

MAYBOLE PARISH CHURCH, 31st May, 2012.

At Maybole Parish Church, on the Thirty First Day of May, Two Thousand and Twelve Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted in prayer.

203. SEDERUNT. Mr W Mackie, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 20; Elders, 31; Corresponding Members, 3; Total 54. Apologies were received from 6 Ministers and 5 Elders and were similarly recorded. 3 others were associated with the Presbytery.

204. DEDICATION OF MAYBOLE PARISH CHURCH.

All relevant matters being in order and the Clerk having lain on the Table the prescribed Minute the Presbytery resolved to proceed to the Dedication of Maybole Parish Church.

Public Worship was conducted by the Very Rev David W. Lacy, former Moderator of the General Assembly and Minister at Henderson Parish Church Kilmarnock, who preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion. The Narrative having been delivered the Moderator, with prayer, did dedicate Maybole Parish Church to the honour and service of almighty God.

Public Worship being concluded, the Presbytery instructed the Clerk to minute the proceedings 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, 1st May, 2012.

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

187. SEDERUNT. Mr W Mackie, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retenitis. Ministers, 31; Elders, 42; Corresponding Members, 1; Total 74. Apologies were received from 6 Ministers and 4 Elders.

188. WELCOME.

The Moderator welcomed the Rev Fiona Wilson, new Minister at Dalmellington linked with Patna.

189. TRIBUTE.

Rev Ken Johnston, Minister emeritus: Annbank and Tarbolton.

The Rev George Fiddes, Minister at Prestwick: St Nicholas paid fitting tribute to the Rev Ken Johnston. A great asset to the ministry, Ken had been a giant of a man in his faith. After many years of illness Ken was now at peace and our thoughts and prayers were now especially with his wife Helen, their children David, Ross, Debbie and Kirsty.

190. ADMISSION TO SEAT OF PRESBYTERY.

Having applied for a Seat in the Presbytery, the Moderator called on the Rev John C. Matthews, Minister emeritus Glasgow: Ruchill Kelvinside, to affirm the vow taken on their Ordination. The Rev John C. Matthews made affirmation and signed the Formula. The Moderator admitted the Rev John C. Matthews to a Seat in the Presbytery and gave him the right hand of Fellowship.

191. MINUTES. The Minutes of the 6th March 2012 and 15th March 2012, being in the hands of members, were taken as read and approved.

192. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Order of Business was approved.

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193. INTIMATIONS.

1. Heart & Soul 2012 - **Sunday 20th May.**
2. Presbytery Yearbook.
3. Bequest Fund for Ministers in outlying districts.
4. Centrestage Leaflets to be collected.

194. GOOD NEWS ITEM.

Mrs Penny McCreath and Mrs Mamie Ireland spoke about the Kirk Shop in Dalmellington. As of November 2011 the sum of £19,000 had been raised. Thanks were expressed to the 16 volunteers involved in running the shop. It was also highlighted that the greatest success of the shop was outreach to the community. In addition certain items had been donated to charities such as Blythswood Care.

195. COMMISSIONING OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Moderator addressed the Commissioners and put to them the prescribed Question which was answered satisfactorily. The Moderator, with prayer, commissioned the Commissioners to serve at the forthcoming General Assembly.

196. ORDER OF THE DAY - 8.00pm.

1. VACANCY BUSINESS.

Destruction of Vacancy Papers.

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Clerk reported that the Vacancy Papers for Dalmellington linked with Patna have been destroyed.

2. MATHIESON HOUSE UPDATE – Iain Gemmell.

3. SERVICE OF DEDICATION.

The Presbytery agree to a Service of Dedication at Maybole Parish Church on Thursday, 31st May, 2012.

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum at 6.45pm.

201. EDUCATION COMMITTEE, given in by the Rev Alec Shuttleworth, Convener.

1. SUMMER MISSION AND HOLIDAY CLUBS.

The Presbytery note the intention of Elaine Adair, the Youth and Sunday School Adviser, to visit as many summer missions and holiday clubs as she can and urge congregations who intend holding such events to send the details to her if possible by email on MURRAYANDELAINES@sky.com.

2. NATIONAL ASSESSOR.

The Presbytery nominate the Rev David Watson, the Rev David Clarkson and Mt Douglas Gulland to undergo the Assessment for training as a National Assessor for the Church of Scotland Enquiry and Assessment Process.

202. CORRESPONDENCE.

Mrs Sandra Black would like to convey her sincere thanks to Presbytery for nominating her to train for OLM. Sandra is extremely grateful for the encouragement and support received from Presbytery as a whole and from many individual members, both clergy and laity.

ADJOURNMENT. The Presbytery rose at **8.35pm.**

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Ochiltree Parish Church on Tuesday 26th June, 2012, at 7pm.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on Thursday 14th June, 2012, at 7pm.

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extended to cover approved alterations previously enjoying zero-rate relief. The problem is that the scheme as it stands is capped and is already under enormous stress. During the last quarter, applicants received less than 50% of their VAT back.

The change comes into operation on 1 October 2012. Letters about VAT on listed buildings should be sent to the Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury, David Gauke MP. It is suggested that everyone who has already sent letters to the Chancellor and their MP should write again to Mr Gauke, especially if the letters include case-studies demonstrating that charities will be reducing the amount of work that they carry out on listed buildings – with the result that the tax payable to HMRC will not be as much as expected by the Treasury – or that works which would be to the advantage of historic buildings will not now go ahead.

200. COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONCERNS COMMITTEE, given by the Rev David Watson, Convener.

1. CHRISTIAN AID WEEK.

The Presbytery commend to Congregations Christian Aid Week and urges them to support the many valuable projects they undertake both financially and in their prayers.

2. DATE FOR DIALOGUE.

The Presbytery note that the proposed 'Date for Dialogue' organised by NHS Ayrshire and Arran and scheduled for the 24th May has been cancelled.

MALAWI TRIP.

Report on the forthcoming trip to Malawi by the Rev George Fiddes. The Report highlighted some of the places to be visited and what the trip hoped to achieve. Above all else Presbytery was reminded to keep the Malawi trip in their prayers.

4. PRESBYTERY ACCOUNTS, given in by Mr GH Kitcheman, Presbytery Treasurer:

- a. The Presbytery, acting as Trustees of the relevant Charity, approve the Accounts for the year to 31st December 2011, a copy to be held in retentis, and thank the Treasurer, Mr George H Kitcheman for the presentation of the Accounts and Mr J Beaton, Independent Examiner, for his work. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute and a copy of the Accounts to the Stewardship and Finance Committee.
- b. The Presbytery approve the appointment of Mr John Beaton as Independent Examiner for 2012.

197. BUSINESS & NOMINATION COMMITTEE, given in by the Rev Kenneth Elliott, Presbytery Clerk.

1. GUEST SPEAKER.

The Presbytery note the forthcoming visit to the Presbytery on the 5th February 2013 of Dr Murdo Macdonald, Policy Officer for Society, Religion and Technology Project.

2. PRESBYTERY MEETING JUNE 2013.

The Presbytery agree to hold the Ordinary June Meeting of Presbytery within Maybole Parish Church at 7pm on Tuesday 25th June 2013.

3. NEW AND APPOINTED ELDERS.

The Presbytery note that all new and recently appointed Elders will be invited to attend a short informal induction meeting of welcome on Thursday 20th September at 5.30pm within Ayr: The Auld Kirk Halls.

4. THE PRESBYTERY PROTOCOL - ANNUAL REPORT.

- a. The Presbytery note that the Presbytery Protocol was not used during the past year.
- b. The Presbytery recognise that the Protocol is to be used when complaints and matters of concern involving Ministers are received, including occasions when other persons are also involved in the complaint or matter of concern.
- c. The Presbytery note that for the purpose of the Protocol all references or use of the word Minister shall also refer to Readers, Auxiliary Ministers, Ordained Local Ministers and Deacons.

198. MISSION COMMITTEE, given in by the Rev Liz Crumlish, Convener.

- 1. **PRAYING ACROSS SCOTLAND.**
The Presbytery note the arrangements for the Pray across Scotland event ahead of this year's General Assembly to be held at Prestwick Kingcase Church, Sunday 13th May, 3pm.
- 2. **MISSION DEVELOPMENT OFFICER.**
The Presbytery agree to recruit a Mission Development Officer under the Pilot Presbytery Staffing fund arrangements.
- 3. **ALLOCATION OF 3%**
The Presbytery approve the setting aside of the previously agreed Mission proportion of the 3%, along with any leftover funds from the 3% to help fund the MDO post.

199. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, given in by Mr Colin Cameron, Convener.

- 1. **ATTESTATION OF MINUTES.**

The Presbytery note that the Minutes of the Court and Committees have been attested and found to be in accordance with the Instructions of the General Assembly.
The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the Principal Clerk.

- 2. **ATTESTATION OF CONGREGATIONAL ACCOUNTS.**
The Presbytery homologate the submission of the form for 2011 regarding Attestation of Congregational Accounts of the Presbytery of Ayr to the Finance and Stewardship Department.

- 3. **TROON OLD PARISH CHURCH**
The Presbytery approve the proposal by Troon: Old Parish Church to carry out alterations and improvements to the manse kitchen and bathroom, window replacement, carpet replacement and cleaning, and general repairs to the roof and paving. The cost of the work is £29,621 and funds are available. The appropriate form has been completed.

- 4. **INSURANCE AND PROPERTY MEETING.**
The Presbytery note that a meeting will be called in September and all congregational Treasurers and Property Convenors will be invited to attend. The meeting will be in two parts. The first part will be a presentation from the Church of Scotland Insurers who will advise and discuss the detail of the present insurance scheme and will answer any questions that may arise concerning insurance.

The other part will be to discuss changes in recording of maintenance to properties, the new property register, and the new manse condition schedule

- 5. **CHANGES TO VAT ZERO RATING OF LISTED BUILDINGS.**

The Presbytery note that the chancellor announced in his budget speech that alterations to listed buildings would no longer be zero rated. The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme will be