

DALMELLINGTON PARISH CHURCH, 15th March, 2012.

At Dalmellington Parish Church, on the Fifteenth Day of March, Two Thousand and Twelve Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted in prayer.

185. SEDERUNT. Mr W Mackie, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 24; Elders, 17; Deacon, 1; Corresponding Members, 1; Total 43. Apologies were received from 4 Ministers and 7 Elders and were similarly recorded. 6 others were associated with the Presbytery.

186. INDUCTION OF THE REV FIONA WILSON TO DALMELLINGTON LINKED WITH PATNA WATERSIDE.

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 Rev Fiona Wilson, the Presbytery resolved to proceed to the Induction of the Rev Fiona Wilson to the Pastoral Charge of Dalmellington linked with Patna Waterside. Public Worship was conducted by the Rev Linda Godfrey, Minister of Ayr: St Leonard's linked with Dalrymple who preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion. The Narrative and Preamble having been delivered and the prescribed Questions asked and answered satisfactorily, the Rev Fiona Wilson signed the Formula. The Moderator, with prayer, did induct the Rev Fiona Wilson and admit her to the Pastoral Charge of Dalmellington linked with Patna Waterside. With 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 the Rev Fiona Wilson'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



ALLOWAY, 6th March, 2012

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

167. SEDERUNT. Mr W Mackie, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retenitis. Ministers, 36; Elders, 49; Deacon, 1; Corresponding Members, 3; Total 89. Apologies were received from 3 Ministers and 5 Elders.

168. WELCOME. The Moderator extended a warm welcome to all Visitors to the Presbytery.

169. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

The Moderator acknowledged the following:

- i) The 40th Ministerial Anniversary of the Rev Eddie Simpson, Minister emeritus Giffnock: South.
- ii) The return to work after illness of the Rev Rona Young.
- iii) The death of the Rev Bill Fleming.
- iv) The death of the Rev Ken Johnston.

The Moderator led the Presbytery in prayer.

170. MINUTES. The Minutes of the 7th February 2012, being in the hands of Members, were taken as read and approved.

171. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Order of Business was approved.



172. INTIMATIONS.

1. **Reminder of Pension Meeting** – 20th March 2012.
2. Hospital Identity **Badges** – renewal 8th and 9th March, 10am – 12noon.
3. **Health and Safety.** A new website 'Health and Safety made simple: The Basis for your Business' has been launched by the Health and Safety Executive. This can be found at: http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/subjects/law_circulars. Please advise your Congregations, as it has been designed for small charities.
4. **Charity Law** - Review of the Register. OSCR have announced a new publication 'Protection of Charitable Status'. This is of particular interest to Congregations who have not as yet adopted either the Model or Unitary forms of constitution.
5. **Pension Changes** - Auto-enrolment. Some changes are being made to Pensions Law which will affect congregations if they employ staff. Further information from NEST (The National Employment Savings Trust) a UK Government pension scheme. Further information may be found at: - [http://www.pensionsadvisoryscheme.org.uk/employer-guidance/national-employmentsavings-trust-\(nest\)](http://www.pensionsadvisoryscheme.org.uk/employer-guidance/national-employmentsavings-trust-(nest)).
6. **Fire Extinguishers.** An annual inspection scheme for the servicing of fire extinguishers is being offered, nationally, by Chubb. 'The Fire Extinguisher Service Contract for Churches' - operated by Chubb Fire Limited National Accounts Division, Manchester. Details from Colin Domville on 0170 487 5597 or cbdomville@bluevonder.co.uk.
7. **Bribery Act 2010.** An email has been received from the Church Solicitors' Office regarding the above Act, which has come into force. A guidance note for Congregations has been published and will be sent to all Charges in the near future.

This document should also be copied by each congregation to its Financial Board for discussion as it also includes policy and guidelines on procurement.
8. **Presbytery Newslines** – Easter Message for Church Newsletters.
9. **'The Kirk in the Presbytery of Ayr'** by Tom Honey. Booklets available from Jim Guthrie (Price £3.00).

183. EDUCATION COMMITTEE, given in by the Rev Stephen Ogston, Vice Convener.

1. EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS.

The Presbytery note that Elaine Adair, our Youth and Sunday School Adviser, is keen to visit any Easter Holiday clubs and Missions within the bounds and information about times and venues should be passed directly to her.

2. PASTORAL CARE CHAPLAIN.

Because of illness, the Presbytery appoint the Rev Alec Shuttleworth to undertake the duties of the Presbytery Chaplain for the South Area until the September meeting of Presbytery or until the Rev Paul Russell feels ready to return to that position; whichever is sooner. Those who require the services of the chaplain should contact Rev Shuttleworth in the first instance.

184. CORRESPONDENCE.

All Correspondence had been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

ADJOURNMENT. The Presbytery rose at 8.47pm

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Alloway Parish Church Hall on Tuesday 1st May, 2012, at 7pm.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on Thursday 19th April, 2012, at 7pm.

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for Induction on the 15th March, 2012, at 6.45pm within Dallmellington Parish Church.

- a) The Stewardship and Finance Department of the Church of Scotland by 31st March 2012;
- b) The Vice Convener (Finance) of the Administration Committee of the Presbytery by 1st May 2012.

All Congregations should note that Accounts should not be submitted to OSCR until the Attestation process has been completed by Presbytery.

(Following certain concerns raised, the Convener agreed to report back to the next meeting of Presbytery.)

182. COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONCERNS, given in by the Rev David Watson, Convener.

1. ASSISTED SUICIDE.

The Presbytery note the consultation document on the proposed Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill which can be found at the Scottish Parliament website:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/gettinginvolved/46127.aspx>

The Presbytery invite those who have clear opinions to respond before the closing date which is 30th April 2012.

Report by Rev Bob Mayes about Dundonald's partnership with Bandawe.

The Rev Bob Mayes highlighted the joys, and frustrations, of sending financial aid to Bandawe. High bank charges and keeping strict control of how funds were being used created a sense of frustration. However, there was also joy in noting that the money donated by Dundonald Parish Church had been very instrumental in rebuilding a nursery, providing food and a rocket stove.

173. GOOD NEWS ITEMS

Mrs Nan McTurk, speaking on Stair Parish Church Sunday School, reported that currently 43 young people were involved. There were 14 volunteers on a Crèche rota and 7 teachers also on a rota.

Mrs McTurk concluded by stating that the young people were not the Church of tomorrow, but the Church of today.

The Moderator expressed his good wishes to Stair Parish Church Sunday School and all Sunday Schools within the Presbytery.

174. RECEPTION OF MINISTRY CANDIDATES, READERS, ADULT TRAINERS, ADVISERS AND CHURCH YOUTH WORKERS.

Introduced by the Rev Stephen Ogston, Vice Convener of the Education Committee. The Moderator conveyed the grateful appreciation of the Presbytery to all the above.

175. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 2012. APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS.

It being betwixt the hours of eleven o'clock in the forenoon and eight o'clock in the evening, the Presbytery did and hereby do nominate and appoint the following Ministers and Ruling Elders their Commissioners to the ensuing General Assembly convened to meet in Edinburgh on Saturday 19th May, 2012:

MINISTER	CHARGE	ELDER	CHARGE
<i>Stephen Clipston</i>	AUCHINLECK/ CATRINE	<i>Jennifer Ramsay</i>	GIRVAN NORTH
<i>David Gemmell</i>	AYR: AULD KIRK	<i>Iain Gemmell</i>	AYR: AULD KIRK
<i>Robert McCrum</i>	AYR: ST JAMES	<i>Sandra Black</i>	AYR: ST JAMES
<i>Dave Whiteman</i>	COYLTON/ DRONGAN	<i>Anna Cameron</i> <i>Moirra Pirie</i>	COYLTON/ DRONGAN
<i>Glenda Keating</i>	CRAIGIE/ SYMINGTON	<i>Moyra Withycombe</i>	CRAIGIE/ SYMINGTON
<i>Gerald Jones</i>	KIRKMICHAEL/ STRAITON	<i>Frank Potter</i> <i>James Kirk</i>	KIRKMICHAEL/ STRAITON
<i>Jamie Milliken</i>	TROON: PORTLAND	<i>Colin Cameron</i>	TROON: PORTLAND
<i>Helen Cuthbert</i>	NEW CUMNOCK	<i>Mary Harper</i>	NEW CUMNOCK
<i>David Clarkson</i>	MONKTON & PRESTWICK NORTH		
<i>Kenneth Elliott</i>	CLERK		

GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANTICIPATED DELIVERANCE.

The General Assembly note the arrangements for recording attendance at Sessions of the Assembly and approve the principle that, except where there are extenuating circumstances, expenses will only be paid to Commissioners who have attended a minimum of ten sessions as described in the report.

176. COMMISSION OF ASSEMBLY.

The Presbytery nominate the following Commissioners to be members of the Commission of Assembly: Rev Kenneth Elliott, Minister at Prestwick South, and Mr Colin Cameron, Presbytery Elder at Troon: Portland.

177. REPORT OF DILIGENCE.

The Presbytery appoint the Rev David Clarkson, Minister at Monkton and Prestwick North, to report Diligence.

178. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE.

The Presbytery nominate Kirsty Watson to be the Presbytery of Ayr Youth Representative at the 2012 General Assembly.

4. CHURCH WEBSITES.

The Presbytery note that as from 1st May 2012, the Charity Number should appear on the Home page of the Church website.

5. FISHERTON PARISH CHURCH.

The Presbytery approve the proposal by Fisherton Parish Church to remove the existing bell tower which is in poor condition. The Committee on Art and Architecture have been consulted and have approved the proposal. The cost of the work is £1,785.00 and funds are available.

6. DALMELLINGTON PARISH CHURCH MANSE.

The manse was inspected following completion of the work contained in the vacancy inspection. The manse is habitable and ready for occupation.

7. NEWTON WALLACETOWN PARISH CHURCH.

The Presbytery approve the proposal by Newton Wallacetown Church to replace one set of double doors at the halls to improve access. The cost of the work is four thousand, eight hundred and ninety nine pounds (£4,899.00). and includes an application for the release of funds from their account in the Consolidated Fabric Fund.

All appropriate forms have been completed.

The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the General Trustees.

8. ACCOUNTS OF CONGREGATIONS FOR 2011.

Pursuant to the Regulations for Congregational Finance, the Presbytery remind all Congregations to submit one copy of their accounts for 2011 with original signatures to:

181. **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**, given in by Mr C Cameron, Convener.

1. **ATTESTATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTE BOOKS.**

The Presbytery note that all Committee Books will be attested by members of the Administration Committee, prior to the next Committee Meetings, in Ayr: The Auld Kirk Halls on Thursday 19th April, 2012 at 6.30pm.

2. **LOG BOOKS.**

The Presbytery note that the Ministries Council has stated that as from 2011, all Log Books used by Ministers within Presbytery must be subject to attestation. Therefore, all Log Books should now be submitted to the Rev W.G. Jones, by 1st April at the latest, and not 6th March as intimated previously.

3. **INSURANCES.**

The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to dispatch the following E-mail to the Clerk, Dumfries and Kirkcudbright Presbytery :-

Ref. Insurances of Church Property.

Cc. All Presbyteries in Scotland, England and Europe.

Our Administration Committee debated the above subject this evening (23rd Feb.) and do sympathise with the circumstances that the Churches within your area are experiencing. The outcome of our debate was that it is the duty of the Congregational Trustees to provide adequate insurance cover of each property, as under-insuring could be catastrophic.

We would support you, nevertheless, in an approach to the Church of Scotland Insurance Company, to try and negotiate better premiums for congregations.

179. **ORDER OF THE DAY - 8.00pm.**

1. **AD HOC COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY REPORT**, given in by the Rev Scott Rae, Convener. *(Also see written report.)*

- a. The Presbytery receive the report.
- b. The Presbytery thank and discharge the Support Group which has been in existence since a previous Quinquennial Report.
- c. The Presbytery appoint the Rev Scott Rae, the Rev George Fiddes and Mrs Isabell Montgomerie to be available to consult with the Minister of Dalmellington linked with Patna Waterside. The group will not be required to report back to the Presbytery.
- d. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send a copy of the Report to the Minister of Dalmellington linked with Patna Waterside and to the Dalmellington Session Clerk.
- e. The Presbytery discharge the Ad Hoc Committee and express their thanks.

2. **VACANCY BUSINESS.**

a. **Dalmellington linked with Patna Waterside.**

Call to the Rev Fiona A. Wilson, Minister at Blantyre: Livingstone Memorial Parish Church.

Congregation Representatives welcomed. Mrs Jeannie Kerr spoke on behalf of Dalmellington and Mr David McLarty spoke on behalf of Patna: Waterside.

The Rev Alastair Symington reported on behalf of the Vacancy Procedure Committee:

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery note that the Call to the Rev Fiona A Wilson, Minister at Blantyre: Livingstone Memorial Parish Church, has been sustained.

The Presbytery note the following arrangements for Induction:

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for Induction at 6.45pm on the 15th March, 2012, within Dalmellington Parish Church. The Rev Linda Godfrey, Minister of Ayr: St Leonard’s linked with Dalrymple, to conduct Worship and preach; the Moderator to Induct and give the Charges; the Interim Moderator to be responsible for serving the Edict.

b. Troon: Old

Demission of the Rev Alastair Symington, Minister of Troon: Old. Congregations invited. Compeared Mr Andrew Fell paid fitting tribute to the ministry of the Rev Alastair Symington. The Rev Alastair Symington made a suitable reply.

3. NOMINATION OF PRESBYTERY MODERATOR.

The Presbytery appoint the Rev Alastair Symington, Minister of Troon: Old, to be Moderator of the Presbytery of Ayr for the year beginning 1st October next.

4. DIAMOND JUBILEE.

The Presbytery agree to any congregation in the East of Ayr Grouping holding morning worship in Dumfries House estate at 11.30 am on Sunday 3 June 2012 to mark the Diamond Jubilee of the reign of Her Majesty the Queen.

5. TEMPORARY CLOSURE – PRESTWICK SOUTH.

The Presbytery note that Prestwick South Parish Church moved their Service of Worship to the Church Hall on the 19th February 2012 due to a malfunction with the heating system.

6. JOINT SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT DALMILLING.

The Presbytery note that a joint Service of Worship will take place between Auchincruive and Dalmilling on Sunday 25th March at 10am. The Service will be held in Dalmilling with the Annual Stated Meeting held immediately after the Service.

7. ONE SERVICE AT ALLOWAY.

The Presbytery note that Alloway Parish Church will be holding one Service on Sunday 25th March at 10.30am followed by the Annual Stated Meeting
The Presbytery also note that Alloway Parish Church will be holding one Service on Easter Sunday, 8th April, at 10.30am

180. BUSINESS & NOMINATION COMMITTEE, given in by the Rev Robert McCrum, Convener.

1. MEETING WITH FUNERAL DIRECTORS.

The second annual meeting between Funeral Directors and those who officiate at funerals took place at the Savoy Park on the 28th February. During the discussions that followed, a few issues were remitted to the Presbytery, namely updating Parish Boundaries and examining the surcharges that are implemented by the various Councils for Saturday funerals. Overall, it was agreed that a very good relationship exists between Funeral Directors and the Presbytery of Ayr.

2. NOMINATED ELDER FOR BUSINESS COMMITTEE AND MAC.

The Presbytery nominate Mrs Pam Kavanagh, Ruling Elder, to serve for a period of three years on the Business Committee and the Moderator’s Advisory Committee from 1st July 2012.

3. HONORARY INDUSTRIAL CHAPLAIN.

The Presbytery note that the Rev George Lind, Minister at Stewarton: St Columba’s, has been appointed Honorary Industrial Chaplain to UPM, Caledonian Paper Mill, Meadowhead Road Irvine with effect from 12th March 2012.
