

ALLOWAY, 7th February, 2012

At Alloway Church on Tuesday the Seventh Day of February, Two Thousand and Twelve Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted.

152. SEDERUNT. Mr W Mackie, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retentis. Ministers, 38; Elders, 44; Deacon, 1; Corresponding Members, 3; Total 86. Apologies were received from 5 Ministers and 9 Elders.

153. WELCOME.

The Moderator welcomed the Rev Linda Godfrey, new Minister at Ayr: St. Leonard's linked with Dalrymple. The Moderator also welcomed Mrs Isobel Johnson, the new Convener of the Guild Presbyterial Council.

154. ADMISION TO THE SEAT OF PRESBYTERY.

Having applied for a Seat in the Presbytery, the Moderator called on the Rev Alexander J Geddes, Minister emeritus Stewarton: St Columba's, to affirm the vow taken on their Ordination. The Rev Geddes made affirmation and signed the Formula. The Moderator admitted the Rev A Geddes to a Seat in the Presbytery and gave him the right hand of Fellowship.

155. MINISTERIAL ANNIVERSARY. 40 years: Rev Alastair Symington, Minister Troon: Old.

The Rev Eddie Simpson, Minister emeritus Giffnock: South paid fitting tribute to the Rev Alastair Symington. Throughout his ministry Alastair had kept faith with his vows of Ordination playing his full part both at Parish and National level. With buoyancy and confidence Alastair had ensured a very fruitful and effective ministry wherever he had served, a minister and friend to all members.

The Moderator expressed the good wishes of the Presbytery.

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156. MINUTES. The Minutes of the 6th December 2011 and 19th January 2012, being in the hands of Members, were taken as read and approved.

157. ORDER OF BUSINESS.
The Order of Business was approved.

158. INTIMATIONS.

1. Annual Healing Conference: **Saturday 18th February 9.30am – 12noon. Prestwick Kingcase.**
2. Pathway to Prayer 2012: **Saturday 24th March 10.15am – 4.30pm.**
3. Meeting for Ministers about Pensions: **20th March, 2012 12.30pm – 2pm.** Howard Centre, Portland Road, Kilmarnock. Lunch available in Howard from 12noon.
4. ‘The Shape of Things to Come.’ **20th – 22nd March.** Gartmore House. *(Leaflets available.)*
5. ‘**The Kirk in the Presbytery of Ayr**’ by Tom Honey. Booklets on sale from Jim Guthrie, price £3.

159. GUEST SPEAKER.

Fiona Morrison, Church Relation Manager for Tearfund Scotland.

Introduced by the Rev Robert McCrum, Fiona spoke very passionately about her role with Tearfund. Through the work of local Churches Tearfund sought to bring justice to those in poverty. Fiona also spoke about the integral vision of Tearfund to meet both the spiritual and practical needs of people offering a true and sustainable transformation.

The Moderator thanked Fiona for her very informative and helpful address.

165. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, given in by Mr Colin Cameron, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-

1. STUDY LEAVE.

The Presbytery approve the decision taken under delegated powers to grant the Rev George Fiddes study leave in Malawi from 20th May to 16th June 2012.

2. LOG BOOK INSPECTION.

The Presbytery note that Log Books for the year 2011 require to be inspected no later than 31st March 2012. Would all members who carry Log Books please forward them to the Rev Gerald Jones no later than the 6th March for attestation.

166. CORRESPONDENCE.

All Correspondence had been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

ADJOURNMENT. The Presbytery rose at 8.15pm.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Alloway Parish Church Hall on Tuesday 6th March, 2012, at 7pm.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on Thursday 23rd February, 2012, at 7pm.

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c. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute to the Church and Society Council.

3. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE TO 2012 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Presbytery invites nominations for the Presbytery of Ayr Youth Representative to the 2012 General Assembly. Youth Representatives must be 18 and not over the age of 25 by the 18th of May 2012 to apply, which they should do in the first instance to the Convener of the Presbytery Education Committee.

4. YOUTH PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery note that the planned Youth Presbytery event for the 14th of February will not be taking place on that date and that an alternate date will be brought to the Presbytery as soon as possible.

164. MISSION COMMITTEE, given in by the Rev David Gemmell, Vice Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-

1. MISSION DEVELOPMENT POST.

The Presbytery note that its plan to create a Mission Development Post within the bounds has been accepted as one of the five national presbytery staffing pilot scheme.

2. MISSION AUDIT.

The Presbytery agree to hold a Mission Audit of all congregations within the bounds in the next year as an interim stage in the process of moving from QV's to Local Reviews.

160. ORDER OF THE DAY - 8.00pm.

1. VACANCY BUSINESS.

a. Destruction of Vacancy Papers.

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Clerk reported that the Vacancy Papers for Ayr: St Leonard's linked with Dalrymple have been destroyed.

b. Impending Demission of the Rev Alastair Symington.

(Short report from VPC)

The Presbytery appoint the Rev Eddie Simpson, Minister emeritus Giffnock: South, as Interim Moderator and Locum at Troon: Old.

c. Dalmellington.

The Presbytery note the date for Induction at Dalmellington is Thursday 15th March.

2. CHANGE OF SERVICE.

The Presbytery note that a joint Service between Craigie and Symington took place in Symington Parish Church on 1st January 2012 at 10.30am.

3. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM MODERATOR AND LOCUM.

The Presbytery homologate the action of the Clerk in appointing the Rev Ken Yorke, Minister emeritus at Dalmellington, to serve as Interim Moderator and Locum at Ayr: St Quivox while the Rev Rona Young is off sick.

4. **AYR: ST ANDREWS.**

The Presbytery approve the Vacancy Schedule, for Ayr: St Andrew's as agreed by the Interim Moderator and instruct the Clerk to forward this with the Parish Profile, and Extract Minute to Miss Elizabeth Dailly, Finance Supervisor, Ministries Council.

161. **BUSINESS AND NOMINATION COMMITTEE,** given in by the Rev Robert McCrum, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-1. **MEETING WITH FUNERAL DIRECTORS.**

The Presbytery note that all those who officiate at Funeral Services are invited to attend a meeting with local Funeral Directors at the Savoy Park Hotel on Tuesday 28th February at 4pm.

2. **MR WILLIAM FLEMING,** given in by the Rev Alec Shuttleworth.

The Presbytery of Ayr note that Mr William Fleming will be leaving the bounds of the Presbytery in February, and invite the Moderator to write to Mr Fleming conveying our thanks for his services to the congregations of this Presbytery and our best wishes to him and his wife Retta in their new home.

162. **COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONCERNS,** given in by the Rev David Watson, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-**FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT.**

The Presbytery note that 'Fair Trade Fortnight' will take place from 27th February to the 11th March 2012, on the theme 'Take a Step for Fair Trade' and commend the resources to all Congregations within the bounds.

A report was also given by Fiona Ferrans regarding the link between New Cumnock Parish Church with Malawi.

163. **EDUCATION COMMITTEE,** given in by the Rev Alec Shuttleworth, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-1. **ORDAINED LOCAL MINISTRY.**

The Presbytery nominate Mrs Sandra Black (*Reader*) to be trained as an Ordained Local Minister.

2. **SOUTH AND EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.**

a. The Presbytery agree to forward the name of Rev David Gemmell to the Standing Committee on Education of the Church and Society Council as the Church of Scotland member of South Ayrshire Council Education Committee.

b. The Presbytery agree to forward the name of Rev Helen Cuthbert to the Standing Committee on Education of the Church and Society Council as the Church of Scotland member of East Ayrshire Council Education Committee.