

At Saltcoats, and within Saltcoats New Trinity Church, on Tuesday the 2nd of November 2004, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer.

SEDERUNT: WF Turner, Moderator, Revds JR McKay (Clerk) IW Benzie, JAS Boag, MS Cameron, N Cruikshank, J Ewing, RJ Grahame, DJH Harbison, DJ Heberton, MLK Howie, WR Johnston, B Knight, JMM Lafferty, MH Mackay, Dr ImaeLeod, AD McCallum, AM McCance, AF McGurk, DR Mitchell, AB Noble, J Selfridge, A Taylor, ERL Watson, Ministers; A Buick, J Cameron, G Cunningham, DS Douglas, J Forsyth, ESH Glen, D Hamilton, P Hinde, R Jarvie, J Jenkins, MG Kellock, J Laurie, R Lavalette, A MacDonald, V Macdonald, EH McCarthur, GK McConnell, S McLellan, J McSwan, J Martin, CJE Mills, R Mumford, TA Muston, M Paton, RA Richardson, G Ross, J Scott, E Sillars, FJ Smith, E Stevenson, E Taylor, A Tomlinson, AC Watt, RF Welch, C Welch, KS Welch, I Whiteford, Elders; MA Broster, S Darroch, A Henderson, JCQ Hunter, R McCool, M McGeoch, Revd A Montgomerie, MMB Ross, D Young, M Massie, K Galloway, M Nimmo, Corresponding Members.

APOLOGIES were received from Revds B Oxburgh, J Selfrisge, A Taylor, Ministers; E Drury, HB Gibson, E Hinde, R Kelso, AK Saunderson, JS Scott, W Thomson, M Duff, N Smith, Elders

MINUTES The Minute of the meeting on 5th October, having been circulated, was approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Order of Business was approved with the deletion of an item from the Business Committee.

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY

TRIBUTE TO MR THOMAS KNOX Mrs Jean Hunter paid tribute to Mr Thomas Knox, representative elder from Lochranza and Pirnmill, who had recently died. The Moderator led the Presbytery in a prayer of thanksgiving for his life and of intercession for his family.

REVD BARRY KNIGHT Mr Colin Mills paid tribute to the ministry of Revd Barry Knight, who had recently demitted the charge of Lamash linked with Shiskine linked with Lochranza & Pirnmill. The Moderator associated the Presbytery with Mr Mills' remarks and expressed the Presbytery's good wishes to Mr Knight

KILBIRNIE; ST COLUMBA'S There was laid on the table a commission from Kilbirnie: St Columba's appointing Mr Ian Whiteford as representative elder on the Presbytery. The Moderator welcomed Mr Whiteford to the Presbytery

SCRIPTURE UNION Mr John Mowat addressed Presbytery on the aims and work of the Scripture Union. There were questions, and Mr Mowat was suitably thanked by the Moderator.

AUDITORS It was moved, seconded and agreed that Miss M McSwan and Mr D Douglas be reappointed as auditors of the Presbytery accounts for 2004

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

For the Committee the Convener moved, and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery

- i. Note that a request has been received from Revd A.D. McCallum to demit the charge of Saltcoats: New Trinity as from 31 March 2005, appoint the Moderator and Clerk to confer with Mr McCallum and note that Revds Andrew McGurk, IM Roy, Mrs E Sillars and Mr R Lavalette have been appointed the Vacancy Procedures Committee subject to Mrs McCallum's confirmation of his decision.
- ii. Agree to a request which has been received from Revd Rebecca Leask to transfer her membership from the Presbytery of Glasgow.

- iii. Confirm the decision of the Vacancy Procedure Committee in the case of Lamlash Iw Shiskine Iw Lochranze & Pirnmill that since there is no Presbytery Plan agreed with the General Assembly's Committee on Appraisal, and in the light of meetings to be held in connection with a Presbytery Plan, the question of readjustment be raised; and appoint Revds D R Mitchell, M H Mackay, M S Cameron, Messrs R Lavalette and G Ross the Appraisal Committee.
- iv. Resolve to meet for the setting apart of Mr Archie Currie as a Reader within Kiklbirnie: Auld Kirk on Wednesday November 3rd 2004, Presbytery to meet at 6.45pm, the Moderator to preside and set apart, Revd I W Benzie to conduct the devotions and Revd Elizabeth Watson to preach
- v. Note that the Vacancy Procedure Committee in the vacancy at Dalry: Trinity has agreed to sustain a call to the Revd Martin Thomson, minister at Kirkcowan Iw Wigtown and appoint Wednesday November 10th for Mr Thomson's induction, the Presbytery to meet at 6.45, the Moderator to preside and induct, Mrs Brenda Mackay to conduct the devotions and Revd Brian Oxburgh to preach and give the charges
- vi. Resolve to amend Standing Orders in terms of Notice of Motion given at the October meeting, so that Standing Order 11 read "A member of Presbytery shall be appointed to conduct the opening devotions and a minister to give the charges, which shall include a homily".
- vii. Instruct ministers when on sick leave to inform the Presbytery Clerk as well as sending medical certificates to the Board of Ministry

PROPERTY

For the Committee it was moved, and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery

- i. Approve an application from Saltcoats: New Trinity to undertake remedial work for safety reasons on the tower and walls at a cost of £11360 + VAT, subject to the approval of the General Trustees.
- ii. Homologate the action of the Convener and Clerk in approving work discovered to be necessary to the floor of the tower during restoration at a cost of £6027

NATIONAL MISSION (In Private)

For the Committee it was moved, seconded and agreed to receive the reports of the three part-time hospital chaplains, welcome their contents and instruct the Clerk to transmit them to the Chaplaincies Administrator.

MINISTRY

For the Committee it was moved, seconded and agreed that Presbytery approve applications from the following congregations to increase stipend by the following percentages: Kilwinning: Abbey, (5%) Largs: Clark Memorial, (10%) Largs: St Columba's (10%); Largs St John's(15%); Saltcoats: St Cuthbert;s (10%); Dalry: St Margaret's (10%)

WORLD MISSION

For the Committee the Convener provided information about material available from Christian Aid for Advent and Christmas

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

For the Committee it was moved and seconded, and it was agreed that Presbytery approve the allocations for the Mission and Renewal Fund (Reports Page 29)

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

.....Moderator

.....Clerk