintendence Committee

Mr Ian Brown, Vice Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.

Presbytery:

1. Received the report.
2. Agreed the teams to carry out the Presbytery Local Review visits for 2019/2012.
3. Noted that the training and preparation for the visiting teams will take place on Saturday 2nd November 2019 within Dalry: St Margaret's Church, Dalry at 10.15am.
4. Noted the new dates for upcoming Safeguarding training:
 - 5th October 2019 Volunteer Training 10am Kirkgate Church.
 - 2nd November 2019 Volunteer Training 2.30pm Beith Parish Church.
 - 23rd November 2019 Session Training 10am Kirkgate Church.
5. Noted the date for Coordinator's gathering on Sunday 10th November 2019 at 2.30pm in Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate church. The National Safeguarding Trainer will be addressing the group and answering relevant questions.
6. Noted that over the past 12 months approx. 134 volunteers, Elders and Co-ordinators have attended appropriate training within the Presbytery.//

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- 7. Noted there is new training available for Safeguarding Panel members, available on request.
- 8. Noted that the safeguarding report to the General Assembly 2019 included the following:

“Instruct Kirk Sessions to conduct basic disclosure checks on all individuals (regardless of their employment status) in their congregation in leadership roles and/or in positions of trust, including but not limited to organists, church officers/care takers, café workers, where their duties may involve contact with vulnerable groups as referred to in the Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scotland Act 2007.

A Basic disclosure guidance sheet has been sent out to all the Presbytery Co-ordinator’s and Session Clerks. Copies are also available on the evening of Presbytery.”

- 9. Noted the change of the Presbytery Safeguarding Trainer, Fiona Blair’s phone number: 01505 673790.

Property Committee

Mr Ken Welch, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.

Presbytery:

- 1. Received the report.
- 2. Homologated the decisions taken by the Clerk and Property Convener relating to Largs: St John’s Church during the summer break.
- 3. Homologated the decision taken by the Clerk and the Property Convener relating to the manse of Stevenston: Ardeer Church I/w Stevenston: Livingstone.
- 4. Approved in principle an application from the Congregational Board of Kilbirnie: St Columba’s Church to re-roof the church building subject to finance being available. The Committee approved the application in principle subject to funding being available and the consent of the General Trustees.

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 1st October 2019 within Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 18th September 2019 at 3.00 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church.

Benediction

Presbytery was then adjourned by the pronouncing of the benediction by Mr R Allan Richardson.

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

