

At Beith and within Beith: High Church on Thursday 30th June 2011, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met *in hunc effectum* and was constituted by the Moderator, the Reverend Gillean P Maclean BD.

Sederunt:

Revd G P Maclean (Moderator) Mr A K Saunderson (Clerk)

Ministers:

D Granger, R I M Macdonald, A F McGurk, M H Mackay, J J McNay, A B Noble, V G C Watson.

Elders:

A Buick, J Cameron, R Jarvie, R Lavalette, S Lavalette, V Macdonald, J M McSwan, R A Richardson, A C Watt, C Welch, R F Welch.

Apologies

Ministers:

A Adamson, D J H Harbison, M L K Howie, J M M Lafferty, A D McCallum, A Pringle, F C Ross, I M Roy, S J Smith, J Teasdale, E R L Watson, J Whitecross.

Elders:

S Brown, A T Butcher, A C D Hamilton, J C Q Hunter, M G Kellock, S Marr, N Martin, K Tudor, K S Welch.

Corresponding Members:

M A Broster, A Currie.

Authority to Meet:

The Clerk laid on the table the Minute of the meeting of 16th June 2011 appointing this day and time for the service to unite the congregations of Beith: High Church and Beith: Trinity Church and for the installation of the Revd Roderick Macdonald BD as Minister and the Revd Valerie G C Watson, MA BD STM, as Associate Minister of the united congregation of Beith Parish Church of Scotland

Very Reverend John C Christie B.Sc. BD.

The Moderator welcomed the Very Reverend John C Christie, Past Moderator of the General Assembly, who had agreed to preach the sermon and expressed to him the appreciation of the Presbytery.

Business – Service of Union.

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The Presbytery proceeded to the Church, where the Moderator the Revd G P Maclean presided, worship was conducted by the Revd R I T Macdonald and Revd V G C Watson. Following sermon by the Very Reverend John C Christie, the Clerk read a narrative of proceedings leading up to the union of the two congregations.

The Moderator put to those present the appointed question and thereafter declared the two congregations united. Revd Roderick I T Macdonald and Revd Valerie G C Watson, having indicated that they adhered to the vows that they had taken at their ordination, the Moderator then installed Mr Macdonald as Minister and Miss Watson as Associate Minister of the united congregation.

Following prayers led by the Revd R I T Macdonald the service concluded and the Presbytery retired to the hall.

The Clerk was instructed to sand an Extract Minute to the Council of Ministries advising of the Service of Union.

Those who had officiated were then thanked by the Revd Dorothy Granger.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with prayer.

_____ **Moderator**

_____ **Clerk**