

Glenrothes & District Churches Together

Wednesday 12th September 2018

St Margaret's Church

Present:

Mary McIndoe	Secretary	St Ninian's
Anne Rennie Rev Alan Kimmitt	Chair	St Columba's
Betty Menzies Joy Allan Rev Eileen Miller		St Margaret's
Fiona Lawrenson		St Luke's
Rev Alan McGougan		URC Coaltown
Margaret Duffy		St Paul's
Anne Burns		St Mary's
Wilma Page		Christ's Kirk

Apologies:

George Carratt		King's Covenant
Steve Saunders		Salvation Army
Allan McDonagh	Treasurer	St Margaret's
Father G Hand		St Paul's and St Mary's
Rev David Smith		St Ninian's
Rev Ryan Robertson Elizabeth Ann Charlton		New Hope Fellowship

Opening words:

Anne Rennie welcomed everyone present and invited Eileen Miller to lead us in worship. Eileen reflected on new babies, a calling, Jonah, travels, and the fact that God is merciful.

Mary noted the apologies as above.

Matters arising from the May meeting: none.

Correspondence: An email has been received from Lindsay Roy in response to a message of thanks for the kind donation by Glenrothes Rotary Club to our funds. Churches Together was wished well in our future endeavours.

Treasurer's Report: In Allan's absence Mary gave the bank balance as £821. An invoice was handed over by Anne for the cost of hiring the Cadham Neighbourhood Centre for the Faith Matters event to be held on September 30th at 3pm. £110 is to be paid on the day by cheque. £50 is due to be paid for the video and music services provided.

Carol singing 2018: George Carratt has indicated that he is willing to lead the carol singing in the Kingdom Centre as in the past. The secretary is to book with Kingdom Centre management and arrange the street collection permit. It was decided that the charity to benefit from the takings is to

be the YMCA who are celebrating their 60th birthday this year. The date is Saturday 15th December from 12-1pm. The secretary is to contact Mary Hill at the YMCA.

Faith Matters was discussed, and details were given of the afternoon programme. The ladies of the mosque are to prepare the food- chicken, curry, rice and other delights. The importance of the Islamic prayer time of 16:52 was discussed, along with whether there should be a prayer time for the Christians too. An invitation has been extended to non-Muslims to join the prayers if they wish to. An application has been made to Fife Council through Go Glenrothes for a grant of £200 towards the costs of the event.

The ecumenical service celebrating the 70 years of the churches in Glenrothes was discussed. This will be held in St Margaret's Church (as the oldest church in the town) on Sunday September 28th at 4pm. Bruce Davies has written a new praise song to celebrate and a choir is being formed to lead the singing, along with a combined praise band. Practices will be held on Friday 14th September from 6-7pm, and again on Thursday 27th from 7-8pm; both in St Margaret's. These will be led by Carol Ann Headley. A final practice will be held on the afternoon of the service. Invitations are being sent out by the secretary. It is still to be confirmed whether the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland can attend. She will be asked if present to give an address. Volunteers are needed for welcoming everyone and to assist with the refreshments afterwards. Pancakes and home baking are required. Please contact the secretary with any offers of help. The secretary is to contact Kingdom FM, the Courier and the Gazette for publicity. An application has been made to Go Glenrothes for funds towards the cost of printing, catering etc.

The possibility of an Advent Service this year was suggested; it was mentioned that it should not conflict with those planned by both Glenrothes Baptist Church and the Salvation Army. Enquiries to be made.

Pentecost 2020 was suggested as a possible event to work towards in the long term. Suggestions for venues can be brought to the November meeting. It was suggested that "Riding Lights Theatre Company" could be approached.

Any other ideas for future projects should be brought to the 14th November meeting.

AOCB: Christians against Poverty – a possible speaker for the future might be Doug Drysdale. We could also include the Kingdom Credit Union and make this a public event. Secretary to find contacts. Alan Kimmitt raised the question of working groups meeting between GCT meetings. The Walk of Witness is likely to be held again on Good Friday 2019 and a new working group should be appointed at the November meeting.

Social Bite are holding a Sleep Out on December 8th in Dundee. Sponsorship forms are to be sourced and it would be good to have GCT involved including support from our churches. Please mention this at your church.

Different forms of worship, communion, discussions, a Taizé service, a half day retreat, and the revival of the Fellowship Meal were all mentioned as possible events for the future.

Diary dates:

14th September: Macmillan Coffee morning at Christ's Kirk, 10-12noon.

15th September: Coffee morning at St Margaret's, 10-12noon.

27th September: Fashion Show at St Ninian's Church, 7pm. £5pp

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 14th November at St Luke's Church. (TBC)

The meeting ended with the sharing of the Grace.