

Glenrothes & District Churches Together

Meeting 12th February 2020

Christ's Kirk

Sederunt:

Church of Christ	Richard Gilmour
St Margaret's	Joy Allan, Betty Menzies, Allan McDonagh (treasurer and chair)
Markinch and Thornton	Barbara Murray, Betty Gray, Nancy Munro, Bryan Gould
Leslie, Trinity	Robert Paton
St Ninian's	Mary McIndoe (secretary)
St Luke's	Fr Gareth, Rev Gerry Dillon
St Paul's & St Mary's	Fr Philip Kerr
King's Covenant	George Carratt
Christ's Kirk	Ruth Anderson, Wilma Page, Ron Page

Apologies: Alan Kimmitt, Fiona Lawrenson, John Baker, Lorna Baker, Arlene Russell, Andrew Gardner, Douglas Galbraith, Eileen Miller

Welcome and opening worship:

Ruth Anderson welcomed everyone and spoke on the time of change and flux we are experiencing today. The one constant is the love of God and his presence on earth. A prayer with responses was based on Psalm 136. "God's love endures forever."

Correspondence: This was held over to the relevant topics on the agenda.

Minutes: of the November meeting were approved by Betty Menzies and seconded by Richard Gilmour.

Matters arising:

The friendship meal:

held in January at St Columba's was a great success. Thanks were offered to the team who organised the evening and the musicians who entertained so well. It is hoped that this can become an annual event once more. Donations yielded £130.58 and the costs were £150. The treasurer will issue a cheque for £150 to John Baker as soon as possible.

Service of Prayer for Christian Unity:

This was judged to be a well-planned and involving service with different people taking part and sharing their favourite hymns. The turnout was around 40 which is the norm for this service, and the mingling at refreshments was greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who were involved in any way.

World Day of Prayer, 2020:

The services will be held on Friday 6th of March at Leslie Baptist Church (at 2pm) and at St Paul's Church, Glenrothes (at 7pm). The theme is "Rise, take your mat and walk", and the service was prepared by Christian women from Zimbabwe. Everyone is invited to attend, and the service is open to men and women. It is hoped that the clergy will support the service this year.

Microphone/speaker for meetings:

John Baker in his email said that the cost to buy would be from £60 upwards for a basic karaoke unit and microphone. However he advised that Alan Kimmitt has offered us the use of the speaker and mike used by St Columba's. The meeting agreed to take up the offer from St Columba's, in the first instance. Secretary to contact Alan.

Treasurer's report:

After the issue of the cheque for £150, the bank balance is £828.74. The legacy expected is being reviewed by a specialist team at HMRC. The lawyer will contact the secretary when progress is made.

Reports:

Christian Aid:

Wilma Page expressed a hope that more people would join her on the Bridge Walk on the 25th of April. Christian Aid week runs from the 10th to 16th of May and will include a stall in the Kingdom Centre on Saturday 16th of May. **Each church is requested to give the names of 2/3 people who can help with the stall to Mary McIndoe asap so that the committee can make up the rota for the day.**

GROW:

Betty Gray reported on her good experience of participating in Gener8 at Glenwood High School and recommended that anyone asked to take this on would be greatly blessed. Both the "older" people and the pupils were gratified at how much they each gained.

New business:

St Luke's:

Fr Gerry Dillon told the meeting about the changes due at St Luke's in an exciting new venture. The building is to be substantially rebuilt, starting in March 2020. During the work arrangements have been made to use one of the halls at St Columba's for worship. New staff will be employed to facilitate outreach, and Fr Gerry is to be the fulltime priest after leaving his teaching post. Please pray for the people of St Luke's at this exciting time.

Glenrothes Area Future Group:

Ron Page intimated that the biennial general meeting will be held in the CISWO on Wed 19th February at 7pm and it is hoped that there can be representation from Churches Together there as we were instrumental in starting that organisation. All you need is an interest in the future of our town.

Walk of Witness, Good Friday 2020:

Mary asked for a small team to help with the arrangements. Fiona Lawrenson has intimated she is willing to help, and Mary will speak to another. The start times would still be 10.30am. The venue is still to be confirmed and it is hoped it will be a church in the centre of town. Team will report back with updates asap.

Lent studies: details on our website. <http://gkc82.atwebpages.com/gct.html>

St Ninian's – Mondays weekly from 2nd of March the 30th inclusive at 7.30pm

St Margaret's – Mondays, Thursdays and Sunday evenings.

Christ's Kirk: - Sunday evenings, 7pm.

St Paul's – A reflection on the Passion will be held at St Paul's on Saturday 28th of March from 10.30 to 2.30pm, which is open to all.

Easter services: details will be available soon on our website.

Pilgrim Way Talk:

This was mentioned last year by Douglas Galbraith, and we are looking to find a venue in the town for a talk by Ian Bradley, author of "The Fife Pilgrim Way". This will be an open meeting and we are looking at dates in April. Secretary to speak to Douglas. We hope for a good support from all the churches and further afield. Details to follow.

Banner:

The secretary requested that someone should take over logging the whereabouts of the banner and the moving of the same on a monthly basis. The chair said he'd take over until the AGM in June.

Historical talk at Markinch:

There is to be a talk by Rev Richard Frazer, minister of Greyfriars Kirk, Edinburgh at Markinch Church this Sunday, 16th February at 6.30pm. The free talk is about his pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela and will be followed by refreshments in the church hall. (Pilgrims' soup!) All welcome.

Diary Dates:

St Ninian's Church: COLOURS Fashion Show - Thursday 23rd April, 6.30 for 7pm start £5. For tickets call Fiona on 01592 742739.

Date of next meeting: Please note change of venue:

Due to St Luke's being unavailable for the May meeting, arrangements have been made to meet on **Wednesday 13th of May at 7.30pm in St Ninian's Church, Cawdor Drive, KY6 2HN.**

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