

Glenrothes and District Churches Together

Meeting held on 13th November 2024 at 7.30pm

In St Luke's Church, Glenrothes

Welcome:

Ruth Anderson welcomed the gathering and Revd Gerry Dillon opened the meeting in prayer.

Sederunt:

Ruth Anderson (Chair), John Baker (Treasurer),– Heart of Fife

Gerry Dillon – St Luke's Church

Richard Gilmour – Church of Christ

Alan Kimmitt, Fiona Lawrenson – Heart of Fife

Fr Philip, Barbara Usher (Secretary) – St Mary Magdalene

Apologies:

George Carratt – King's Covenant Fellowship

Sally McElroy – St Mary Magdalene

Wilma Page, Mary Patey – Heart of Fife

Steve Saunders – Salvation Army

Matters Arising:

John Baker proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted, seconded by Ruth Anderson.

The Peace Walk, and Remembrance Day service both at the War Memorial were both beautifully moving and well attended. A wreath from Churches Together was laid on Remembrance Sunday.

Collection at Carol Singing Four very worthy suggestions for a charity were received before the meeting. It was decided that Parkinson's Fife would be supported in 2024; Cheshire Homes in 2025. Other nominations were the Food Bank and GROW. A Licence to Collect has now been requested from Fife Council.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: The 'Octave' is 18th – 25th January, as ever. The Fellowship Meal will be on Saturday 18th January at 7pm, St Columba's Church. The united service will be at St Paul's on Sunday 19th January 7pm. Ruth has the materials for this event. If anyone knows of a suitable entertainer for the meal, please contact Barbara with suggestions, and she will pass on to Alan Kimmitt.

Volunteers are sought to make pots of soup, and to help prepare/serve on the night. Members are requested to seek support from their respective churches.

All churches are asked to seek up to 12 people to attend the meal. Please let John Baker know numbers from each church (no names are required) by Sunday 19th January or before.

World Day of Prayer Heart of Fife - St Margaret's will host and lead the World Day of Prayer on 7th March 2025. The materials have been ordered by Alan Kimmitt.

Correspondence:

A nativity scene with nativity figures from St Paul's will be displayed in a suitable shop front in Glenrothes. Which shop will be confirmed shortly.

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Praying for Scotland Steve Saunders alerted us to the plans to have 72 hours of prayer online transmitted by the organisation Praying for Scotland, 28-30th November 2024. Parishes across Scotland are making (usually five minute) videos guiding prayer on particular aspects of Scottish life. These videos with prayer points will be transmitted over and over again for an hour. Steve himself has made a video, and an ecumenical prayer group, (St Mary Magdalene /Heart of Fife parishes) have made a 15 minute Lectio Divina video, Praying for the land.

Christian Youth (18-30s) Alas, Duncan Weaver, the Pilgrim Pastor who was hoping to lead a pilgrimage for young people has resigned his post to take up a pastoral post elsewhere. We wish him well and look forward to his successor being appointed and taking up the plans for a Youth Pilgrimage along the Fife Pilgrim Way.

In the meantime, if any church has young adults who are keen to meet for outings, Taken Turf is a self-organised, ecumenical group of 18-39 Christians. Slogan: Bringing back the true King to the Kingdom of Fife. They have a full programme of organised days out, usually each Saturday. Barbara has the contact details of the secretary and knows two of the members personally. Taken Turf is not attached to one particular church, but has a close relationship with many of the members' churches. It has its own accountability structure within the organisation. Email address TakenTurf@gmail.com. You can find them on Instagram and Facebook.

Chair Report: Matters have been quietly proceeding behind the scenes, as above.

Financial: In September the funds stood at £8793.39. After expenses for a Remembrance Day wreath, and flowers and card to thank Mary Patey for her service as Secretary, the funds are at £8731.75.

AOB:

The Cimate Hub will run 2 Fife Repair Cafes. The first 'How to Set Up a Repair Café' will be held at St Luke's 22nd November 4-7.30pm, with the second at 4-7.30pm on 6th December. There will be a free buffet.

St Luke's Church is holding a **Christmas Fayre** with various crafts including felting and pottery on Tuesday 3rd December 12-2pm, in the Sanctuary.

Christmas Day Heart of Fife with St Luke's will have a **united service** at 11.45am at St Columba's building, following by a **Christmas lunch** at 12.30pm. If you would like to come for lunch, email admin@heartoffife.com, or phone the St Columba's church office on 01592 752539.

Ecumenical Lectio Divina prayer group Douglas Galbraith and Irene Ure (Heart of Fife parish), with Cara Hutchison and Barbara Usher (St Mary Magdalene parish) meet to pray in the style of Lectio Divina fortnightly on Wednesday at 4pm. The next prayer meeting is on 27th November at St Paul's church. All who wish to pray, listening to what God is saying to them through the scriptures, are warmly invited. If anyone would wish to take part, but could only participate in the evenings, please get in touch and a second (evening) group may be formed.

Please speak to any of the four of us, or phone 07891003502.

We closed with **the Grace**

Next Meeting: Heart of Fife St Ninian's building, 12th February 2025 at 7.30pm