

**NEW CUMNOCK, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2009.** At New Cumnock Parish Church, on the Seventeenth Day of November, Two Thousand and Nine Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met, and was constituted with prayer.

**888. SEDERUNT.** Dr D Lewis, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retentis. Ministers, 11; Elders, 20; Corresponding Members, 1; Total, 32. Apologies were received from 5 Ministers, and 7 Elders and were similarly recorded. 18 others were associated with the Presbytery.

**889. ORDINATION AND INDUCTION OF MISS HELEN CUTHBERT TO NEW CUMNOCK PARISH CHURCH.**

All relevant matters being in order and the Clerk having laid on the Table the prescribed Edict duly executed, no one having appeared to object to the life or doctrine of the said Miss Helen Cuthbert, the Presbytery resolved to proceed to the Ordination and Induction of Miss Cuthbert to the Pastoral Charge of New Cumnock Parish Church.

Public Worship was conducted by Mrs Jackson, Auxiliary Minister at Lugar linked with Old Cumnock: Old, who preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion.

The Narrative and Preamble having been delivered and the prescribed Questions asked and answered satisfactorily, Miss Cuthbert signed the Formula.

Immediate past Moderator, Mr John Paterson, with prayer and the laying on of hands by the Presbyters, did ordain Miss Cuthbert and did induct her as Minister at New Cumnock Parish Church.

With the other Presbyters, the Moderator gave her the Right Hand of Fellowship.

Thereafter the Moderator put to the Congregations the required Questions which were answered satisfactorily and gave the Charges.

Public Worship being concluded, the Presbytery instructed the Clerk to confirm Miss Cuthbert's name on the Roll of the Presbytery and inform all interested parties.

Those taking part were thanked and the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

**MODERATOR**

**PRESBYTERY CLERK**

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**ALLOWAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009.**

At Alloway Church, on the Third Day of November, Two Thousand and Nine Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted with prayer.

**874. SEDERUNT.** Dr D Lewis, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 32; Elders, 51; Deacons, 1; Corresponding Members 4; Total, 88. Apologies were received from 7 Ministers and 5 Elders.

**875. WELCOME.** The Moderator welcomed Mrs Nancy Jackson, Auxiliary Minister at Lugar linked with Old Cumnock: Old.

**876. MINISTERIAL ANNIVERSARY. 25 Years: Mr Robert Lynn, Minister at Ayr: St Leonard's.**

Mr David Ness, Minister emeritus Ayr: St Quivox paid fitting tribute to the Christian life and work of Mr Robert Lynn, making mention of his integrity, pastoral work and his great interest in young people. Mr Lynn acknowledged the tribute.

The Moderator expressed the thanks and good wishes of the Presbytery.

**877. MINUTES.** The Minutes of the Meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> September and 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009, being in the hands of Members, were taken as read and approved.

**878. ORDER OF BUSINESS.** The Order of Business was approved.

**879. INTIMATIONS.**

1. The Cunningham and Gunning Lecturers. Leaflets on the Table.
2. West Sound. Sunday Night at Nine. Posters on the Table.
3. Retirement Dinner for the Presbytery Clerk. 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

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**880. GUEST SPEAKER. Miss Jessica Griffiths. Touch of World Ministries.**

Introduced by the Moderator. Miss Griffiths spoke about 'Bulgaria Touch the World Mission 09'. While there as a member of the team Miss Griffiths visited an orphanage and also stayed in a local village. It had been a very rewarding experience and Miss Griffiths spoke with great enthusiasm of how her faith had been strengthened. The Moderator thanked Miss Griffiths.

**881. ORDER OF THE DAY – 8.15pm.**

**1. VACANCY BUSINESS.**

**a. Call to Miss Helen Cuthbert from New Cumnock Parish Church.**

Congregational Representatives were welcomed and Mrs Christine Wilson spoke on behalf of New Cumnock.

Mr GH Kitcheman reported on behalf of the Vacancy Procedure Committee:

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery note that the Call from New Cumnock to Miss Helen Cuthbert, Probationer, has been sustained.

The Presbytery note the following arrangements for the Ordination and Induction of Miss Cuthbert:

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum at 6.45pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2009, within New Cumnock Church: Mrs Nancy Jackson, Auxiliary Minister, to conduct Worship and preach, the Moderator and the Immediate Past Moderator to ordain, induct and give the Charges, the Interim Moderator to be responsible for serving the Edict.

**b. Services of Linking in February 2010.**

**Crosshill and Maybole**

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for a Service of Linking at 6.45pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, within Crosshill Church.

The Presbytery note the informal Interim Report from the Review and Reform Consultation.

**887. CORRESPONDENCE.**

A letter had been received from the Special Committee of the Church of Scotland on the review of Charity Governance. It was agreed that this item of Correspondence would be passed to the relevant Committee.

**The Business being concluded, the Presbytery adjourned at 9.32pm.**

**The Presbytery of Ayr will meet in hunc effectum for Ordination and Induction at 6.45pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2009, within New Cumnock Parish Church.**

**The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Alloway Church Halls on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2009, at 7pm.**

**The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2009, at 7pm.**

**MODERATOR**

**PRESBYTERY CLERK**

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**2. SOUPER SUNDAY.**

a. The Presbytery agree to a fund-raising goal of £12,000 to benefit the Church of Scotland HIV/AIDS Project, this figure to be reached through the actions of the Presbytery and Congregations by October 2011.

b. The Presbytery invite Congregations to observe Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2010, as Souper Sunday, a day of worship, reflection and fund-raising on the theme of the Church's response to HIV in Scotland and throughout the world.

**885. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**, given in by Mr A Shuttleworth, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:

**WORSHIP TEAMS MEETING.**

The Presbytery note that A Worship Team Meeting is being held in Alloway Church on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2009, at 7.30pm when existing Worship Teams will share their experiences. This meeting is open to all who are interested.

**886. MISSION COMMITTEE**, given in by Mr NA McNaught, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:

**1. PRISONERS WEEK.**

The Presbytery note that 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2009, is Prisoners Week and commend in prayer prisoners, their families, victims of offenders, prison staff and all those who care.

**2. PULPIT EXCHANGE ROTA.**

The Presbytery note the Pulpit Exchange Rota for 2010 and commend its use in deepening fellowship at Presbytery.

**3. REVIEW AND REFORM CONSULTATION**, given in by Mr JW Paterson:

**Ayr: St Leonard's and Dalrymple.**

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for a Service of Linking and Introduction at 6.45pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2010, within Dalrymple Church.

**c. Muirkirk and Sorn. Extension of Leave to Call.**

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery grant an Extension of Leave to Call to Muirkirk and Sorn for a further period of three months.

**d. Appointment of Mr KB Yorke as Locum at Monkton and Prestwick: North.**

The Presbytery note the appointment of Mr KB Yorke as Locum at Monkton and Prestwick: North to serve 2 days per week and on Sundays, as from 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2009.

**2. ADOPTION OF UNITARY CONSTITUTION.**

**Kirkmichael and Straiton.**

In terms of Act XIX, 1964, as amended, the Presbytery note that the Kirk Sessions of Kirkmichael and Straiton have resolved to adopt the Unitary Constitution.

**3. ASSEMBLY PAPER. FUTURE OF TENURE.**

Report by Mr AB Telfer, Convener of the ad hoc Committee:

The Presbytery approve the appended comments, with the addition of the text below to section d), on the Future of Tenure and transmit them to the Ministries Council.

'However we are concerned about attaching to the issue of Appraisal and personal professional development the matter of discipline. In your report you speak of *"always aiming at improvement and support"*, regarding Accompanied Review, then immediately say, *"the Capability Policy may also make provision for the removal of a minister"*. There is already legislation to discipline and remove ministers. The Capability Policy should be promoted only as a positive means for improvement and development otherwise ministers may view it as a threat and not embrace in a positive and beneficial way.'

**882. BUSINESS COMMITTEE**, given in by Mrs I Montgomerie, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-

**1. NOMINATIONS**

The Presbytery nominate the following to serve on the undernoted Councils and Committees :

**Ministries Council:** Mr JW Paterson, Minister at Lugar l/w Old Cumnock: Old.

**World Mission Council:** Ms Muriel Wilson, DCS

**Mission and Discipleship Council:** Mr AD Wilkinson, Minister at Fisherton l/w Kirkoswald.

**Committee to Nominate the Moderator:** Mr NA McNaught, Minister at Alloway.

**2. AUDIT OF GIFTS QUESTIONNAIRE.**

Report by Mr A Shuttleworth:

The Presbytery urge all Members of the Court to complete the Audit of Gifts Questionnaire and return it by 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2010.

**883. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**, given in by Mr C Cameron, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance:

**1. MINISTRIES AND MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS.**

a. The Presbytery approve the Ministries and Mission Contributions to be paid by Congregations in 2010 as per the Schedule held in retentis.

An Addendum was moved and seconded that after the word “renentis” the following should be inserted:

“save that in respect of Maybole the Congregational Contribution for 2010 should be £29,046 pursuant to minute 532 (i) of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> February 2007.”

The Convener accepted the Addendum and the Presbytery resolved accordingly.

b. The Presbytery remind the Financial Courts of Congregations that these contributions must be paid in equal monthly instalments.

c. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the Stewardship and Finance Department of the Church of Scotland.

**2. DALRYMPLE PARISH CHURCH.**

The Presbytery agree to the request submitted by the Kirk Session and Congregational Board of Dalrymple Parish Church to release from their account in the Consolidated Fabric Fund the sum of £10,000 to be used in various fabric projects in both the Church and the Hall.

**3. CROSSHILL PARISH CHURCH.**

The Presbytery approve the proposal by the Kirk Session and Congregational Board to sell the piece of land at one time the site of the former Church Hall in Bruce Square, Crosshill, in the sum of £500.00 exclusive of all fees and encumbrances.

**4. SMALL ORGANISATIONS WATER CHARGES EXEMPTION SCHEME.**

The Presbytery note the 2 messages from Mrs J Wilson, Solicitor of the Church, and ask that these be passed to Congregational Treasurers.

The Deliverance, as amended , was adopted.

**884. COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONCERNS**

**COMMITTEE**, given in by Mr AD Wilkinson, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:

**1. CONSULTING YOU ABOUT HEALTH CARE**

The Presbytery accept the recommendations of the CWC regarding the consultation document “*Consulting You About Local Health Care*” and instruct the Clerk to send the response to Your Health – In It Together, Freepost RRZ-YRA- LGCT, Eglinton House, Ailsa Hospital, Ayr, KA6 6AB.