

**DUNDONALD PARISH, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.** At Dundonald Parish Church, on the Twenty Sixth Day of February, Two Thousand and Nineteen Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted in prayer.

**983. SEDERUNT.** Rev Brian Hendrie, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 19; Elders, 17; Total **36**. Apologies were received from 3 Ministers. 6 others were associated with the Presbytery.

**984. ORDINATION AND INDUCTION OF MRS LYNSEY BRENNAN TO DUNDONALD 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 said Mrs Lynsey Brennan, the Presbytery resolved to proceed to the Ordination and Induction of Mrs Lynsey Brennan to the Pastoral Charge of Dundonald.

Public Worship was conducted by the Rev Dr Robert Pickles, Minister of Crosshill and Maybole, who preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion. The Narrative and Preamble having been delivered and the prescribed Questions asked and answered satisfactorily, Mrs Lynsey Brennan signed the Formula.

The Moderator, the Rev Brian Hendrie, with prayer and the laying on of hands by the Presbyters did ordain Mrs Brennan and did induct her to the Pastoral Charge of Dundonald. With other Presbyters, the Moderator gave her the Right Hand of Fellowship. Thereafter, the Moderator put to the Congregation the required Questions which were answered satisfactorily, and gave the Charges.

Public Worship being concluded, the Presbytery instructed the Clerk to confirm the Rev Lynsey Brennan 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**

**THE CARRICK CENTRE, 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2019.**

At The Carrick Centre, on the Fifth Day of March, Two Thousand and Nineteen Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met, and was constituted in prayer.

**985. SEDERUNT** Rev Brian Hendrie, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retentis.

Ministers, 39; Elders, 44; Corresponding Members, 7; Deacon, 1; Youth Representative, 1; **Total 92.** Apologies were received from 4 Ministers, and 5 Elders.

**986. TRIBUTE**

The Rev Morag Crossan, Parish Assistant and Ordained Local Minister at Dalmellington linked with Patna, paid fitting tribute Mr David McLarty.

David McLarty was born on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 1949 just outside Dalmellington. Music played a huge part of David's life, but his mother wanted him to go to University and he went to Strathclyde University to study Pharmacy.

Faith for David was a whole life experience. He was ordained an Elder in Patna Waterside Church at 18. He was also Property Convener, Clerk to the Board and Session Clerk for 32 years. David had a great belief in the restoration of the people by God and his great hope was for the Doon Valley to thrive again. Through the years David also played a very active part in the life of Presbytery.

In family life David was married to Dianne for 33 years. There were also the girls Gemma and Sofie. In more recent years he loved being a grandpa to his eight grandchildren.

David McLarty lived his three score years and ten serving the Church and God. David also loved his family, enjoyed entertaining many people with his gift of music and caring deeply for his community of Patna.

The Moderator led the Presbytery in prayer.

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**987. REV BILL JOHNSON**

The Moderator informed Presbytery that the Rev Bill Johnson had died unexpectedly on the 4<sup>th</sup> March. The Moderator led the Presbytery in prayer which included mention of Bill's wife Anne, his daughter Shona and son Graeme.

**988. MINISTERIAL ANNIVERSARY**

**50 Years: Rev Andrew McPhail, Minister emeritus Ayr: Wallacetown Parish Church.**

The Rev Neil McNaught paid tribute to the Rev Andrew McPhail upon reaching 50 year as an Ordained Minister. Andrew was Ordained and Inducted to Ayr: Wallacetown Parish Church in September 1968.

The Moderator expressed the good wishes of the Presbytery.

**989. WELCOME**

The Moderator welcomed the Rev Lynsey Brennan, Minister of Dundonald.

**990. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2018, and 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2019, being in the hands of members were taken as read and approved.

**991. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Order of Business presented by the Rev Alistair Morrison was approved.

**992. INTIMATIONS**

1. Presbytery Clerk & Presbytery Office email addresses:  
Clerk – ayr@churchofscotland.org.uk  
Office – ayroffice@churchofscotland.org.uk
2. Presbytery Office new hours Monday 9.30am – 4.30pm,  
Wednesday 9.30am – 4.30pm and Friday 11.30am – 4.30pm.
3. Rural Conference 4<sup>th</sup> May in the Carrick Centre, Maybole.

**993. RECEPTION OF MINISTRY CANDIDATES, READERS AND TRAINERS.**

Introduced by the Rev Barbara Suchanek-Seitz, Convener of the Education Committee. The Moderator conveyed the grateful appreciation of the Presbytery to all of the above.

**994. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 2019.  
APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS.**

MINISTER	POSITION	ELDER	CHURCH
Robert Pickles	Crosshill/Maybole	Isabell Montgomerie	Ochiltree
Morag Garrett	Ochiltree/Stair	Nan McTurk	Stair
Ian Wiseman	Prestwick: Kingcase	Jean Barclay	Dalmellington
David Prentice-Hyers	Troon: Old	Brian Duncan	Troon: Old
John Paterson	Old Cumnock: Old / Lugar	Marge Paterson	Old Cumnock: Old / Lugar
Brian Hendrie	Ayr: St Leonard's / Dalrymple	Gordon MacDonald	Prestwick: Kingcase
Helen Cuthbert	New Cumnock	David Hume	Alloway
James Hogg	OLM	Alan Bruce	St Leonard's
Kenneth Elliott	Presbytery Clerk		
Ian Paterson	Retired Minister		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>

**995. COMMISSION OF ASSEMBLY**

The Presbytery nominate the following Commissioners to be members of the Commission of Assembly: Rev Brian Hendrie, Minister at Ayr: St Leonard's and Dalrymple, and Mr Alan Bruce, Presbytery Elder at Ayr: St Leonard's.

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**996. REPORT OF DILIGENCE**

The Presbytery appoint the Rev James Hogg, OLM, to report Diligence.

**997. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE**

The Presbytery nominate Ross McKay to be their Youth Representative at the 2019 General Assembly.

**998. ORDER OF THE DAY - 7.30pm****1. VACANCY BUSINESS**

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

**a. GIRVAN NORTH PARISH CHURCH  
CALL TO DYKE AND EDINKILLIE OF THE  
REV RICHARD MOFFAT**

- i) Congregation Representatives welcomed. Compeared Mr Ronald Gibson, Girvan North Parish Church, paid fitting tribute to the ministry of the Rev Richard Moffat.

The Rev Richard Moffat made a suitable reply.

In terms of Acts VIII, 2003, the Presbytery note the Call from Dyke and Edinkillie to the Rev Richard Moffat, Minister at Girvan: North, has been sustained and the translation agreed.

- ii) The Presbytery appoint the Rev Ian Stirling, Minister of Fisherton linked with Kirkoswald, as Interim Moderator and Mr Glenn Ronald, Reader, as Locum at Girvan North as from 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

- iii) The Presbytery note discussions about the South Carrick area will now take place regarding the future of ministry in the area.

**b. DEMISSION OF THE REV FRASER AITKEN,  
MINISTER OF AYR: ST COLUMBA**

Congregation Representatives welcomed.

Compared Mr Bob Bartholomew, Session Clerk, paid fitting tribute to the ministry of the Rev Fraser Aitken.

The Rev Fraser Aitken made a suitable reply

**c. LETTER OF DEMISSION**

The Presbytery note that the Rev George Fiddes, on grounds of retirement, will demit his Charge of Prestwick: St Nicholas Parish Church on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019.

**d. TROON: PORTLAND**

Congregations of Troon: Old, Troon: Portland and Troon: St Meddans cited to attend.

Mr Bill Duncan, Interim Moderator, spoke on behalf of Troon: Portland and Mr Andrew Fell, Session Clerk, spoke on behalf of Troon: Old

- i) The Presbytery recall the decisions of 23<sup>rd</sup> October regarding the Presbytery Plan for Troon.
- ii) The Presbytery suspend the section of Presbytery Plan for Troon
- iii) The Presbytery instruct a Committee consisting of the Rev Ken Yorke, Rev Douglas Moore, and Mrs Moureen Jones to consult with local parties and the General Trustees regarding this section of the Plan and to report to Presbytery in due course, including an Interim Report by the 18<sup>th</sup> June, with a proposed new section of Plan.

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Part **iii**) initially contained (including the North Area Mission Focus Group). It was proposed and seconded that this be removed.

For Deliverance with removal of MFG **44**

For Deliverance with inclusion of MFG **11**

The Deliverance was adopted accordingly.

**e. DESTRUCTION OF VACANCY PAPERS**

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Clerk reported that the Vacancy Papers for Dundonald Parish Church had been destroyed.

**f. EXTENSION TO COYLTON LINKED WITH DRONGAN**

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery grant an extension of Leave to Call to Coylton linked with Drongan for a further period of one year.

**2. NOTICE OF MOTION**

The Business and Nomination Acting Convener, the Rev Alistair Morrison, had given notice under Standing Order **5(f)** and Standing Order **8(b)** that, at the December 2018 meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr he would propose the following Deliverance:

**NEW STANDING ORDER AMENDMENT**

The Presbytery agree in terms of Standing **Order 8 (b)** to adopt the following amended Standing Order Section **7 b)**:

Commissioners to an ensuing General Assembly are nominated and appointed at the March Meeting. Details are found in the Presbytery Year Book. Commissioners shall report Diligence at the Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery following the General Assembly.

For the Motion **68**      Against the Motion **0**

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**3. ADOPTION OF UNITARY CONSTITUTION  
CROSSHILL PARISH CHURCH**

- a. In terms of Act XIX, 1964, as amended, the Presbytery note that the Congregation of Crosshill Parish Church has resolved to adopt the Unitary Constitution.
- b. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute, together with an Extract Minute of the above Congregational Meetings to the Solicitor of the Church of Scotland.

**4. ADOPTION OF UNITARY CONSTITUTION  
MAYBOLE PARISH CHURCH**

- a. In terms of Act XIX, 1964, as amended, the Presbytery note that the Congregation of Maybole Parish Church has resolved to adopt the Unitary Constitution.
- b. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute, together with an Extract Minute of the above Congregational Meetings to the Solicitor of the Church of Scotland.

**5. STRAITON PARISH CHURCH**

The Presbytery note that the Service of Worship held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February took place in the McCandlish Hall. This was due to a major electricity breakdown in the village which left the Church and several homes without supply.

**6. ALLOWAY PARISH CHURCH**

The Presbytery note that the Service of Worship held on the 13<sup>th</sup> January took place in the Church Hall. This was due to the repainting of the Sanctuary.



**7. ATTESTATION OF ACCOUNTS**

- a. The Presbytery remind congregations that their Trustees Reports and Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2018 are due to be in the Presbytery Office by the first Tuesday in April and specifically Auchinleck and Dalrymple Congregations have been instructed to conform with this reminder.
- b. The Presbytery note that Dalrymple Trustees Report and Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017 were attested on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.

**8. PERMISSION FOR ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM**

The Presbytery grant permission for the Rev Mary Elizabeth Prentice-Hyers, Corresponding Member, to administer the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at Troon: Portland Parish Church on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.

**999. BUSINESS & NOMINATION COMMITTEE**, given in the Rev Alistair Morrison, Acting Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.

**1. PIONEER MINISTRY REVIEW**

The Presbytery note the representatives attending the Conference on Pioneer Ministry Review are Mrs. Isabell Montgomerie and Rev. Gerald Jones.

**2. PRESBYTERY MODERATOR**

The Presbytery agree to the nomination of the present Moderator, the Rev. Brian Hendrie for a second year as Moderator.

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**3. DEPUTE PRESBYTERY CLERK**

The Presbytery agree to the appointment of the Rev. Alastair Symington to the non-salaried post of Depute Presbytery Clerk.

**4. INTERIM MODERATOR TRAINING**

The Presbytery nominate Dr David Hume to attend Interim Moderator training.

**5. MINISTRIES AND MISSION CONVENER**

The Presbytery agree to the appointment of Mr George Park, Ruling Elder, as Ministries and Mission Vice Convener.

**6. MISSION COMMITTEE**

The Presbytery note that following the Call from Dyke and Edinkillie to the Mission Convener, the Rev Dr Abi T Ngunga, Minister of Ayr: Newton Wallacetown, and Mr Brian Duncan, Ruling Elder, will become Convener and Vice Convener respectively of the Mission Committee.

**7. SUPERVISOR FOR CANDIDATES IN TRAINING**

The Presbytery nominate the Rev David Gemmell, Minister of Ayr: The Auld Kirk, to take part in national training as a supervisor for candidates in training.

**1. COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONCERNS**, given in by the Rev Ian Stirling, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.

The Presbytery encourage Ministers, Congregations and Guilds to explore and engage with the interfaith resources produced by the World Mission Council which facilitate a process of attentive accompaniment.

2. **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**, report given in by the Rev Barbara Suchanek-Seitz, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.

1. **PASTORAL CARE CHAPLAINS**

The Presbytery encourage all ministers to take the opportunity to engage with the Pastoral Care Chaplains and be aware of the Chaplains' offer to meet with each Minister at least once a year.

2. **MARKET PLACE STYLE WORKSHOP**

The Presbytery encourage all congregations to take part in a Market Place Style Workshop for youth work in Ayr: The Auld Kirk at a date to be confirmed. This workshop will include information about financial help for youth projects.

3. **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**, given in by the Rev Gerald Jones, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.

1. **5% DISCRETIONARY ALLOWANCE**

- a. The Presbytery agree the following reductions in Ministry and Mission Contributions:

Ayr: The Auld Kirk	£5,000
Ayr: Newton Wallacetown	£1,500
Ballantrae	£6,000
Ochiltree	£10,000
Crosshill and Maybole (share)	£15,000
Prestwick Kingcase	£3,000
Prestwick South	£2,500
Troon Portland	£4,500

- b. The Presbytery agree to instruct the Clerk to forward deliverance a. above to the General Treasurer of the Church of Scotland.

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- c. The Presbytery note these reliefs are granted for the following reasons:

Ayr: The Auld Kirk	Halls Roof Repairs
Ayr: Newton Wallacetown	Nkhata Bay Church, Malawi, Support Financial and Building assistance
Ballantrae	Building repairs and outreach to children
Ochiltree	
Crosshill and Maybole	Part funding of youth workers
Prestwick Kingcase	Health and Safety lighting upgrade
Prestwick South	Steeple and tower repairs
Troon Portland	Limphasa Church, Malawi, specific projects

d. **The Presbytery note the following:**

- i) In allocating the 2019 Discretionary Allowance, the Committee would expect that an appeal has been made to the congregation for all requests for unbudgeted expenditure, in addition to a commitment to the good stewardship of resources.
- ii) This particularly applies where congregations are purchasing equipment, the cost of which could be donated by members, or where members are asked to give for an emergency repair.
- iii) Allowances in respect of Malawi Partner Churches are granted mainly for specific purposes.
- iv) Mission expenditure remains the priority for qualifying for allowances.

2. **ATTESTATION OF MINUTES**

- a. The Presbytery note that the Minutes of the Court and Committees have been attested and have been found to be accordance with the Instructions of the General Assembly.

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- b. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the Principal Clerk.

### **3. ATTESTATION OF CONGREGATIONAL RECORDS**

The Presbytery note the examination and attestation of congregational records is now in progress, and will be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. The Presbytery record their warmest thanks to all those who participated in this process.

Please note that more attesters are required, and that those who are interested should contact the Rev. Gerald Jones.

### **4. ATTESTATION OF LOG BOOKS**

The Presbytery note all Ministers using log books, or recording their mileage electronically, are requested to send their records to the Rev. Gerald Jones as soon as possible after 31<sup>st</sup> March, so that examination and attestation can take place in April 2019.

### **5. THE 2019 RURAL CHURCHES CONFERENCE**

The Presbytery note that Administration Committee have agreed to the setting aside a maximum of £400 for the 2019 Rural Churches Conference on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019, at the Carrick Centre, Maybole.

### **6. BALLANTRAE: 2019 MINISTRIES AND MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Presbytery note that the Administration Committee was informed of a perceived miscalculation in the 2019 Ministries and Mission Contributions relating to Ballantrae Parish Church.

The Convener referred to correspondence he had received, making reference to this perceived mistake. The Committee agreed that this matter should be referred to the new Sub-Convener for Ministries and Mission as how best to resolve this issue.

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**7. CATRINE PARISH CHURCH**

The Presbytery approve the request from Catrine Parish Church to continue the use of Bank Giro Slips for the payment of their 2019 Ministries and Mission Contribution.

**4. REVIEW AND REFORM COMMITTEE REPORT,**

given in by the Rev Neil McNaught, Convener.

Report from the Alistair Morrison on Inter Presbytery talks.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

Dear Rev Elliott, Ministers and Elders of Ayr Presbytery,

I would like to give my sincere thanks to everyone involved in my ordination and induction into the ministry at Dundonald Parish Church. It was a wonderful Service full of God's love and grace and I think the roof was nearly blown with the Spirit-filled singing. Please pass on my thanks to those taking a lead role in the service: Rev Dr Robert Pickles and Rev Brian Hendrie. I would also like to thank the Presbytery for those in attendance on Tuesday night; the support from my colleagues was just wonderful and very encouraging. I am looking forward to serving with you all and taking my part in the life and work of the Church.

A special thanks also to Rev George Fiddes, who was a very welcoming, caring and supportive Interim Moderator and who guided me well during the whole process.

Peace in Christ,

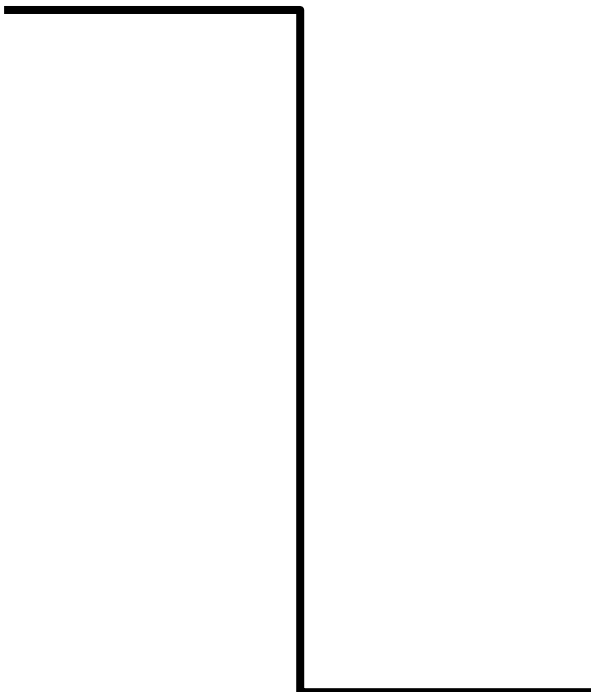
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Lynsey Brennan  
Minister of Dundonald.

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

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Carrick Centre Maybole on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**, 2019, at 7pm.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April**, 2019, at 7pm



**MODERATOR**

**PRESBYTERY CLERK**

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