



# The Church of Scotland

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## Presbytery of Lanark

**The Presbytery will meet in Libberton & Quothquan Parish Church (*Biggar Rd, Libberton, ML11 8LT*) on Tuesday 3 September 2019 at 7pm for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion and thereafter the following and other competent business.**

*Rev Bryan Kerr, Presbytery Clerk*

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### **Order of Business – 3 September 2019**

1. Constitution
2. Welcome to Visitors
3. Approval of the Order of Business
4. Minutes
5. Decisions under Summer Powers
6. Decisions under Delegated Powers
7. Roll of Presbytery
8. Correspondence
9. Good News Stories
10. Report of the Presbytery Support Committee
11. Report of the Worship and Discipleship Committee
12. Report of the Relationships and Context Committee
13. Report on Special Committee appointed 4 December 2018 (in private)
14. Intimations
15. Adjournment:

The Presbytery adjourns to meet for Ordinary Business on Tuesday 1 October 2019 at 7 pm in Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark.

## Decisions under summer powers

The Clerk has been informed that the following decisions have been made under Delegated Powers.

### Deliverance

The Presbytery:

1. Agreed in respect of Lanark: Greyfriars to the undertaking of urgent roof repairs to the building at a cost of approximately £10,200 +VAT and support the Kirk Session in making application for grant assistance to the General Trustees.
2. Agreed in respect of Kirkmuirhill to the undertaking of necessary work to the leaded windows and stonework in the tower at a cost of approximately £15,000+VAT and remind the congregation of the need to inform Presbytery with adequate notice of proposed works.
3. Agreed to appoint Rev Bryan Kerr as Presbytery Representative to the annual review meeting of candidates in training in September 2019 in terms of Act 10, 2004 (as amended)
4. Agreed in respect of Committee Membership to approve membership of Presbytery Committees for the session 2019/2020 as follows:
  - a. Relationships and Context Committee: Rev Michael Fucella (Convener), Mr John Austin, Mr Sandy Boag, Rev Bill Buchan, Rev David Carmichael, Mrs Anne Cochrane, Mr William Coulter, Rev Harry Findlay, Mr Ross Hyslop, Rev Helen Jamieson, Rev Dr Nikki Macdonald, Mr Willie MacSween, Mr Alex McPhee, Mr Robert Mitchell, Rev Dr Elijah Obinna, Mrs Christine O'Neill, Rev Andrew Rooney and Mr Hugh Stewart; plus one member co-opted from Guild Presbyterial Council
  - b. Worship & Discipleship Committee: Rev Louise Mackay (Convener), Mrs Elizabeth Bradley, Mr Robert Carson, Mrs Helen Chekansky, Rev Elizabeth Clelland, Mrs Margaret Harley, Rev Iain Cunningham, Rev James Cutler, Mr Alan Grant, Rev Paul Grant, Mr William Love, Rev Elspeth MacLean, Mrs Janette Mason, Mrs Mabel Morris, Mrs Anne Reid, Rev Steven Reid, Mr Sandy Russell, Mr Jim Sinclair, Mr David Waters, Mr Kenneth Watson, Mr James Watt and Rev David Young; plus one member co-opted from Guild Presbyterial Council
  - c. Presbytery Support Committee: Mr Scott Paget (Convener), Rev Bryan Kerr (Presbytery Clerk), Rev George Shand (Depute Presbytery Clerk & Moderator Designate), Mr Jim Watt (Moderator – member to 3/9/19), Acting Depute Clerk (to 23/9/2020), Mrs Anne Cochrane (1 year), Mr Robert Mitchell (1 year), Mrs Mabel Morris (1 year), Mrs Christine O'Neill (1 year), Rev Andrew Rooney (1 year) with Advisors Caroline Deerin, Ewan Easton, John Lumsden and Mary McGillivray.

## Report of the Presbytery Support Committee

### Deliverance

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the report.
2. Appoint the Reverend Paul Grant as Acting Depute Presbytery Clerk until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020
3. In respect of the reform of Presbyteries as instructed by the General Assembly
4. Appoint the Convener of Presbytery Support Committee, the Moderator, the Presbytery Clerk and the Depute Presbytery Clerk as representatives in this process.
5. Agree to work with Hamilton Presbytery on possible models for creating a Lanarkshire Presbytery.

6. Agree to suspend the internal review of Presbytery structures whilst the review of Presbyteries is ongoing.
7. Agree that the November and March meetings of Presbytery be plenary/ discussion meetings led by the Relationship and Context and Worship and Discipleship committees respectively
8. Note that feedback from the June discussion meeting of Presbytery will be issued to Kirk Sessions for their interest and discussion.
9. Remind Kirk Sessions of the General Assembly instruction “to conduct Basic Disclosure Checks on all individuals (regardless of their employment status) in their congregation in leadership roles and/or positions of trust, including but not limited to organists, church officers/ caretakers and café workers, where their duties may involve contact with vulnerable groups as referred to in The Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007.”
10. Note that it has not been possible to commence a mediation process in Carluke: St. Andrew’s in deferred union with Carluke: St. John’s.
11. In respect of the Ministry and Mission Discretionary Allowance
  - a. Approve an award of £120 to Symington for covering pulpit supply in 2019 when the minister is leading services in the other two Tinto Parish congregations.
  - b. Approve an award of £840 to Libberton & Quothquan for covering pulpit supply in 2019 when the minister is leading services in the other two Tinto Parish congregations.
  - c. Approve an award of £1,030 to Cairngryffe, on behalf of the Tinto Parishes, for the HARfEST project in line with aims and objectives submitted with the grant application.
  - d. Approve an award of £4,000 to Law for the Community engagement survey in line with aims and objectives submitted with the grant application.
  - e. Approve an award of £4,000 to Lanark: St. Nicholas for the Hear for You project in line with aims and objectives submitted with the grant application.
  - f. Approve an award of £150 to Carluke: Kirkton for the Messy Vintage project in line with aims and objectives submitted with the grant application.
  - g. Approve an award of £2,400 to Lanark: Greyfriars for the Online & Streaming worship project in line with aims and objectives submitted with the grant application.
12. Note that any appeals to the proposed ministry and mission allocations for 2020 must be presented to the committee no later than 18 October 2019 and that appeals can only be made on the incorrect calculation of an income base figure.
13. Approve the timetable for the Moderator’s Visit to Presbytery.

## Report

### Acting Depute Presbytery Clerk

It is proposed that during the Reverend George Shand’s term of office as Moderator of Presbytery the Reverend Paul Grant be appointed as Depute Presbytery Clerk. Mr Shand will still be co-ordinating the work of the Local Church Review Process.

### General Assembly Reform of Presbyteries

Presbytery will be aware of the instruction of General Assembly to move to 12 new regional structures over the next few years. Members of the committee are in discussion with Hamilton Presbytery about the possible creation of a Lanarkshire Presbytery. The Principal Clerk has also requested to meet with representatives of the Presbytery. To that end the Presbytery are invited

to appoint the Convener of the Presbytery Support Committee, the Moderator, the Presbytery Clerk and the Acting Depute Presbytery Clerk as the initial representatives to discuss possible options, with regular reports being made to Presbytery on progress made. Given the size of the task, and the possible speed of change within the Presbytery structure, the committee recommend to Presbytery to pause the proposed review of the structure of Lanark Presbytery to allow the wider discussion to take place.

### **Presbytery Meetings**

Following a valuable discussion with committee conveners, the committee recommend that the November and March meetings of Presbytery be plenary/ discussion meetings led by the Relationship and Context and Worship and Discipleship committees respectively.

### **June Discussion Meeting**

Each committee has been issued with the responses gathered during the June table discussions. It is proposed that feedback be issued to each Kirk Session to aid them in their planning and relationship with Presbytery

### **Safeguarding**

The General Assembly instructed “Kirk Sessions to conduct Basic Disclosure Checks on all individuals (regardless of their employment status) in their congregation in leadership roles and/or positions of trust, including but not limited to organists, church officers/ caretakers and café workers, where their duties may involve contact with vulnerable groups as referred to in The Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007.” This means that all organists should apply for, and display to the Kirk Session such a disclosure check even if they do not directly work with vulnerable groups. It is recognised that organists are in a position of trust within a congregation. As with any group within society, the overwhelming majority will be completely trustworthy however, It would not be pastorally correct for a victim of abuse to enter a church for worship, or a funeral, and be faced with someone who was involved in their abuse. Basic Disclosures are paid for by the individual but the Kirk Session can agree to reimburse the cost. There will be, as part of general superintendence, a check performed on Kirk Sessions to ensure this section of deliverance of the General Assembly has been acted upon.

### **Carlisle St. Andrews in deferred union with Carlisle: St. John's**

The committee have been informed by Place for Hope that it has not been possible to proceed with mediation in this matter. The committee plan to visit each Kirk Session to discuss possible ways forward. Presbytery are simply asked to note this development.

### **Ministry and Mission Discretionary Allowance**

The committee recommend the following awards be agreed in line with the sum of £14,000 set aside for this application period in May 2019.

Tinto Parishes Third Sunday Service Cover: A number of years ago Presbytery agreed to consider applications from the Tinto Parishes to help fund pulpit supply when the minister was not present due to being in the other churches, with the expectation that the amount given would decrease over the years, as the number of services undertaken by local worship leaders increased. The committee is pleased that Cairngryffe have a very strong worship group able to lead the vast majority of services when required, with Symington and Libberton & Quothquan making positive moves towards a sustainable model of worship. Having considered the number of Sundays actually required to be paid for, and the funds in hand from 2018 underspend by the congregations concerned, the committee recommend sums of £120 to Symington and £840 to Libberton & Quothquan.

**HARVEST:** The Kirk Session of Cairngryffe, on behalf of Tinto Parishes, are seeking funding of £1,296 to establish a new event within the community to celebrate the church at Harvest time. This will be held in Thankerton and will bring the communities from across the Tinto Parishes together to celebrate, have fun, and re-engage with the Church. The committee recommend an award of £1,030.

**Law Community Survey:** The Kirk Session of Law seek funding of £6,000 to engage the services of Catch the Light to develop a community survey to understand the needs of the community to aid with both outreach and building development. The committee recommend an award of £4,000.

**Hear for You:** The Kirk Session of Lanark: St. Nicholas seek funding of £6,000 to help with the continuation of the Hear for You project. The Project has applied to Go For It for continuation funding to ensure that the support service to those contemplating suicide or have been affected by suicide can continue. The initial application was unsuccessful but the Kirk Session have reapplied. This funding would cover the costs of the project in the interim. The committee recommend and aware of £4,000.

**Messy Vintage:** The Kirk Session of Carluke: Kirkton seek funding of £200 to aid the establishment of Messy Vintage in the congregation and community. This money will help to purchase resources and establish the event with older people over the coming months. The committee recommend an award of £150.

**Online Worship:** The Kirk Session of Lanark: Greyfriars seek funding of £2,992 to upgrade and develop their online worship community. This money will go upgrade cameras to HD cameras, allowing people to worship whilst watching on a smart TV rather than simply a small tablet. The Kirk Session are also working to develop resources, in conjunction with other ministers across presbytery, that will allow congregations without a minister, to show the sermon on the screen, but deliver the prayers with people in the congregation and for the organist to play the hymns 'live' in the respective church. The Kirk Session hope that in a rapidly changing ministerial situation, this will allow congregations new patterns of leading worship in their communities. The committee recommend an award of £2,400.

### **Ministry and Mission Payments 2020**

The committee has received the calculations for Ministry and Mission payments for 2020 and will be sending them directly to clerks of financial courts. Any appeals which financial courts feel necessary to make should be in the hands of the committee no later than 18 October 2019. Congregations are reminded that appeals can only be made on the grounds of an incorrect calculation of the Income Base as laid out in Regulation 1, 2012 (as amended)

### **Moderators Visit**

The committee thank the Clerk for the work undertaken in preparing the timetable for the Moderators Visit and present the (almost) final programme for approval.

## **Report of the Worship & Discipleship Committee**

### **Deliverance**

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the report.
2. Note the success of the prayer in worship evening and the plans for a future follow up workshop.
3. Note the proposal of a Music event in the next calendar year.

## Report

### Leading prayer in worship event

The committee held an evening back in May in Kirkton church looking at prayer as part of worship. 14 people attended the workshop which looked at 3 key areas within prayer in worship.

1. What prayer actually is?
2. Creative prayer
3. Delivery of prayer

The feedback from the event was positive with those attending looking for a similar evening but more in depth. The committee have therefore planned another event later this year around the theme of advent. Where those attending will be able to gain tools to creatively write prayer.

### Music event

A discussion was had about the possibility of holding a music evening, in the form of a gig/concert next year. Approaches will be made to Rend collective, the Heart and Soul swing band as well as other alternatives if these groups are unavailable.

### Discussion about future

The committee are aware of the decisions taken at GA 2019 to reduce the number of presbyteries and discussions arose about what that would mean for Lanark Presbytery. The committee concluded that they are committed to enhancing the worship and discipleship of our presbytery as these changes are put into place

## Report of the Relationships & Context Committee

### Deliverance

The Presbytery:

4. Receive the report.
5. Note that a Presbytery walk to support "All Tied Up" has been postponed and will now take place in early spring.
6. Appoint Mr. Stephen Hefford as the Veterans' Champion for Lanark Presbytery.
7. Note that the committee will look at gathering a group to support Stephen in this important ministry.
8. Approve the themes of Outreach and service to the elderly and effective evangelism in our present context in Scotland for the November discussion meeting.
9. Encourage congregations as well as Presbyters to attend the November discussion meeting.

## Report

### All Tied Up – Walk and Talk:

It was agreed to defer this due to the proposed date coinciding with the visit of The Moderator. It was agreed that the new date should be in early spring and the routes may be able to be based around New Lanark

### Veterans Champion:

The committee was encouraged that there have been two expressions of interest in the role. The committee decided that Stephen Hefford of Lesmahagow Old would be the best candidate for the

role. The Committee also discussed developing a support group made up of other interested parties to help where there is a need.

**Speakers for November's meeting:**

There was some discussion about a number of issues facing our churches today in terms of our outreach to the wider community. The committee eventually decide that we would like to guide the Presbytery to look at two issues:

1. Outreach and service to the elderly
2. Effective evangelism in our present context in Scotland

It was suggested that we approach the following organisations to provide speakers for the event:

- BRF to speak on the 'Anna Chaplaincy' movement in general and their 'Messy Vintage' programme specifically.
- HOPEtogether to speak on their research and suggested programme in the Talking Jesus initiative.
- Try Praying to speak about their project to help congregations to engage individuals in their communities to begin to connect with God through prayer.

# Visit of the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland to Lanark Presbytery (October 2019)

Time	Saturday 26th	Sunday 27th	Monday 28th	Tuesday 29th	Wednesday 30th	Thursday 31st	Friday 1st	Saturday 2nd	Sunday 3rd	Monday 4th
8:30 AM										
9:00 AM				Clydesdale Community Initiatives	Healthy Valleys					
9:30 AM		Communion Service at Lanark: Greyfriars								
10:00 AM			Visit to Lanark Market			Education Forum	R & W Scott Jam Factory	March Stone Horse Hack in Lanark	Worship in Symington	Border Biscuit Tour & Business Discussion
10:30 AM		Café Church at Lanark: Greyfriars	Lunch at Lanark Market with Farming Support Discussion	Civic Reception	Visit to State Hospital	Travel (including tour of Rural Area)	Food Bank in Carluke			
11:00 AM	Arrival at New Lanark									
11:30 AM										
12:00 PM										
12:30 PM										
1:00 PM	Lunch & Welcome Briefing					Wanlockhead Visit				
1:30 PM										Lunch & Concluding Meeting
2:00 PM			Covenanters & Cameronian Tour in Douglas and Lesmahagow	Mainly Music Group						
2:30 PM				The Haven in Forth						
3:00 PM	VIP Tour of New Lanark & meet Board									
3:30 PM			Second Chance Shop at Kirkmuirhill			Biggar Gin Distillery	Victoria Cross Memorial Act of Remembrance	Clyde Valley Orchard Regeneration	Service of Rededication of Cairns Parish Church	
4:00 PM						Visit to Gillespie Centre in Biggar & Discussion on Mission in Scattered communities	Reception	Castlebank Park Regeneration		
4:30 PM										
5:00 PM										
5:30 PM			Ministers Gathering in Braelhead House							
6:00 PM				Hear4You Project in Lanark: St. Nicholas						
6:30 PM							Street Level in Carluke			
7:00 PM	Concert and Meal Hosted by New Lanark World Heritage Site	Intergenerational Praise Service at Carluke: St. John's (with presentation of long service certificates)								
7:30 PM										
8:00 PM					Evening Gala Dinner with After Dinner Talk from Moderator in New Lanark	Carluke Girls Brigade in Carluke: Kirkton	Youth Group in Crossford	Meal with members of parliaments	Evening Worship at Kirkmuirhill	
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