

**TARBOLTON PARISH CHURCH, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2013.** At Tarbolton Parish Church, on the Tenth Day of October, Two Thousand and Thirteen Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted in prayer.

**375. SEDERUNT.** Rev A Symington, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 20; Elders, 18; Total 38. Apologies were received from 4 Ministers and 5 Elders and were similarly recorded. 6 others were associated with the Presbytery.

**376. INDUCTION OF THE REV JILL CLANCY TO ANNBANK LINKED WITH TARBOLTON PARISH CHURCHES.**

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 Rev Jill Clancy, the Presbytery resolved to proceed to the Induction of the Rev Jill Clancy to the Pastoral Charge of Annbank linked with Tarbolton.

Public Worship was conducted by the Rev Derek Peat, Minister of Troon: St Meddan's, 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 Jill Clancy signed the Formula.

The Moderator, the Rev Alastair Symington, with prayer did induct her to the Pastoral Charge of Annbank linked with Tarbolton. 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 Jill Clancy's name on the Roll of Presbytery and inform all interested parties. Those taking part were thanked and the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

**MODERATOR**

**PRESBYTERY CLERK**

Scottish Charity Number SC020676

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**TROON: OLD PARISH CHURCH, 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2013.** At Troon: Old Parish Church, on the Tenth Day of September, Two Thousand and Thirteen Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted in prayer.

**358. SEDERUNT.** Rev A Symington, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 15; Elders, 12; Corresponding Members 1, Total 28. Apologies were received from 5 Ministers and 4 Elders and were similarly recorded. 1 other was associated with the Presbytery.

**359. INDUCTION OF THE REV DAVID PRENTICE-HYERS TO TROON: OLD 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 Rev David Prentice-Hyers, the Presbytery resolved to proceed to the Induction of the Rev David Prentice-Hyers to the Pastoral Charge of Troon: Old.

Public Worship was conducted by the Rev Morag Garrett, Minister of Ayr: St Andrews, 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 David Prentice-Hyers signed the Formula.

The Moderator, the Rev Alastair Symington, with prayer did induct him to the Pastoral Charge of Troon: Old. With other Presbyters, the Moderator gave him 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 David Prentice-Hyers name on the Roll of 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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SYMINGTON, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2013.

At Symington Parish Church on Tuesday the First Day of October, Two Thousand and Thirteen Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted.

**360. SEDERUNT.** Rev A Symington, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retentis. Ministers, 33; Elders, 38; Corresponding Members, 2; Total 73. Apologies were received from 7 Ministers and 8 Elders.

**361. WELCOME.**  
The Moderator welcomed the Rev David Prentice-Hyers.

**362. ADMISSION TO SEAT OF PRESBYTERY**  
Having applied for a Seat in the Presbytery, the Moderator called on the Rev Mary Elizabeth Prentice-Hyers, Minister of the Presbyterian Church (USA), to affirm the vow taken on her Ordination. The Rev Mary Elizabeth Prentice-Hyers made affirmation and signed the Formula. The Moderator admitted the Rev Mary Elizabeth Prentice-Hyers.

**363. MINISTERIAL ANNIVERSARIES:**  
**50 Years: Rev James Blyth, Minister emeritus Glenmuick Parish Church.** Ordained and Inducted on 25th September 1963.

The Moderator expressed the good wishes of Presbytery and the Clerk was instructed to convey this message to the Rev James Blyth.

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5. **Kirk Session:** The elders of both Kirk Sessions shall form with the Minister or Ministers the Kirk Session of the united Congregation.
6. **Congregational Management:** The temporal affairs of the united Congregation shall be administered by the Kirk Session in terms of the Unitary Constitution, the Delegation of Assembly being authorised to issue the appropriate Deed of Constitution to the said Congregation.
7. **Minister:** The Rev. Glenda Keating, presently Minister of Symington linked with Craigie shall be the Minister of the united charge in terms of Section 11 (1) (b) of Act VII, 2003.
8. **Manse:** The present manse of the linked charge of Craigie and Symington Congregations shall be the manse of the united congregation.
9. **Ministerial Support:** The stipend shall be such as is sanctioned by the Ministries Council.
10. **Power to Readjust:** While the articles and terms shall form the Basis of Union for the two Congregations now uniting, the united Congregation shall be free like other Congregations; to adjust arrangements under the authority of Presbytery as need may arise.

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**APPENDIX 1  
BASIS OF UNION  
Craigie Linked with Symington**

The congregation of Craigie and the congregation of Symington shall be united as of 2014 (*Date still to be confirmed*) on the following terms and conditions:

1. **Name:** The name of the united Congregation shall be Craigie Symington Parish Church
2. **Transference of Property and Funds:** The property and funds belonging to, or held on behalf of each Congregation shall belong to or be held on behalf of the united Congregation and any transference necessary shall be duly effected.
3. **Places of Worship:** The Church at present used and occupied by the Symington Parish Church Congregation shall be the place of worship of the united Congregation. The Church at present used by the Craigie Parish Church Congregation shall be used, sold, let or otherwise disposed of, subject to the titles on which it is held, subject to the approval of the Presbytery, and, if necessary, the General Trustees or the General Assembly. The free proceeds of any such sale or let shall
  - (a) if falling within the scope of Act VII 1995, be credited to the benefit of the Congregation in the Consolidated Fabric Fund or
  - (b) if not falling within the scope of the said Act, be held and applied for fabric purposes in connection with the properties of the Congregation.
4. **Territorial Responsibility:** The bounds to be served by the united Charge shall be the present area of the parishes of Symington and Craigie or as the Presbytery shall determine.

**25 Years: Rev David Watson, Minister Prestwick Kingcase.**  
Ordained 22nd September 1988.

The Rev Fraser Aitken, Minister Ayr: St Columba, paid fitting tribute to the Rev David Watson. In particular, tribute was paid to the very transparent ministry which David had promoted with no hidden agenda. In addition, David was greatly valued by Prestwick Kingcase where he had exercised a ministry that had also been community orientated reflected in his involvement with Town Twinning and local Schools. The Rev Fraser Aitken concluded by referring to David as an encourager and good friend.

The Moderator expressed the good wishes of the Presbytery.

**364. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

It was announced that, sadly, the Rev David Albon had to withdraw from his Study Leave pilgrimage walk from the Mull of Galloway to Cape Wrath due to the unexpected death of his father. The Presbytery convey all their thoughts and prayers to David and his family at this time of bereavement.

**365. MINUTES.** The Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> September and 10<sup>th</sup> September, being in the hands of members, were taken as read and approved.

**366. ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

The Order of Business was approved.

**367. INTIMATIONS**

1. Presbytery Yearbook Amendments.
2. Law Department Circulars  
[http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/subjects/law\\_circulars](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/subjects/law_circulars)

368. **Good News Item.**

Malawi Report by Julie Griffiths and three young girls of Alloway. In September 2012, through Alloway Parish Church, they started to raise over £20,000 to enable the trip to take place. Cara, Fiona and Siobhan spoke about their experiences of painting eleven classrooms, meeting children, visiting different locations including Schools, Clinics, Orphanages and Churches where they witnessed firsthand how funds were being used to improve life in Malawi.

The Moderator thanked the four guest speakers for a very inspiring talk.

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

1. **READJUSTMENT.** Report given in by the Rev John Paterson on behalf of the Mission Committee. Congregation Representatives welcomed.

a. The Presbytery note that at the vote for the Basis on Union between Craigie and Symington held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2013:

There voted at Craigie Parish Church	For the Basis of Union	36
	Against the Union	3
There voted at Symington Parish Church	For the Basis of Union	50
	Against the Union	0

b. The Presbytery note the Congregations' approval of the Basis of Union.

c. The Presbytery approve the Basis of Union (For Basis of Union see Appendix 1).

d. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the Ministries Council.

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374. **CORRESPONDENCE .**

All Correspondence had been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS.

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 5<sup>th</sup> November**, 2013, at 7pm.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**, 2013, at 7pm.

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for Induction at 6.45pm on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October**, 2013, within Tarbolton Parish Church.

*(Please also note: Anticipated date for Ordination of Mrs Sandra Black as an Ordained Local Minister will be Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at Ayr: Castlehill Parish Church.)*

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373. **COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONCERNS**, given in by the Rev Ian McLachlan, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-

*(Included updated report on Malawi by the Rev George Fiddes regarding the purchasing of Mosquito nets.)*

**1. BOOKLET ON FUNDRAISING IDEAS**

The Presbytery note the forthcoming booklet on Fundraising Ideas and encourage as many people as possible to send in contributions.

**2. IMAGINING SCOTLAND EVENT**

The Presbytery note the Imagining Scotland event on Saturday the 19th October from 10.30am in Girvan South Church Hall.

**3. SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT**

The Presbytery note the Scottish Parliament website which contains information relevant to the Christian Church.  
www.scottish.parliament.uk

**4. PLACE AT THE TABLE**

The Presbytery note the campaign - a Place at the Table - for helping some of the suffering people in Syria. Interested Congregations and members are encouraged to get involved if they can.

**5. WORLD MISSION**

The Presbytery note that World Mission would like us to focus some of our prayers on Africa and the Caribbean at this time. The Presbytery note that the following parts of the world would appreciate our prayers - Afghanistan, Malawi, Syria, Korea, South Sudan, Bangladesh, Israel and Palestine.

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**2. VACANCY BUSINESS**

**a. Destruction of Vacancy Papers**

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Clerk reported that the Vacancy Papers for Troon: Old had been destroyed.

**b. Call from Annbank linked with Tarbolton**

Congregation Representatives welcomed.

The Rev Neil McNaught reporting on behalf of the Vacancy Procedure Committee:

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery note that the Call to the Rev Jill Clancy has been sustained. The Call was signed by 245. *(Annbank 126, Tarbolton 119)*

The Presbytery note the following arrangements for the Induction:

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for Induction at 6.45pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013, within Tarbolton Parish Church.

The Rev Derek Peat, Minister at Troon: St Meddan's, to conduct Worship and preach; the Moderator to Induct and give the Charges; the Interim Moderator to be responsible for serving the Edict. *(Numbers indicating attendance 40)*

**c. Appointment of Interim Moderator and Locum**

The Rev Neil McNaught reporting on behalf of the Vacancy Procedure Committee:

The Presbytery appoint the Rev Alistair Morrison, Minister emeritus Paisley: St Mark's Oldhall, as Interim Moderator and Locum at Ayr: Newton Wallacetown as from 1<sup>st</sup> October.

The Rev Neil McNaught also paid tribute to the Rev Betty Smith for all her involvement.

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**3.      UNITARY DEEDS ISSUED**

The Presbytery note the Unitary Constitution has been issued to Dalmellington Parish Church.

**370.   BUSINESS AND NOMINATION COMMITTEE,**  
given in by Mrs Isabell Montgomerie, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-**1.      MISSION AND DISCIPLESHIP CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING NETWORK CONSULTATION**

The Presbytery nominate the Rev Dave Whiteman and the Rev Mandy Hickman to be the Presbytery of Ayr Representatives at the Congregational Learning Network Consultation at St Andrew's Parish Church Bo'ness on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

**371.   EDUCATION COMMITTEE,** given in by the Rev Stephen Ogston, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-**1.      ROUTE HOPE**

The Presbytery note that Route Hope will be held on Saturday 16th November between 5pm and 10pm in the Ark at the Citadel in Ayr. This is a free event for all young people in the Presbytery of Ayr.

**372.   ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE,** given in by the Rev Gerald Jones, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-**1.      AYR: NEWTON WALLACETOWN**

The Presbytery approve the application by Ayr: Newton Wallacetown Parish Church for the release of £5,000 from their account in the Consolidated Fabric fund. This is for upgrade work at the manse as per the recommendations in the Presbytery Manse Inspection report dated 16 May 2013. The necessary form has been completed.

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

**2.      COMMUNICATION OFFICER**

The Presbytery approve the re-appointment of the Rev Bill Hannah as Communications Officer with immediate effect, and warmly thank him for this willingness to serve in this appointment. The Rev Bill Hannah will receive the appropriate remuneration as agreed by the Administration Committee.

**3.      ALLOWANCE FOR GIVING MINISTERS "TWO EXTRA SUNDAYS OFF"**

The Presbytery recall (*Minute 392.1 refers*) that it had given the Administration Committee the responsibility for making the financial arrangements to allow Parish Ministers two additional Sundays absence from their pulpit. The Presbytery now agree to a trial period whereby instead of giving relief from their Ministries and Mission Contributions (*using the 3% allowance*), it reimburses participating Congregations from the funds of the Court. This trial to be reviewed at an appropriate date in the future, and, until such date, the provisions of Minute 514.10 of December 2006 are suspended.