

CHURCHES TOGETHER in GLENROTHES & DISTRICT

St Columba's - 13th December 2017

Present:

Christ's Kirk – Wilma Page

Leslie Trinity – Irene Ross

St Columba's – Rev Alan Kimmitt (chair), Jennifer Thomson

St Margaret's – Betty Menzies, Joy Allan

St Ninian's – Rev David Smith, Mary McIndoe (secretary)

St Paul's & St Mary's – Margaret Duffy

Apologies: Ann Burns, Anne Rennie, Allan McDonagh, Rev Alan McGougan, Rev Eileen Miller, Father Gerry Hand, George Carratt, Ron Page, Ruth Anderson.

Welcome and opening devotions: Alan Kimmitt welcomed everyone to our December meeting, and asked us to introduce ourselves to the meeting. He then invited Jennifer Thomson (church administrator for St Columba's) to read from Luke 1- vv 46-55. Alan led us in prayer.

Minutes of November meeting: With 2 corrections (the date of the next meeting and Alan McDonagh represents St Margaret's and not St Columba's) the minutes were approved by Irene Ross and seconded by Joy Allan.

Go Glenrothes event at the Rothes Halls re the upcoming 70th birthday of Glenrothes:

Churches Together manned an information stall telling our story and highlighting our part in the town's development over the last 70 years. Thanks to everyone who set the display up and spoke to the public. The event was not well attended but useful contact was made with other groups who were interested in marking the anniversary in June 2018. We networked well for the churches.

Glenrothes at 70: The GBEG church visitors come to Glenrothes on the last weekend of August, and it was felt that was an ideal opportunity to contribute to the celebrations. Alan mentioned that a Dan Brown is speaking to people about their memories of the town. Also the Moderator of the General Assembly will be visiting Kirkcaldy Presbytery later in 2018. Ideal chance to have a service then. Theme of birthdays?

Correspondence: Ron Page of the North Glenrothes Community Council emailed the secretary about a walk/visit to the "5 hazards" between the Preston Roundabout and Balfarg Junction on the A92. The walk is on Friday 15th December at 1.30pm leaving the Lomond Centre to highlight the slow progress in the search for a safer A92. He invited Churches Together to participate in the walk. The secretary will reply to Ron thanking him for the invitation, but pointing out that not much can be done at such short notice.

Carol Singing: This was a great success last Saturday. There were more than 40 folk taking part, and we raised £128.70 for the Glenrothes Foodbank. Thanks were expressed for the leading of the singing by George on the keyboard, Jackie on vocals and Ewan with his colourful double bass. A lot of hard work and practice goes into preparing this event each year and we are grateful for everyone's support.

Groups: The group considering the Constitution of Churches Together are looking for thoughts and ideas from the churches. Please spread the word in your churches that we are reviewing our place in the town. There is a questionnaire on our website which might be of help. Could we meet in groups for different topics, on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, and have full business meetings 4 times a year?

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* **“The God Question” group:** Alan Kimmitt, Irene Ross, Eileen Miller and Anne Rennie.

* **Oberammergau:** David Smith has researched possible travel companies (Taylor or McCabe), and is looking for churches to ask their congregations for expressions of interest in going as a group to Oberammergau in 2020. A meeting can be arranged early 2018 to sound out interest and options. Email contact to David: davidkhrood@tiscali.co.uk

* **Service of Prayer for Christian Unity** is proposed for Sunday 21st January 2018 in St Ninian’s starting at 6.30pm. David Smith, and Mary McIndoe to take forward. More details to follow. Favourite hymns?

* **Walk of witness** – progress to be updated in January/February 2018 – Eileen Miller and Pat Macaulay.

Any correspondence can be emailed to the secretary at marymcindoe30@gmail.com or texted to 07815811847.

Dates of next meetings:

January 10th 2018 St Luke's (to be confirmed, St Luke's to provide chairperson)

February 14th 2018 Trinity, Leslie – confirmed.

March 14th 2018 Thornton (to be confirmed, Thornton to provide chairperson)

May 9th 2018 Collydean Baptist (to be confirmed, Collydean to provide chairperson)

June 14th 2018 URC Coaltown (to be confirmed, URC to provide chairperson)

<http://gkc82.atwebpages.com/gct.html> - the link to our website which is kept up to date by George Carratt.

Happy Christmas to you all, and let’s pray for a more peaceful 2018.