

**TROON: OLD PARISH CHURCH, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2012.**

At Troon: Old Parish Church on Tuesday the Second Day of October, Two Thousand and Twelve Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted.

**234. MINISTERIAL ANNIVERSARIES.**

**25 years: Rev Bill Hannah, Minister emeritus Muirkirk Parish Church.**

Mr Bill Mackie, ruling Elder, paid fitting tribute to the Rev Bill Hannah. From a career in journalism, Bill had accepted the call to the ministry. Throughout his time at Muirkirk, Bill had been a very diligent and passionate Minister. In addition, he was still a wonderful servant to the Presbytery of Ayr, a past Moderator, current Editor of Newslines and continuing to travel from his home in Kirkintilloch to attend meetings. Bill was truly a Minister who was dedicated to Church, ably supported by his wife Morag.

**235. BUSINESS & NOMINATION COMMITTEE**, given in by the Rev Bob Mayes, Vice Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-

**1. BUSINESS & NOMINATION CONVENER.**

- a. The Presbytery note the resignation of the Business and Nomination Convener, the Rev Robert McCrum, and extend their thanks to him.
- b. The Presbytery note the appointment of Mrs Isabell Montgomerie as Convener of the Business and Nomination Committee until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

**MODERATOR**

**PRESBYTERY CLERK**

236.    **MINUTES.** The Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> September, being in the hands of Members, were taken as read and approved.

237.    **RETIRING MODERATOR.**

The Moderator’s term of office being completed, the Clerk, on behalf of the Court, thanked Mr Bill Mackie. Bill had led the Presbytery promoting a sense of fairness, good grace and enthusiasm. In addition, Bill had implemented his own style of presentation and ensured that the Presbytery were adaptable to change. The Clerk also thanked Ina Mackie for the support she had given the Moderator.

Mr Bill Mackie made a suitable reply, highlighting how much he enjoyed his year in office, especially visiting different Church and Congregations. Bill also thanked his wife Ina for all her support.

238.    **INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR ELECT.**

The Clerk laid on the Table Minute 179.3 appointing the Rev Alastair Symington, Minister emeritus Troon: Old, to be Moderator of the Presbytery. The Presbytery reaffirmed the appointment. The Rev Alastair Symington was summoned into the Court. The Moderator put the prescribed Question, which the Rev Alastair Symington answered.

The Moderator installed the Rev Alastair Symington with prayer, handed him the Ordinal and a Bible donated by Words of Wisdom, and put on his shoulders the Moderator Scarf and declared him duly installed as Moderator of the Presbytery of Ayr for the year ending 1<sup>st</sup> October next, and then gave him the Right Hand of Fellowship.

The Rev Alastair Symington took his place and acknowledged Court. The Meeting was adjourned.

- e.        The Presbytery instruct Kirk Sessions to ensure that all Volunteers and paid Staff have a copy of the new ‘Pocket Guide’ to Safeguarding: *Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk: Key information for Volunteers and Staff.*
- f.        The Presbytery encourage congregations to make full use of the new Safeguarding Handbooks: ‘Policy and Procedure’, ‘Recruitment’, ‘Training Matters’, and ‘Good Practice.’  
(**Note: only the first Handbook has been published to date.**)

249.    **CORRESPONDENCE.**

All Correspondence had been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

**ADJOURNMENT.    The Presbytery rose at 9.30pm.**

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

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2012, at 7pm.

**MODERATOR**

**PRESBYTERY CLERK**

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**248. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**, given in by the Rev Stephen Ogston, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-

**1. BURSARIES.**

**a. Mackie of Knockgerran Trust.**

After consultation with the Trustees of the Mackie of Knockgerran Bursary, the Presbytery note the award of £130 to David Barr and £130 to Stuart Crawford.

**b. Girvan Trust.**

After consultation with the Trustees of the Girvan Bursary, the Presbytery note the award of £500 to Rhona Cathcart.

**2. SAFEGUARDING**, presented by Bill Mackie.

**a.** The Presbytery welcome the instructions contained in the Remits Booklet of the General Assembly 2012.

**b.** The Presbytery instruct Kirk Sessions to comply with all guidance issued by the Service in relation to the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007.

**c.** The Presbytery instruct Kirk Sessions to ensure that all formally recruited Congregational Pastoral Care Visiting Group members who support 'protected adults' as defined in the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007, have the opportunity to attend safeguarding training in their Congregations, and are strongly encouraged to do so.

**d.** The Presbytery instruct Ministers within their bounds to co-operate fully with The Safeguarding Service and Ministries Council in complying with the Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme as introduced by the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act, 2007.

**239. PRESBYTERY COMMUNION SERVICE.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated. This Service was conducted by the Moderator.

Following refreshments, the Presbytery met for business in Troon: Old Parish Church.

**240. SEDERUNT.** The Rev Alastair Symington, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 32; Elders, 34; Corresponding Members, 2; Total 68. Apologies were received from 7 Ministers, 1 Deacon and 11 Elders.

**241. WELCOME.**

The Moderator welcomed Mr Duffy, the new Presbytery Elder for Annbank.

**242. ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

The Order of Business was approved.

**243. INTIMATIONS.**

1. Allocation of Assembly Papers.
2. Insurance & Property Conference, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012 7pm at Ayr: Castlehill.
3. Keay Thom Trust for widows, daughters and dependants of deceased Ministers, or wives of Ministers who are now divorced or separated.
4. Training Elders as Interim Moderators.
5. Hope City 2012 – 2013 – Postcards to be uplifted.
6. Year Book. Copies still to be uplifted.

244. ORDER OF THE DAY - 8.30pm.

1. VACANCY BUSINESS.

a. Troon: St Meddans

Demission of the Rev David Harper, Minister of Troon: St Meddans. Congregations welcomed. Compeared Mrs Catherine Howlett paid fitting tribute to the ministry of the Rev David Harper.

The Rev David Harper made a suitable reply.

b. Extension of Leave to Call Ayr: St Andrews.

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery grant an Extension of Leave to Call to Ayr: St Andrews for a further period of six months.

2. SERVICE CHANGES

The Presbytery note the following changes:

a. Maybole Parish Church will hold their Remembrance Day Service on the 11<sup>th</sup> November in Maybole Town Hall.

b. A joint Service of Worship between Auchincruive and Dalmillig will take place on Remembrance Day within Dalmillig Parish Church at 10am. Auchincruive Parish Church will be closed on this date.

245. BUSINESS AND NOMINATION COMMITTEE, Mrs Isabell Montgomerie, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-.

1. MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Presbytery appoint the Rev John Paterson as Succeeding Vice Convener of the Mission Committee.

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b. In addition, the Presbytery approve the following reductions in the Ministries and Mission Contributions to be paid by Congregations in 2012:

Maybole	£6,000
Fisherton	£500

c. The Presbytery are reminded that in May 2012, Minute 198.3, approval was given to setting aside of the leftover funds from the 3% to help fund the Mission Development Officer.

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

247. COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONCERNS, given in by the Rev David Watson, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY ROADSHOW.

The Presbytery note that a Church and Society Roadshow will be taking place at Kingcase Parish Church, Prestwick on Saturday 27th October from 9:30am -1pm and encourage all Congregations within the bounds to send two or three representatives including their Church and Society Representative, if the appointment has already been made.

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4. USE OF CCTV.

The Presbytery note that increasing numbers of Congregations are installing CCTV for security purposes. It is sometimes not appreciated that this has Data Protection implications (as images will contain personal data). Where any Congregation has CCTV, the Presbytery's DP Registration requires to be extended to include crime protection as one of the activities covered.

The undernoted address is a link to the Guidance for organisations/Code of Practice.  
[http://www.ico.gov.uk/for\\_organisations/data\\_protection/topic\\_guides/cctv.aspx](http://www.ico.gov.uk/for_organisations/data_protection/topic_guides/cctv.aspx)

5. PROPERTY SEMINAR 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, INFORMATION.

The new Property Register and Manse Condition Schedule can be found on the Church of Scotland website / resources /Subjects/buildings and property, and can be downloaded and saved as a document,  
[http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/subjects/building\\_andpropertyresources](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/subjects/building_andpropertyresources)

6. MINISTRIES AND MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS 2012.

a. Pursuant to Minute 913.3 of the meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 in connection with the Presbytery Mission Projects Scheme, the Presbytery approve the following reductions to the Ministries and Mission Contributions to be paid by Congregations in 2012:

Newton Wallacetown	£5,000
Ayr: St Columba	£5,000
Ayr: The Auld Kirk:	£5,000

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2. AREA GROUPINGS.

The Presbytery note the Conveners and Rapporteurs:

Central Area		South Area	
Convener	Rev Paul Russell	Convener	Rev Alec Shuttleworth
Rapporteur	Rev Stephen Ogston	Rapporteur	Rev Neil McNaught
East Area		North Area	
Convener	Rev David Gemmell	Convener	Rev John Paterson
Rapporteur	Mr Gordon MacDonald	Rapporteur	Mr Frank Potter

3. MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP GUEST SPEAKER.

The Presbytery note the forthcoming visit on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013 of Mr Kevin Simpson, Head of MAF Scotland.

4. HOSPITAL LISTS.

The Presbytery encourage Ministers to submit written complaints or e-mails to Mrs Jacky Williams when patients' names are omitted from the Patient Lists, despite upon admission requesting a visit from their Minister.

(Jacky Williams, Head of Quality, Healthcare Quality, Governance & Standard Unit,  
 56 Lister Street, Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock KA2 0BE.  
 or e-mail [jacky.williams@aaaht.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:jacky.williams@aaaht.scot.nhs.uk))

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

1. **STUDY LEAVE.**

The Presbytery approve the application for study leave as submitted by the Rev Neil McNaught, for four weeks to St George's in Jerusalem, for an ethnological study course of the Holy Land at the lifetime of Jesus.

The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the Senior Administrator of the Ministries Council.

2. **AYR: NEWTON WALLACETOWN CHURCH.**

The Presbytery approve the application by Newton Wallacetown Church for provision of access scaffolding at a cost of £576.00 including VAT. This is to enable repairs to the rose window to be carried out. The repairs to the Rose window were approved at the December meeting of 2011 as part of a larger project. The proposal includes an application for the release of funds from their account in the Consolidated Fabric Fund. The appropriate form has been completed.

3. **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH ART AND ARCHITECTURE.**

The Presbytery note that all Congregations are reminded that alterations to Church buildings, including decoration of the sanctuary, must have the approval of the Committee on Church Art and Architecture.

The Church of Scotland enjoys the privilege of interior alterations to its buildings being exempt from the normal planning processes due to the "ecclesiastical exemption" provision. This exemption, however, depends on the Committee on Church Art and Architecture being in a position to provide expert guidance and advice to Congregations contemplating or planning alterations, as well as to the General Trustees.

In recent months, the Committee has become aware of several cases where significant alterations of church buildings have been undertaken by congregations without the General Trustees or the Committee being consulted. Since some of these alterations have been made to buildings which are designated as being of historic importance, this raises serious issues for the relationship of the Church of Scotland with Historic Scotland. If Congregations continue to alter their buildings without proper consultation of the Committee and the General Trustees, continuation of our "ecclesiastical exemption" is likely to be put at risk. This could result in a presbytery and all the charges within its bounds being required for a period of years to submit all alterations through the normal planning processes in addition to those of the Church of Scotland.

It is also important to remember that the Committee and the General Trustees are there to offer objective guidance and advice, including free access to professional expertise, and that their input has proved very beneficial to Congregations in planning their alterations.

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