

## CHURCHES TOGETHER in GLENROTHES and DISTRICT

### Chairperson's Report - 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

We can reflect with much gratitude on another steady, but none-the-less, successful session. We should be encouraged that there is still the freedom and the opportunity to worship and fellowship together with the wider Body of Christ in our area and the community where we live and serve.

These events have included St Ninian's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary service and Songs of Praise. There were joint Carol singing events in Kingdom Centre and Leslie Baptist (together raising over £100 for Salvation Army projects) and St Luke's (boosting the Christian Aid total to £300). Christian Aid also organised Big Breakfast, town centre collection and Tay Bridge crossing. World day of Prayer services at Trinity and Christ's Kirk raised £100 for Cuba. St Margaret's ceilidh profits were given to GROW.

We joined together to Walk for Peace in November, to study and 'pilgrimage' together during Lent, to walk the way of the Cross together at St Mary's and to share in celebration together early on Easter morning.

The Scottish Election Hustings was well organised permitting some party posturing, yet allowing the four candidates to be heard. Thanks again to Ron, Bob and Fr Hand.

The banner location is still being tracked as it moves around the meeting places of God's people. It has also been on display in public places at the Carol Singing and the Hustings.

We rejoice together that the GROW project has appointed a new worker. Oskar replaces Bee who is moving on and has continued working part-time during the vacancy. We welcomed Rev Scott McCrum to Christ's Kirk in November, said farewell to Rev James Faddes from Leslie Baptist and wish Alli Roy every blessing as he demits from St Ninian's.

We were sorry to lose the services of our secretary Sheena and thank her for the high standard of minutes she produced and her organisational skills. Thanks to Craig and Margaret for filling in. We are also sorry to lose Craig's service as treasurer.

We are thankful to all those who have organised, assisted and served to make these events happen, and to those who continue to serve as we work together to build and to bless.

I remain focussed on John 13:34-35 (NIV). "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." All that we have achieved together this session has had a big impact on the witness to Jesus in our churches and community, so I once again I appeal to everyone who is considering and planning events for the coming session. Please ensure you include others in the process. Try to involve another church, a parish grouping or all the churches together. As you may have seen on some of the buses over the last few months, you could even "Try Praying".

May God continue to bless the gathering of all His people in this area,

**George Carratt**

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