

CARRICK CENTRE MAYBOLE, 2nd September, 2014.

At the Carrick Centre Maybole on Tuesday the Second Day of September, Two Thousand and Fourteen Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted.

478. SEDERUNT. Rev S Rae, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retenitis. Ministers, 36; Elders, 49; Deacon, 1; Corresponding Members, 1; Youth Representatives, 2; **Total 89.** Apologies were received from 13 Ministers, 2 Elders and 1 Youth Representative.

479. TRIBUTE.

The Rev George Fiddes, Minister of Prestwick: St Nicholas Parish Church, paid fitting tribute to the Rev George Cranston.

The Rev George Cranston was initially influenced by the Christian upbringing he received from his parents. As a youngster George loved football but due to a serious injury was unable to pursue this as a full-time career. He was brought to Christ through the Salvation Army before becoming involved with the Church of Scotland. George initially studied as a Lay Missionary which led to an involvement in Prison Ministry. However the Call to full-time Ministry could not be ignored and through perseverance eventually George studied at Trinity College in Glasgow where he twice won the Preaching Prize.

In 1983 he was called to Rutherglen and there exercised a ministry where he never lost his passion for preaching the Gospel. In 2001 he retired and became a member at Prestwick: St Nicholas. George was also a family man, married to Mora and father to Douglas and Graham.

480. ROLL OF PRESBYTERY.

73 Ministers; 58 Elders; 1 Deacon; 11 Corresponding Members; 4 Youth Representatives **Total 147.**

481. WELCOME. The Moderator welcomed new Members including Rev Abi T. Ngunga, Minister Ayr: Newton Wallacetown.

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482. MINUTES. The Minutes of the 17th June 2014 and 28th August 2014, being in the hands of members, were taken as read and approved.

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

484. INTIMATIONS

1. The Presbytery Yearbook.
2. Anne Parnaby, Area Coordinator with Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal, is seeking the help of 'Messy Church' in contributing. Further details from anneparnaby@yahoo.co.uk
3. Respectful Dialogue Ayr Auld Kirk Wednesday 3rd September at 7pm.
4. Anticipated that the Presbytery Office will be closed for at least the month of September.
5. Arrangements for the Carrick Centre Maybole.
6. Ayrshire Vocations Conference, Howards Centre Kilmarnock, Saturday 27th September 2014.

485. ORDER OF THE DAY - 7.30pm

1. VACANCY BUSINESS

a. DESTRUCTION OF VACANCY PAPERS

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Clerk reported that the Vacancy Papers for Ayr: Newton Wallacetown had been destroyed.

b. EXTENSION OF LEAVE TO CALL FISHERTON AND KIRKOSWALD

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery grant an extension of Leave to Call to Fisherton and Kirkoswald for a further period of six months.

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c. DEMISSION OF THE REV ROBERT MCCRUM

Demission of the Rev Robert McCrum, Minister of Ayr: St James. Congregation welcomed.

d. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM MODERATOR AND LOCUM AT AYR: ST JAMES

Mr George Kitcheman reporting on behalf of the Vacancy Procedure Committee:

The Presbytery appoint the Rev David Gemmell, Minister of the Auld Kirk Ayr, as Interim Moderator, and the Rev Jack Brown, Minister emeritus Applegarth, Sibbaldie and Johnstone linked with Lochmaben as Locum, from 1st October.

2. ASSEMBLY PAPERS. ALLOCATION OF REMITS.

Overture Under the Barrier Act

Overture Regarding Ministers And Deacons in Civil Partnership. Business and Nomination Committee will report at November meeting.

3. OPTION REVIEW REPORT, given in by the Rev John Paterson, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-.

Following the Option Review concerning Ayr: Newton Wallacetown Parish Church:

- a.** The Presbytery agree in principle to the request of Ayr: Newton Wallacetown that the programme of works proceed provided that the full amount of finance required for the work can be put in place.
- b.** On sourcing the full amount an application be made to the Presbytery seeking approval to proceed.
- c.** The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute to the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland.

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4. ACCOUNTS INSPECTION COMMITTEE, given in by the Rev Stewart Birse, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-

- a. Having completed the attestation process, the Presbytery agree that the Congregational Accounts for 2013 conform to the Regulations for Congregational Finance, subject to points of detail and guidance raised with local office-bearers and reported to the General Treasurer of the Church of Scotland.
- b. The Presbytery agree that those Congregations which have not already done so, should now submit an original signed copy of their 2013 Accounts to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator together with their Annual Return.
- c. The Presbytery thank all Congregational office-bearers involved in the production of the Accounts for their diligence and efforts.
- d. The Presbytery thank all those involved in the attestation process for their work.
- e. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute to the General Treasurer of the Church of Scotland.

5. SETTING APART OF READER MRS CHRISTINE STEWART

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for the Setting Apart of Mrs Christine Stewart as a Reader at 6.45pm on Thursday 2nd October, 2014, within Dundonald Parish Church. The Rev Robert Mayes, Minister at Dundonald Parish Church, to conduct Worship and preach, the Moderator to set apart and give charges. *(21 Presbyters indicated attendance)*

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6. ORDINATION OF MR TOM McLEOD

The Presbytery resolve to meet in hunc effectum on Thursday 30th October, 2014, at 6.45pm within Ayr: Castlehill Parish Church, to ordain Mr Tom McLeod to the Ordained Local Ministry; the Rev Paul Russell, Hospital Chaplain, to conduct Worship and preach and the Moderator to ordain and give the Charge.

486. BUSINESS AND NOMINATION COMMITTEE,
given in by the Rev Robert Mayes, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-

1. C.K. MARR EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The Presbytery appoints Mr AH Symington to serve as a Governor of the C.K. Marr Educational Trust for another period of four years from June 2014.

2. CONGREGATIONAL YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

The Presbytery appoint Miss Cara Moynihan as the Congregational Youth Representatives for Alloway Parish Church.

3. VOCATION CHAMPION INTERVIEW

The Presbytery appoint the Rev Scott Rae to represent the Presbytery of Ayr interviewing applicants for the position of Vocation Champion for the Presbyteries of Ardrossan, Irvine & Kilmarnock and Ayr.

4. STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE REPRESENTATIVES' CONFERENCE

The Presbytery nominate Miss Moira Wilson and Mr Frank Potter to be their representatives at this year's conference, which will be held in 121 George Street, Edinburgh on Wednesday 24th September.

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5. MINISTRIES COUNCIL PRESBYTERY CONFERENCE

The Presbytery nominate the Rev Liz Crumlish, Mr Gordon MacDonald and Isabell Montgomerie to be their representatives at the Ministries Council Presbytery Conferences to be held at Crieff Hydro on 30th September / 1st October 2014 and 28th / 29th January 2015.

6. MINISTRIES DEVELOPMENT STAFF

The Presbytery nominate Mr Gordon MacDonald, Mrs Joyce Pringle and the Rev Rona Young to attend the Ministries Development Staff consultation on Tuesday 4th November 2014.

7. PASTORAL CARE CHAPLAIN

The Presbytery appoint the Rev Andrew McGurk, Minister emeritus Largs: St John's, to serve as Pastoral Care Chaplain for the South and East Area of Presbytery for an initial period of one year.

487. EDUCATION COMMITTEE, given in by the Rev Dave Whiteman, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-

1. WORSHIP TEAM TRAINING

a. The Presbytery note that the following have successfully completed stage one of the worship team training.

Monkton & Prestwick North

Duncan Campbell
Jan Armour
Elaine Wardrop
Allan McBain
Margaret McBain

Morag Hamil
Trish Archibald
Ed Sutherland
Heather Thomson

Alloway

Karin Stewart

Troon Portland

Ian Penman
John Reid

Ballantrae & St Colmon

Claire Pirrie
Pat Guthrie
Myra Heap
Gina Gathercole
Barbara Bretherton
Alan Bretherton

- b. The Presbytery note that the following has successfully completed stage two of the worship team training.

Auchinleck / Catrine

Gill Ward

2. SAFEGUARD TRAINER

The Presbytery approve the application by Mrs Gillian Hay, Ayr: St James Parish Church to be considered as a national safeguarding Trainer.

- 488. **MISSION COMMITTEE**, given in by the Rev John Paterson, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-

1. DEPLOYMENT OF OLM/AUXILIARY MINISTRY

The Presbytery agree the deployment of OLM/Auxiliary ministry:

- a. Mr Tom McLeod to be ordained OLM and appointed to Ayr: Castlehill on Thursday 30th October 2014 until September 2015. In 2015 be introduced to Craigie Symington linked with Prestwick South Parish Church.
- b. The Rev Nancy Jackson to continue ministry in Crosshill linked with Maybole.
- c. The Rev Douglas Moore is currently at Ayr: St Quivox until May 2015.
- d. The Rev Sandra Black to be deployed at a later date.

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2. LCR REPORT 2013/14

The Presbytery receive and note the LCR reports for 2013/14.

3. LCR TEAMS 2014/15

The Presbytery note LCR teams proposed for 2014/15

CHURCH	MONTH	TEAM
Troon: Portland	September 2014	Rev Rona Young, Rev Mandy Hickman & Mr John Black
Troon: Old	October 2014	Rev Helen Cuthbert, Rev Mandy Hickman & Mrs Linda Young
Troon: St Meddans	November 2014	Rev Brian Hendrie, Rev Mandy Hickman & Mrs Doreen Qua
Dundonald	November / early December 2014	Rev Morag Garrett, Rev Mandy Hickman & Mrs Anne Beedie
Monkton and Prestwick North	January 2015	Rev Stephen Ogston, Rev Mandy Hickman & Mrs Claire Pirrie
Prestwick: Kingcase	February 2015	Rev Douglas Moore, Rev Mandy Hickman & Mr Neville Clark
Prestwick: South	March 2015	Rev Richard Moffat, Rev Mandy Hickman & Mrs Jennifer Ramsay
Prestwick: St Nicholas	April 2015	Rev Fraser Aitken, Rev Mandy Hickman & Mr George Park

4. GOING FOR GROWTH

The Presbytery note 'Going for Growth' event to be held in Ayr: Castlehill on Tuesday 21st October 2014 for the Presbyteries of Ayr, Irvine and Kilmarnock, Ardrossan, Wigton and Stranraer, Dumfries and Kirkcudbright. The timetable is as follows:

- a. 2pm – 5pm for Presbytery Clerks and Presbytery Committee Conveners.
- b. 6pm – 8pm for Congregational Representatives.

489. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, given in by the Rev Jamie Milliken, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-

1. MINISTRIES AND MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS

a. The Presbytery agree to reduce the 2014 Ministries and Mission contributions of the undernoted Congregations by the sums shown using the 3% allowance:

New Cumnock	£3000	Mauchline	£5000
Catrine	£1000	Maybole	£6000
Ayr St Quivox	£2000		

b. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute to the General Treasurer of the Church of Scotland.

**2. AYR ST LEONARD'S PARISH CHURCH:
MANSE INSPECTION, 35 ROMAN ROAD, AYR**

An inspection of the above Manse was carried out on the 11th August 2014 on behalf of Presbytery. The property has not yet been fully vacated. Several works were noted that require to be carried out prior to occupation. The Manse is not available for occupation and a further inspection will be necessary when all essential works have been completed.

**3. AYR NEWTON WALLACETOWN PARISH CHURCH:
MANSE INSPECTION 9 NURSERY GROVE, AYR**

An inspection of the above Manse was carried out on 29th July 2014 on behalf of Presbytery. All work recommended in the previous inspection has been carried out and the Manse is habitable.

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4. AYR NEWTON WALLACETOWN PARISH CHURCH

The Presbytery approve the proposal by Ayr Newton Wallacetown Parish Church to replace two heating boilers within the halls complex. The work is of an urgent nature to avoid serious damage and disruption. The cost is in the region of £15,000.00 (fifteen thousand pounds). Funds are available and the Church of Scotland heating consultant has been consulted.

5. KIRKMICHAEL PARISH CHURCH: PROPOSED SALE OF GLEBE LAND.

- a. The General Trustees were recently approached by a firm of solicitors acting for a house owner immediately adjacent to the glebe. It transpired that an area of glebe land had been taken into the garden of this house many years ago and certainly prior to the current owner's tenure. The issue having never been raised by local church parties in the intervening period. The house is now due to be sold and the modern mapping requirements of the Registers of Scotland have highlighted this anomaly in the title. The General Trustees have agreed to sell the area of ground, with local parties agreement for the sum of £5,000 plus costs. The onward sale of the house is dependent upon the rectification of the title and that the legal matters can be concluded by 30th September 2014. The Presbytery is now asked to give consent to the proposed sale.
- b. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland.

6. HEALTH AND SAFETY LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES
(See Letter)

The Presbytery note the details in the enclosed document emphasising and reminding congregations of their health and safety legal responsibilities when having work carried out either by contractor or by self help.

7. AYR: ST COLUMBA ASSISTANT MINISTER'S MANSE

- a. The Presbytery approve the decision of the Kirk Session/ Elected Members of Ayr St Columba to lease the Manse at 8, Whiteford View, Ayr, for a period of one year.
- b. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland.

8. CHARITIES REFERENCES IN DOCUMENTS (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2007, AS AMENDED

The Presbytery instruct Congregations to comply with the legal requirements regarding making reference to our Congregation's charity status in Congregation's publications and documents as prescribed in the Charities References in Documents (Scotland) Regulations 2007, as amended.

490. COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONCERNS, given in by the Rev Ian McLachlan, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-
Included Malawi Report from the Rev Stephen Ogston.

1. IRAQ

The Presbytery note that the World Missions Council is asking all members to remember the situation in Iraq in their prayers.

2. VISIT BY PARTNER CHURCH IN TAIWAN

The Presbytery note that a group of Christians from our partner church in Taiwan will be visiting Scotland this month. They are looking for Presbyteries who would be willing to host a group of three from late afternoon on Tuesday the 16th of September to early morning on Friday the 19th of September. Any church that is able to do this should make contact with the Convener as soon as possible.

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491. CORRESPONDENCE.

All Correspondence had been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

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

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Kirkmichael Parish Church on **Tuesday 7th October**, 2014, at 7pm.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on **Thursday 25th September**, 2014, at 7pm.

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MODERATOR

PRESBYTERY CLERK

Scottish Charity Number SC020676

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