

## CHURCHES TOGETHER in GLENROTHES and DISTRICT

### Chairperson's Report - 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

As Churches Together we sometimes agonise that we don't manage to do all that we would like. We are all volunteers and constrained by increasingly busy and demanding lives. However, the things that we do together usually go very well, whether it's recurring events or new ventures. We are so privileged to be able to worship and fellowship together with the wider Body of Christ in our area and the community where we live and serve.

It was good to share in preparing and serving Y-lunches, exploring Fresh Expression, considering 'The God Question', Carol Singing in the Kingdom Centre and Leslie Baptist, studying together during Lent, Ecumenical Stations of the Cross, outdoor Easter Celebrations and the World day of Prayer services at St Mary's and St Columba's.

Special times were enjoyed at the excellent Service of Unity in St Paul's, Trinity Church 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, GROW dedication of Oskar Forbes, the GBEG visit to Böblingen and superb Bruce Davies concert, Christmas lunches at three of the churches and a service to support those recently bereaved.

Christian Aid volunteers organised a Big Breakfast at St Columba's and the town centre collection.

The General Election Hustings was well organised and chaired. Thanks again to Ron, Bob and Fr Hand. We heard all the candidates' manifestos and responses to questions from the audience.

We are pleased to hear that GROW worker Oskar is working well with the clergy and volunteers in the various primary and secondary schools and visiting the Churches to ensure support for this vital outreach continues.

The banner has had one or two weeks resting, but continues to be displayed around all the Churches and has also been on display in public places at the Carol Singing and the Hustings. The chances of it going AWOL on Mary's watch is highly unlikely.

We are thankful to God for those who have recently been called to ministry in the area: David Robertson (Salvation Army), Rev Alan McGougan (URC) and Rev David Smith (St Ninian's) and Rev Alan Kimmitt's appointment to Presbytery Clerk.

Thanks to Mary for looking after the finances, organising the banner, hosting meetings and all the other jobs she does. Thanks also to Anne; we have had the opportunity to support each other through the last session, to conduct the meetings, produce the minutes, publish reports and general communications.

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.

My continuing prayer is that we will keep 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." What we achieve together has a big impact on the witness to Jesus in our churches and community. My final request as chair person to everyone considering and planning events for the coming session: Please ensure you include others in the organisation and the invitation.

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

**George Carratt**

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