

Glenrothes & District Churches Together

February 14th 2018 meeting at Leslie Trinity Church

Present:

King's Covenant Fellowship: George Carratt

Christ's Kirk: Wilma Page

Coaltown URC: Rev Alan McGougan

St Columba's: Anne Rennie, Rev Alan Kimmitt

St Luke's: Fiona Lawrenson

St Margaret's: Allan McDonagh (treasurer), Betty Menzies, Joy Allan, Rev Eileen Miller

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

St Paul's & St Mary's: Margaret Duffy, Father Gerry Hand

Trinity Church: Irene Ross, Nan Robertson

Apologies:

Richard Gilmour, Ruth Anderson, Ryan Robertson, Rev Gerry Dillon, Anne Burns

Opening: Rev David Smith opened the meeting with prayer and spoke of how God often surprises us. He told of a visit to Southwood School, and asked that we pray for a prayer event which is being planned at the school. David paid **tribute** to the Rev Alexander Wright, the first minister of Glenrothes Baptist Church and co-founder of Glenrothes Council of Churches who died in January. The changed time of 12.30pm for the funeral was intimated.

Rev Eileen Miller spoke of the **Walk of Witness** planned for Good Friday morning. There are 3 routes being considered, leaving from Christ's Kirk in the north, St Ninian's in the west, and St Margaret's in the south east of the town. Each group would have a cross to carry, and it is planned that they meet up at the front door of St Columba's Church around 11.30am. At stages of the walk prayers and parts of the Easter story will be shared, and singing will be encouraged. It is hoped that the group will then make their way via the civic square at Fife House to arrive at Glenrothes Baptist Church thereafter for closing worship.

Stewards and a first aider would be required to accompany the individual walks. Letters and intimations will be sent to all churches in the town and surrounding district shortly inviting them to take part in this morning of witness.

The secretary is to consult with Police Scotland, and plan routes, timings and maps.

The meeting was asked for approval for the plan and for Churches Together to pay £30 for the 3 crosses. These would be stored for use in future years. The meeting agreed to proceed.

Rev Alan McGougan spoke about the proposed changes to our **constitution** being planned by a small sub group who met recently. They used the ACTS template as a guide to the format and content, and a draft was made available for members to consider. The Chair led the meeting in considering each section in turn. A number of changes were agreed.

Concern was voiced regarding the lack of a Chairperson and whether there should be a member of the clergy on the Executive. The view was that continuity is important to ensure that Churches Together continues to grow and thrive. The secretary and treasurer have been involved for many years and were thanked for keeping us going. The hope was expressed that a Chairperson may emerge in time.

Amendments were approved and will be brought to the AGM in June.

Lent Studies:

St Ninian's Lent Studies begin on Monday 19th February at 7.30pm-9pm in the Small Hall. "At the Cross" will be led by Rev David Smith, and everyone is welcome to attend.

St Margaret's Lent Studies are as follows: "Living Faith: invitations from the Cross" with various leaders.

Thursdays 15/02 – 15/03, 7.30pm. Venue, 16 Well Road.

Mondays 19/02 – 19/03, 10.am -12 noon. Venue, New Halls at St Margaret's.

Tuesdays 20/02 – 20/03 (not 06/03) 7.30pm. Venue, Lounge at St Margaret's.

Diary:

Saturday 24th 10am – 4pm. **Fashion Market at the Foodbank**. Admission Free
Caledonia House, Pentland Park, Saltire Centre, Glenrothes, KY6 2AQ (Poster on our website)

Every Mon/Wed/Fri 1pm – 4.45pm. **Glenrothes Foodbank** open. Tel: 01592 631088

Friday 2nd March at 2pm – **World Day of Prayer** at Leslie Baptist Church.

Friday 2nd March at 7pm - **World Day of Prayer** at Salvation Army, Glenrothes

Sunday 25th March at 3pm - **Ecumenical Stations of the Cross** at St Mary's RC Church, Leslie.

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 14th March in **Thornton Parish Church** hall at 7.30pm

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<http://gkc82.atwebpages.com/gct.html> - website maintained by George Carratt.