

# CHURCHES TOGETHER in GLENROTHES & DISTRICT

St Ninian's 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## **Present:**

Christ's Kirk - Ruth Anderson, Wilma Page  
Coaltown URC - Rev Alan McGougan  
Leslie Trinity - Irene Ross  
St Columba's - Anne Rennie  
St Margaret's - Betty Menzies, Rev Eileen Miller, Joy Allan  
St Ninian's - Craig Higgins (chair), Mary McIndoe (secretary)  
St Paul's & St Mary's - Anne Burns, Father Gerry Hand

**Apologies:** Rev Alan Kimmitt, Rev David Smith, George Carratt, Margaret Duffy, Ron Page.

**Opening welcome and worship** - Craig welcomed everybody to the October meeting and asked Alan McGougan to open the meeting in prayer.

**Minutes of September meeting** – were approved, proposed by Betty Menzies and seconded by Irene Ross. Following George Carratt's resignation as Chairman the position is open and nominations are welcomed.

**Reports** – The treasurer reported that to date the bank balance is £480.51 as expected. There was no report available from the Oberammergau group (David Smith is on holiday), no progress reported on the God Question, and the group on the Christian Unity Service group is still to meet. It is expected that these reports will be available at the November meeting. It was reported that Pat Macaulay has agreed to help with the Good Friday Walk of Witness.

**Constitution** – It was suggested that a small group should be formed with a remit to look at the constitution with a view to bringing any possible changes to the AGM next June for discussion.

**Our vision** – The meeting discussed a suggestion that a group could be formed to consider what is our vision for Churches Together as we look to the future. Alan McGougan pointed out that as a relatively new member he would appreciate clarification on what is the task ahead for us all. How can we share our talents? Governance is important, i.e. the constitution, but what is our vision? Joy Allan stated that she is involved in many things, but that she thought that our timeline that George created some years ago would be helpful. She and Mary McIndoe could work on that and report to the March meeting. Members agreed that they take the question of our vision back to the churches, and report back to the December meeting.

**World Day of Prayer** – is to be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2018. Irene Ross has been given the leaflets, posters etc. Concern was expressed that there is no local co-ordinator for WDOP, and it was suggested that Churches Together would be the natural organisation to fill that role. Mary McIndoe offered to be the contact person. Mary will contact David Robertson at the Salvation Army, inviting him to lead the 2018 service there. Once the venue is confirmed Mary will contact the churches in Churches Together asking who would like to take part. A rotating list of host churches can be made up, for future years, and also contact can be made with WDOP organisers.

**Carol Singing** – It was suggested that we apply to the Kingdom Centre to sing carols again this year. After discussion, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December between 12 and 1pm on the Rothies Halls steps was agreed on as the preferred details. Mary agreed to contact the Centre to arrange this. Suggestions for the charity to benefit from takings should be brought to the November meeting. George is to be asked if he can provide the music and a lead singer as in past years.

\* The centre have agreed that the 9<sup>th</sup> December is available to Mary by email, and she has replied to confirm the details. \*

**Peace Walk 2017** – This annual event is organised by the Rotary Club of Glenrothes. Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. More details to follow.

**Thanks** – were expressed to Anne Rennie for her service as secretary to Churches Together, as she has stood down from the post.

**Diary** –

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October (7.30-9.30pm) in St Ninian's: GROW are hosting "Sound Wave", an acoustic night for the youth of the town, led by Oskar Forbes.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in St Luke's Church: Christian Aid are holding a Christmas crafts event with Christmas wreaths, marzipan etc.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm in St Ninian's: Body Shop party by Gillian with Cake & Candy stall.

Tea/coffee ticket £1.50

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in St Mary's: Inter-Church service celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Mary's RC Church, Leslie: All welcome.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at St Ninian's: Christmas Tree Fayre and coffee morning. 10-3pm

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in St Margaret's Church: Bruce Davies presents his "Songs for the Season" concert.

**The next meeting** - will be held at St Paul's Church on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm where Amanda Hunter has accepted an invitation to speak about making our churches more Dementia friendly. The talk will last for no more than 30 minutes.

**Close** – the meeting closed with the sharing of the Grace.