

Glenrothes & District Churches Together
Minutes of meeting held on 13th November 2019
at 7.30pm in the Salvation Army church.

Present	St Mary's & St Paul's St Margaret's St Ninian's King's Covenant Markinch & Thornton St Luke's St Columba's Church of Christ Salvation Army Leslie Trinity Christ's Kirk	Gerry Hand Allan McDonagh, Eileen Miller, Betty Menzies, Joy Allan Mary McIndoe George Carratt Barbara Murray, Betty Gray, Nancy Munro Fiona Lawrenson Arlene Russell, John Baker Richard Gilmour Steve Saunders Alec Redpath, Robert Paton Wilma Page
Apologies	Ruth Anderson, Andrew Gardner, Alan Kimmitt, Gerry Dillon, Alison Oliver, Douglas Galbraith, Davina Saunders, Lorna Baker	

Opening worship	Steve Saunders	Reading from Romans 5 – a ministry of reconciliation. We live in a divided country and a divided world. Steve prayed for God's help in bringing people together in peace and love.	
Farewell	Fr Gerry Hand	Fr Hand spoke briefly on his departure to Holy Cross Parish, in Granton and Pilton, Edinburgh. We have shared faith, love and laughs in the 14 years that he has been in Glenrothes. He spoke of the dialogue held by him and Alan Kimmitt with Mr Bain from the Orange Lodge. He hopes that the talks will be able to continue. His successor is Fr Philip Kerr who has arrived from Edinburgh. The meeting wished Fr Hand well and thanked him for all the support he has given to the group. Fr Hand left the meeting.	
Chair	Allan McDonagh, vice chair	Allan advised the meeting that he is prepared to take the chair until the AGM in June 2020. Wilma Page proposed acceptance, and Betty Menzies seconded this. John Baker said that he could consider taking the chair later in 2020.	
Minutes of last meeting		Approved by Richard Gilmour and seconded by John Baker.	
Carol singing	14/12/2019 12 noon to 1pm.	The annual carol singing at the Rothes Halls steps was discussed and details are as follows. Margaret Duffy has the carol sheets. Sec to make contact. George Carratt said that as he could not attend the event, he had brought the easel, which was accepted by the chair. 11.30am – Allan will visit the control room in Lyon Way to inform of arrival. Allan will supply the (tinselled) bucket for donations. Allan McD and Steve Saunders will count the collected money and issue a cheque to the Salvation Army asap. Steve will supply some signage for the Salvation Army. Enough chairs will be provided by the centre for the	MM AMcD SS

		<p>singers (30+) and the 5 or 6 SA musicians.</p> <p>The secretary will create a poster which can go out to surgeries, libraries etc. Information will be sent to the press in good time.</p> <p>The banner will be displayed at the top of the steps.</p> <p>Christmas jumpers and hats will be most welcome.</p>	
Fellowship meal	Steering group	John Baker informed the meeting that the meal will be on Saturday 18 th January 2020 in St Columba's church hall; the time is to be confirmed. More details will be sent out. In past years, 10 tickets were allocated to each church.	JB
ALPHA course	Eileen Miller	This is put on hold as there have been no more expressions of interest. Churches can highlight the possibility.	EM
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020	Steering group	The group organising the joint service will contact everyone in good time – proposed date is Sunday 26 th at 6.30pm. TBC	DS AG JA MM
GROW	Wilma Page	The committee will meet on the 21 st of November. Please pray for the work of Oskar in the schools; pray for the success of the new phase of Gener8 in Glenwood HS which will run for 6 weeks.	
Christian Aid	Fiona Lawrenson	Fiona gave details of the "Floral Display for Christmas" night to be held on the 29 th of November at 7pm in Christ's Kirk, Pitcoudie. Tickets £4 including refreshments.	
World Day of Prayer	Mary McIndoe	The 2020 services will be: Friday March the 6 th , at Leslie Baptist Church at 2pm, and at Glenrothes St Paul's RC church at 7pm. The women of Zimbabwe have written the service. *Men and women are to be encouraged to attend. *	MM
Remembrance	Fiona Lawrenson	Fiona was thanked for laying the wreath at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. There was a good turnout of all ages. £35 cost, the treasurer gave a cheque to the secretary to cover the cost as she had ordered and paid for the wreath from Poppy Scotland.	
Treasurer's report	Allan McDonagh	Balance: £897.96 after payment for remembrance wreath. No word yet about the legacy. Possible update due late December from the solicitor. The meeting discussed where payments might be made to causes and projects given our healthy balance. It was agreed to donate £50 to the Glenrothes Parkinson's Café towards the hire of the room at the Baptist church.	
Advent Studies	<p>St Ninian's, Mondays 7.30 to 9pm, from the 25th November for 4 weeks.</p> <p>St Margaret's, Mondays 2nd, 9th and 16th December at 10.30 in the church hall.</p> <p>St Margaret's, Thursdays 28th November, and 5th, 12th and 19th of December at 7.30pm at 16 Well Road.</p>		
Microphone	Concern was expressed that not all present could hear what was said at the meeting. People could sit closer to the front to aid hearing. It was also suggested that a microphone be purchased which could be used at each venue. John Baker will research costs and the best kind to suit our needs.		JB

Diary dates	<p>Thornton Parish Church, Christmas coffee morning: Sat 7th Dec 10 to 12 noon.</p> <p>Leslie Trinity Church, Christmas Coffee Morning, Sat 7th Dec, 10-12 noon.</p> <p>St Ninian's, Christmas Tree Concert, Sat 7th Dec, 7pm. £1</p> <p>St Margaret's: Youth Event on Sat 7th Dec 7-8.30pm – Christmas Youth Service with Oskar from GROW. S1 to S6.</p> <p>St Margaret's: Tullis Russell Band Christmas Concert, Friday 13th Dec at 7.30pm.</p> <p>Rothes Halls steps, Sat Dec 14th at 12-1pm</p> <p>Carol Singing accompanied by Salvation Army musicians. Collection.</p> <p>St Ninian's: Singing for Seniors Concert, Tuesday 17th Dec 2.30 to 4.30pm. £3</p>
Date of next meeting	<p>February 12th, 2020 at 7.30pm</p> <p>Christ's Kirk.</p>
Close	The meeting closed with the sharing of the Grace.

⁶ For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.