

Glenrothes & District Churches Together

March 14th 2018 meeting at 7.30pm in Thornton Parish Church

Present:

Christ's Kirk: Wilma Page,
King's Covenant Fellowship: George Carratt,
Markinch & Thornton: John Wood (chair), Fatima Johnston, Ian Johnston, Betty Gray,
Barbara Murray, Harry Gould, Nancy Munro,
New Hope Fellowship: Rev Ryan Robertson, Elizabeth Ann Charlton,
St Margaret's: Rev Eileen Miller, Betty Menzies,
St Ninian's: Mary McIndoe (secretary),
St Paul's and St Mary's: Anne Burns, Margaret Duffy,
Trinity Church, Leslie: Irene Ross
Guest: Davina Saunders

Apologies:

Allan McDonagh, Rev Alan McGougan, Steve Saunders, Anne Rennie, Fiona Lawrenson,
Father Hand, David Robertson, Rev Alan Kimmitt, Rev David Smith, Joy Allan, Ruth
Anderson, Bryan Gould.

Opening worship: John Wood welcomed everyone to Thornton, and led us in prayer and a reading.

Minutes: January's minutes were approved without amendment and were proposed by George Carratt and seconded by Irene Ross. There were no matters arising.

Correspondence: An email from Christian Aid Glenrothes had been received requesting that churches offer to assist with the Kingdom Centre collection on Saturday 19th of May between 10am and 3pm. Offers were as follows:

10-11	Trinity Church, Leslie
11-12	Christ's Kirk
12-1pm	St Paul's & St Mary's
1-2	St Ninian's
2-3	St Columba's

The secretary will pass the information to Ewan Oliver for follow up.

Ryan Robertson had emailed extending an invitation to all churches to be represented at the first baptism of the New Hope Fellowship, which is to be held on Easter Day at 4pm at Stenton Community Jubilee Centre.

Walk of Witness: Rev Eileen Miller gave an update on preparations for the planned 3 walks on Good Friday morning, 30th of March. She brought one of the 3 crosses, made by John Ford, to show us. The 3 walks from Christ's Kirk, St Margaret's and St Ninian's will begin at

10.30am and all will converge at St Columba's front door at 11.30am. The 3 crosses will be carried by the group past Fife House towards Glenrothes Baptist Church. Eileen has been in contact with Pastor Jacob Brothers who is willing to help with the closing service. A short service will be held there and it is anticipated that it will finish around 12 noon. A press release will be sent to the Glenrothes Gazette and possibly to the Courier once the relevant permissions have been received from Fife Council, and Eileen asked for **prayers** for a successful outcome at the council.

Easter: The Easter Day Sunrise Service will take place on Sunday 1st of April at the car park beside the mast at East Lomond at 7am. It is hoped that there will be a good turnout for this annual opportunity to celebrate Christ's Resurrection by praying over and for our town. Finalised breakfast details will be intimated to churches as soon as possible. St Margaret's will hold a service at 8am in Balbirnie Park; those attending should meet at the 1st car park on entering the Park.

Holy Week service details were intimated for St Margaret's and the Rothies Trinity Parish Grouping and can be found on our website <http://gkc82.atwebpages.com/gct.html>

National Prayer Breakfast for Scotland The chair introduced Davina Saunders who provided information on this annual event. The national breakfast, supported by Sir Brian Souter amongst others, is being held in Edinburgh at Prestonfield Hotel on the 6th of June 2018 between 7am and 10am. Davina and her husband Steve are involved, and wonder if a local Breakfast could be held in Glenrothes with a live lead from the National event. Suitable venues are being considered and information was emailed to our members prior to the meeting. Can churches make their congregations aware of this possibility? The national website is <https://www.npbscotland.org.uk/>

AOCB: none

Diary:

Sunday 25th March at 7pm in St Bryce Kirk, Kirkcaldy: **Mozart's Requiem** with Glenrothes and Kirkcaldy combined Chorals. Tickets £10 / £5 for children.

Monday 26th March at 10.30am in Thornton Church: **GROW** Prayer Time.

Wednesday 18th April at 7.30pm in St Ninian's: Tullis Russell Brass Band **Concert**. Info from 01592 759108. £6 pp including refreshments.

Friday 27th April at 7.30pm at St Paul's: **GBEG Quiz** Night. Teams of 4; contact Maureen on 01592 563406. £5 pp including refreshments, BYOB.

Date of the next meeting: There is no meeting in April; the next one is on Wednesday **9th of May at 7.30pm** in Collydean Granary Baptist Church, Torphins Avenue, Glenrothes.

The meeting closed with the sharing of The Grace.