

# Glenrothes & District Churches Together Meeting on Zoom - 19/01/2022

## Present -

David Smith, Mary Patey - St Ninian's

Ryan Robertson - Orthodox Church of western rite

John Baker, Lorna Baker, Alan Kimmitt, Arlene - St Columba's

Allan McDonagh - St Margaret's

Robert Paton - Leslie: Trinity

Nancy Munro, Bryan Gould - Markinch & Thornton

Sally McElroy - St Mary Magdalene Parish

Steve Saunders - Salvation Army

Wilma Page - Christ's Kirk

## Apologies -

Betty Menzies, St Margaret's

Fr Gerry Dillon, St Luke's

Fr Philip Kerr, St Mary Magdalene

Ruth Anderson, Christ's Kirk

Allan welcomed us all and invited Rev David Smith to open our meeting in worship and prayer. David read Romans 5; vv 1-5 and spoke about fellowship, Tonga. We trust God who understands and gives us hope.

The minutes of the last meeting were passed without amendment; approved by John Baker and seconded by Wilma Page.

Chair: Allan gave a brief report and stated that Mary Patey as secretary had agreed to take out a Zoom licence for a year on behalf of Churches Together. John Baker is being added to the bank account as Treasurer and the forms are in process.

Treasurer: John Baker intimated that the bank balance stands at £10,145.27. He asked members to consider how best that money can be put to good use. Ideas to be brought to the next meeting.

Steve Saunders suggested that a speaker might be available to talk about Trans People at a future meeting. Alan Kimmitt said that the Church of Scotland (CofS) has materials available that could be given out. Iona Kimmitt is involved in some of the work.

Markinch & Thornton Parish Church will welcome their new minister Rev Dr Conor Fegan on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of January at a service of ordination and induction at Markinch Church. Alistair McLeod has agreed to remain at Markinch as an elder.

Fr Gerry Dillon advised that he would be attending the service.

The covenanted fellowship of 6 CofS congregations in the Glenrothes Area is working to have a "drop in" in the Kingdom Centre for the period of Lent this year. This would be a form of outreach to the local community. Other churches in the town have raised no objections to this new project.

Easter 2022 was discussed, and members were asked to bring suggestions and offers of help for the Easter morning sunrise service (7am) at East Lomond car park followed by breakfast possibly at either St Columba's or St Ninian's. Ryan offered to bring his guitar and the Salvation Army could be involved too. Sally McElroy said that the Roman Catholic Churches might like to be involved too.

It was suggested that we should consider speaking to the churches for a 5/10-minute slot about what Churches Together is all about, and in the hope that new members might be encouraged to become involved.

The Walk of Witness was discussed, and it was suggested that a group could come from Leslie to join in with the Christ's Kirk walk. David and Alan will speak about the service. Ryan mentioned an open air worship but the weather in April is unpredictable.

Pentecost is on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. A church unity service then is a possibility but may be delayed until Summer 2023.

Carol singing is to be investigated by the secretary as we would welcome its return in December this year.

Sally told us that the Catholic church has access to Nativity scenes and would be able to provide them to the Kingdom centre if there was to be none again this year.

Hustings chaired by Churches Together might be possible before the May 2023 Scottish Parliament Elections.

Meetings:

Wed 9/2/2022 at 7.30pm at the Salvation Army.

Wed 20/04/2022 at 7.30pm at St Ninian's.

Wed 11/05/2022 at 7.30pm at St Columba's.

AGM: Wed 8/6/2022 at Christ's Kirk.

The meeting closed with the sharing of the Grace.