

DRONGAN: THE SCHAW KIRK, 25th June, 2019. At Drongan: The Schaw Kirk, on the Twenty Fifth Day of June, Two Thousand and Nineteen Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted in prayer.

40. SEDERUNT. Rev Brian Hendrie, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 9; Elders, 7; Corresponding Members, 2; Total **18**. Apologies were received from 4 Ministers. 1 other was associated with the Presbytery.

41. INDUCTION OF REV DR ALWYN LANDMAN TO COYLTON LINKED WITH DRONGAN: THE SCHAW KIRK.

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 Rev Dr Alwyn Landman, the Presbytery resolved to proceed to the Induction of the Rev Dr Alwyn Landman to the Pastoral Charge of Coylton linked with Drongan.

Public Worship was conducted by the Rev Lynsey Brennan, Minister of Dundonald Parish Church, 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 Dr Alwyn Landman signed the Formula.

The Moderator, the Rev Brian Hendrie, did induct the Rev Dr Alwyn Landman to the Pastoral Charge of Coylton linked with Drongan. 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 Dr Alwyn Landman 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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BALLANTRAE PARISH CHURCH, 13th August, 2019. At Ballantrae Parish Church, on the Thirteenth Day of August, Two Thousand and Nineteen Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted in prayer.

42. SEDERUNT. Rev Brian Hendrie, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 10; Elders, 14; Corresponding Members, 3; Total **27**. Apologies were received from 2 Ministers and 5 Elders.

43. INDUCTION OF REV THEO CORNEY TO BALLANTRAE LINKED ST COLMON.

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 Rev Theo Corney, the Presbytery resolved to proceed to the Induction of the Rev Theo Corney to the Pastoral Charge of Ballantrae linked with St Colmon.

Public Worship was conducted by the Rev Dr Alwyn Landman, Minister of Coylton linked with Drongan: The Schaw Kirk, 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 Theo Corney signed the Formula.

The Moderator, the Rev Brian Hendrie, did induct the Rev Theo Corney to the Pastoral Charge of Ballantrae linked with St Colmon. 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 Theo Corney name on the Roll of Presbytery and inform all interested parties. Those taking part were thanked and the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

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CARRICK CENTRE MAYBOLE, 3rd September, 2019.

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

44. SEDERUNT. Rev David Gemmell, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retentis.
Ministers, 26; Elders, 44; Corresponding Members, 3; **Total 73.**
Apologies were received from 9 Ministers, 4 Elders and 1 Youth Representative.

45. ROLL OF PRESBYTERY

Ministers 62, Elders 58, Deacon 1, Corresponding Members 17, Youth Representatives 4. **Total 142.**

46. WELCOME

The Moderator welcomed new Members.

47. ANNIVERSARIES**50 Years: Rev James Crichton**

The Rev Gerald Jones paid tribute to the Rev Jim Crichton upon reaching 50 years as a Minister. The Rev Jim Crichton was Ordained on the 9th July 1969 in Crosshill Parish Church.

50 Years: Rev James Guthrie

The Rev David Gemmell paid tribute to the Rev Jim Guthrie upon reaching 50 years as a Minister. The Rev Jim Guthrie was Ordained on the 19th July 1969 in Greengairs Parish Church.

40 Years: Rev George Fiddes

The Moderator paid tribute to the Rev George Fiddes upon reaching 40 years as a Minister. The Rev George Fiddes was Ordained on the 2nd August 1979 in Auchterless Parish Church.

48. MINUTES

The Minutes of the 18th June, 2019, 25th June, 2019, and 13th August, 2019, being in the hands of members were taken as read and approved.

49. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Order of Business presented by the Rev David Prentice-Hyers was approved.

50. INTIMATIONS

1. The Presbytery Yearbook has now been published and is ready for collection. Special thanks were conveyed by the Clerk to Mrs Sharon Caldwell for her invaluable assistance in the preparation of the Yearbook.
2. Rev Bill Hannah.
3. Encourage Presbyters to attend the fellowship meal before our regular Presbytery meetings and contribute to the “**A Place at the Table**” project which supports the work of our Christian partners in Syria and Lebanon who are supporting refugees in Syria and Lebanon.
4. There are still spaces available for the Presbytery Youth Work networking event on the 7th September at 10am in Ayr: Auld Kirk. Everybody working with young people is invited (e.g. Sunday School Teachers, messy church volunteers, Youth Workers).
5. There are limited spaces available for the Presbytery Funeral Workshop which will be held on the 16th November.

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

The Rev Gerald Jones reporting on behalf of the Vacancy Procedure Committee:

a. AYR: CASTLEHILL

Congregations Representatives welcomed. Mr Allan Jack, Convener of the Nomination Committee at Ayr: Castlehill, speaking on behalf of the Congregations. Report on behalf of the Vacancy Procedure Committee:

- i) In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery note that the Rev Paul Russell preached as Nominee at Ayr: Castlehill on Sunday 23rd June, 2019.

For 117 Against 7

- ii) In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery note that the Call to the Rev Paul Russell has been sustained.
The Call was signed by **126**. Paper of Concurrence **3**.

- iii) The Presbytery note the following arrangements for Induction:

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for Induction at 6.45pm on Thursday 5th September, 2019, within Ayr: Castlehill, the Rev James Hogg, Ordained Local Minister, 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 29*)

b. ANNBANK LINKED WITH TARBOLTON

Congregations Representatives welcomed. Mrs Audrey Brown, Session Clerk at Annbank, speaking on behalf of the Congregations. Report on behalf of the Vacancy Procedure Committee:

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- i) In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery note that the Rev Mandy Ralph preached as Nominee at Annbank linked with Tarbolton on Sunday 11th August, 2019.

For 151 Against 0

- ii) In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery note that the Call to the Rev Mandy Ralph has been sustained.
The Call was signed by **156** (Annbank 52 + Tarbolton 104)
Paper of Concurrence **64** (Annbank 48 + Tarbolton 16)

- iii) The Presbytery note the following arrangements for Induction:

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for Induction at 6.45pm on Wednesday 2nd October, 2019, within Tarbolton Parish Church, the Rev Theo Corney, Minister of Ballantrae linked with St Colmon, 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 36)

**c. MAUCHLINE LINKED WITH SORN
CALL TO DALRY ST MARGARETS OF THE REV
DAVID ALBON**

- i) Congregation Representatives welcomed. Compeared Mrs Kirsty Murray, Session Clerk at Mauchline Parish Church, paid fitting tribute to the ministry of the Rev David Albon.
The Rev David Albon made a suitable reply.

In terms of Acts VIII, 2003, the Presbytery note the Call from Dalry St Margarets to the Rev David Albon, Minister at Mauchline linked with Sorn, has been sustained and the translation agreed.

- ii) The Presbytery appoint the Rev Bob Mayes, Minister emeritus of Dundonald Parish Church, as Interim Moderator and Mrs Christine Stewart, Reader, as Locum at Mauchline linked with Sorn as from 1st October 2019.

**d. TROON: ST MEDDAN'S
DEMISSION OF REV DEREK PEAT**

- i) Congregation Representatives welcomed. Compeared Mrs Elaine Rodger, Session Clerk at Troon: St Meddan's Parish Church, paid fitting tribute to the ministry of the Rev Derek Peat. The Rev Derek Peat made a suitable reply.
- ii) The Presbytery note the Rev Derek Peat Derek will shortly take up an appointment with the Presbytery of Glasgow as a Mission Review Coordinator.
- iii) The Presbytery appoint the Rev Andrew McGurk, Minister emeritus Largs St John's, as Locum at Troon: St Meddan's as from 1st October 2019.

e. LETTER OF DEMISSION

- i) Congregation Representatives welcomed. Compeared Mrs Sharon Trotter, Session Clerk at Barr, paid fitting tribute to the ministry of the Rev Ian McLachlan.

The Presbytery note that the Rev Ian McLachlan, on grounds of ill-health, demitted his Charge of Barr linked with Dailly linked with Girvan South on the 15th August 2019.

- ii) The Presbytery note that the Rev Ian McLachlan, currently residing in Blairgowrie, has requested transferring to the Presbytery of Dunkeld and Meigle.

f. DESTRUCTION OF VACANCY PAPERS

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Clerk reported that the Vacancy Papers for Coylton and Drongan, and Ballantrae and St Colmon had been destroyed.

g. AYR: ST QUIVOX

- i)** The Presbytery agree that Ayr: St Quivox may be listed for Ministers from Non-EEA Countries excluding Switzerland.
- ii)** The Presbytery affirm that the procedures contained in Appendix 7, Sections 1.2 to 1.4, of the Ministries Council “Update for Presbyteries and Congregations on the Sponsorship of Personnel coming to Scotland from outside the European Economic Area & Switzerland” dated 15th February 2013, have been completed.
- iii)** The Presbytery are satisfied that there are no outstanding issues of superintendence or other factors that would make such listing inappropriate.

**2. REV CHRIS BLACKSHAW
& REV MARY ELIZABETH PRENTICE-HYERS
CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS**

- a.** The Presbytery agree that when the Rev Chris Blackshaw is providing pulpit supply he may celebrate the Sacraments in terms of section 1(2) of Act V 2003.
- b.** The Presbytery agree that when the Rev Mary Elizabeth Prentice-Hyers is providing pulpit supply or acting as a locum she may celebrate the sacraments in terms of section 1(2) of Act V 2003.

3. AYR: ST JAMES

The Presbytery note that Ayr: St James Parish Church conducted Sunday Worship in the hall on 25th August and 1st September. This is due to a biohazard affecting the vestibule and sanctuary. Quotes have been obtained and a company have been selected to deal with the matter.

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

1. SAFEGUARDING:

The Presbytery note the Safeguarding Committee report to the General Assembly 2019 included the deliverance to instruct Kirk Sessions to conduct Basic Disclosure checks on all individuals in their congregations in leadership roles and/or positions of trust, including but not limited to organists, church officers/caretakers and café workers, where their duties may involve contact with vulnerable groups as referred to in the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007.

While retrospective Basic Disclosure checking is not being carried out, Kirk Sessions can ask workers in post to undertake a Basic Disclosure check. The cost is currently £25, reimbursement is subject to the decisions of the Kirk Sessions.

2. WORSHIP TRAINING

The Presbytery agree for the Education Committee to aim for a cooperation with Irvine and Kilmarnock Presbytery with regards to delivering worship training.

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

**1. AYR: ST COLUMBA PARISH CHURCH:
MANSE INSPECTION AT 3 UPPER CROFTS,
ALLOWAY, AYR, KA7 4QX**

The Presbytery note that an inspection of the above Manse was carried out on Tuesday 9th July 2019 on behalf of Presbytery.

Several works were identified, some of which are already in hand, and decoration will be carried out at a later date so as to afford the new minister a choice of colour scheme. All work will be completed prior to occupation.

The Manse is fit for habitation, but a further inspection will be carried out on completion of the defects identified in the inspection report.

**2. AYR: NEWTON WALLACETOWN PARISH CHURCH:
MANSE INSPECTION AT 9 NURSERY GROVE, AYR,
KA7 3PH**

The Presbytery note that an inspection of the above Manse was carried out on Wednesday 10th July 2019 on behalf of Presbytery. Several works were identified, some of which are already in hand, and decoration will be carried out at a later date so as to afford the new minister a choice of colour scheme. All work will be completed prior to occupation.

The Manse is fit for habitation, but a further inspection will be carried out on completion of the defects identified in the inspection report.

3. PATNA WATERSIDE PARISH CHURCH

- a.** The Presbytery homologate the decision taken, through delegated powers vested in the Presbytery Clerk, the Convener of the Administration Committee and the Sub-Convenor (Benefice and Fabric), to approve the release of capital monies from the Consolidated Fabric Fund to meet the cost of a replacement central heating boiler and associated works. The cost of the works is likely to be in the order of £7,903.56 inclusive of VAT

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

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4. KINGCASE PARISH CHURCH

The Presbytery approve the proposal by Kingcase Parish Church, to renew the heating system within the church in accordance with the advice of The Church of Scotland Heating Consultants, Andrew MacOwen Associates . The cost of the work is £24,180.00 (twenty four thousand, one hundred and eighty pounds) and approval is subject to funds being available. The congregation further seek approval to apply for a grant of £12,000.00 (twelve thousand pounds) from the Central Fabric Fund.

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

5. DISCRETIONARY ALLOWANCE COMMITTEE

- a. The Presbytery would express its heartfelt thanks to the Rev. Stewart Birse, who is standing down from the Discretionary Allowance Committee, and also from the Attestation of Church Accounts. Over the years Stewart has given generously of his time and financial acumen, and has proved himself a helpful colleague to those privileged to work with him. The Presbytery would wish Stewart every blessing, both personally, and professionally in his continuing work in the Presbytery of Irvine and Kilmarnock.

The process of finding a successor to Stewart is now underway with the Administration Committee's endorsement.

- b. The Presbytery note all applications to the Discretionary Allowance Committee for mission and other issues should be sent to the Convener, the Rev. Gerald Jones, by the October Committee meetings: Thursday, 10th October 2019. Emergency applications should be submitted by the February Committee meetings in 2020.

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- c. The Presbytery notes that in all cases the reserves of the Churches will be taken into consideration. Many congregations have substantial fabric reserves, and the Committee would expect such funds to be used first where possible, prior to an application for an allowance against Ministries and Mission contributions.
- d. The Presbytery note while applications for fabric purposes will be considered, mission-related projects will receive priority.

6. 2020 MINISTRIES AND MISSION

The Presbytery note that the 2020 Ministries and Mission Contributions along with Guidelines have been forwarded to all Parish Ministers, Interim Moderators and Presbytery Elders by email from the Presbytery Office. Any Congregation still requiring the relevant information should contact the Presbytery Office.

54. MISSION COMMITTEE, given in by Mrs Isabell Montgomerie, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.

1. VACANCIES

The Presbytery agree that:

- a. Charges which become vacant to be visited within one month, or as is reasonably possible, by a representative from Ayr Presbytery.
- b. There will then be a joint follow-up visit to the vacant Charge by the Presbytery Vacancy Procedure Committee and the local Mission Focus Group Convener and Rapporteur, to discuss the current state of local MFG planning and the next step in the procedure.

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- c. The Mission Committee will receive a report of this discussion and either make a recommendation to Presbytery or refer the matter back to the local MFG for further consideration, as appropriate. The Presbytery makes the final decision about the future of the vacant Charge.

2. PIONEER FARMING MINISTER

- a. The Presbytery commend the work of the Pioneer Ministry dedicated to the farming community.
- b. The Presbytery agree in principle to continue the work of the ministry to the farming community after the completion of the pioneer project in 2021.
- c. i) The Presbytery instruct the Mission Committee to seek 50% funding for the ministry from the Church's Growth Fund and or other sources of grant aid.
- ii) The Presbytery agree to fund 50% of the appointment from the Presbytery 5% Discretionary Fund as the appointment is mission based.
- iii) The Presbytery agree in the event that grant applications are unsuccessful a 50% MDS post will be allocated from the Presbytery allocation within the Presbytery Plan.
- iv) The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to forward an extract minute to the Ministries Council.

3. MISSION FOCUS GROUPS

The Presbytery note that the following people have been appointed to the Mission Focus Groups:

GROUP	CONVENER	RAPPORTEUR
South	Rev. David Clarkson	Rev. Liz Crumlish
East	Rev. George Fiddes	Dr David Lewis
Central	Dr James Anderson	Mrs Claire Pirrie
North	Mr James Skinner	Rev. Robert Mayes

55. **COMMUNITY & WORLD CONCERNS**, given in by the Mr Alan Bruce, Vice Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.

REFUGEES

- a. **The Presbytery give** thanks for the Christian witness of the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon through its accompaniment of Christians and Muslims alike, supporting the internally displaced in Syria, and the externally displaced in Lebanon, and encourage congregations to support “A Place at the Table” in order to support NESSL’s witness.
- b. The Presbytery commend the work and witness of the Church of Scotland Mission Partner, Fiona Kendall, who works in Rome with Mediterranean Hope, a refugee project created by the Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy.
- c. The Presbytery encourage reflection on *‘Becoming Human Together: a theological reflection’* on migration produced by Scottish Faith Action for Refugees and Christian Aid:
- d. The Presbytery encourage individuals and congregations to engage with and support the work of Scottish Faith Action for Refugees, by calling for change, promoting sanctuary, giving money or meeting refugees.

56. **REVIEW AND REFORM COMMITTEE**, given in by the Rev Alastair Symington, Depute Clerk, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.

THREE PRESBYTERIES

The Presbytery are reminded that a joint meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr, Presbytery of Ardrossan and the Presbytery of Irvine & Kilmarnock will take place on Tuesday 10th September 2019. The venue will be Kay Park Parish Church Kilmarnock and will commence at 7pm.

57. CORRESPONDENCE .

Farm Walk and Praise Evening organised by the Rev Chris Blackshaw

Thanks received from the RSABI for the recent donation of £250.

Thanks received from the Goboka Rwanda Trust for the recent donation of £250.

Thanks received from RHET Ayrshire & Arran for the recent donation of £250.

ADJOURNMENT. The Presbytery rose at

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Ayr: Castlehill Parish Church on **Tuesday 22nd October**, 2019, at 7pm.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on **Thursday 10th October**, 2019, at 7pm.

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for Induction at 6.45pm on **Thursday 5th September**, 2019, within the Ayr: Castlehill.

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for Induction at 6.45pm on **Wednesday 2nd October**, 2019, within Tarbolton Parish Church.

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AYR: CASTLEHILL PARISH CHURCH, 5th September, 2019. At Ayr: Castlehill Parish Church, on the Fifth Day of September, Two Thousand and Nineteen Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted in prayer.

58. SEDERUNT. Rev Brian Hendrie, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, ; Elders, Corresponding Members, ; Total . Apologies were received from Ministers. other was associated with the Presbytery.

59. INDUCTION OF REV PAUL RUSSELL TO AYR: CASTLEHILL 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 Rev Paul Russell, the Presbytery resolved to proceed to the Induction of the Rev Paul Russell to the Pastoral Charge of Ayr: Castlehill Parish Church.

Public Worship was conducted by the Rev James Hogg, Ordained Local Minister, 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 Paul Russell signed the Formula.

The Moderator, the Rev Brian Hendrie, did induct the Rev Paul Russell to the Pastoral Charge of Ayr: Castlehill Parish Church. 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 inform all interested parties. Those taking part were thanked and the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

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