

PRESBYTERY of MELROSE and PEEBLES

The Presbytery will meet at **Innerleithen Church** on Tuesday 5 February 2019 at 7pm for ordinary business.

Victoria Linford, Clerk

Business

1. Constitute
2. Sederunt and Apologies
3. Minutes (pp87-88)
4. Order of Business
5. Path of Renewal - Presentation by Innerleithen, Traquair and Walkerburn
6. Registration of Ministries – Update as at 1 January 2019 (see enclosed)
7. Appointment of Pastoral Care of Ministers Chaplain – Rev Nancy Norman
8. Business Committee
9. Committee Meetings (45 minutes)
10. Standing Committee Reports (urgent business only)
11. Intimations
12. Correspondence
13. Adjournment

[REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED DURING THE MEETING, AFTER THE REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE]

Business Committee

1. Presbytery resolves to appoint Commissioners to the General Assembly (18-24 May 2019). Presbytery notes that its allocation of ministers for 2019 is four (plus an equal number of elders). The ministers/interim moderators of the following charges are asked to confirm to the Clerk by 21 February 2019 whether or not they are willing to accept commission, and submit the name of an elder to accompany them: Upper Tweeddale; Ettrick and Yarrow; Lyne and Manor l/w Peebles: St Andrew's Leckie; Stow and Heriot. Presbytery notes that the Very Rev David Arnott and the Very Rev Dr Finlay Macdonald also plan to attend the General Assembly of 2019; names of two possible additional accompanying elders should be submitted to the Clerk by 21 February 2019.
2. Presbytery notes that Mrs Fran Selkirk is no longer the Presbytery representative for Ashkirk Church and appoints Mrs Selkirk (in her capacity as Reader) as a Corresponding Member of Presbytery.
3. Presbytery notes that Rev Rosie Frew attended on behalf of Presbytery the Radical Action Plan Presbytery Conference on 31 January 2019.

Intimations

1. Presbytery notes the following updates for the Presbytery Year Book and asks that the Clerk or Assistant Clerk are informed of any changes of details for office bearers in a congregation:
 - a. Mrs Fran Selkirk, new address and telephone: 21 Park Crescent, Newtown St Boswells; 01835 823669.
 - b. New Session Clerk at Ashkirk Parish Church: Mrs Marjory Dooley, Castanea, The Woll, Ashkirk TD7 4NY; Tel: 01750 32710; email: marjory.dooley@yahoo.co.uk.
 - c. New Session Clerk at Peebles: St Andrews Leckie Church: Miss Kathleen Mason, 57 Northgate, Peebles EH45 8BU; Tel: 01721 721999; email: kathleen@standrewsleckie.co.uk.

2. Congregational Statistics forms are now due – please could Kirk Sessions submit all remaining forms to the Assistant Clerk as a matter of urgency.
3. Committees and Kirk Sessions are reminded to monitor compliance with the General Assembly Remits referred to them by Presbytery in its meeting of September 2018.
4. From Rev Sheila Moir: Safeguarding coordinator training has been arranged for Saturday 2 March 2019 in St Boswells Parish Church Hall, St Boswells (not to be mistaken with Newtown St Boswells). The morning session is for new coordinators; therefore if there is a change in your congregation, would you please pass this information on to the new coordinator. The session begins with registration from 9.30am and will commence at 10.00am; we shall break for lunch at 12.30 (ish), and the afternoon session beginning at 1.30pm will be for all coordinators in the Presbytery bounds. We would appreciate it if you would let us (Sheila Moir or Fran Selkirk) know of your intention to attend. If there are coordinators in a linked charge, whose details we do not have, please inform them.

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5. Worship Leader Course 2019: Dates for the 2019 course for Worship Leaders are: 23 March, 27 April and 25 May 2019. Ministers and Presbytery Elders are invited to intimate the course dates across congregations. Indications of interest and requests for more information should be sent to the Mission and Service Convener in the first instance: graeme.donald@btopenworld.com.
6. Anyone with an interest in assisting the Worship Leader course tutor this year with a view to tutoring our Worship Leader course in 2020/21, being an Assessor of Worship Leaders, or interested in the planning and delivery of training programmes, please contact Mr Graeme Donald, Mission and Service Convener.

Correspondence

1. From Mission and Discipleship Council: You may have seen the recent story on the Church of Scotland website or in the press about the seemingly impossible run that is being undertaken by Mark Calder, of Embrace the Middle East, to raise awareness of their campaign to help Iraqi Christian refugees return home. Mark has recently written some materials for Mission and Discipleship and we are helping to promote awareness of his campaign. On **Sunday 17-Wednesday 20 March 2019** he will be running the third of his 14 ultra-marathon pilgrim routes; 200 miles from **Melrose** to **Durham**, starting off along **St Cuthbert's Way to Lindisfarne**. Mark is looking for help along the way - financial and prayerful- in support of the campaign, and importantly, for people to turn out along the way to spur him on. You can find out more about the Embrace campaign: <https://www.runninghome2019.co.uk/what> and the run <https://www.runninghome2019.co.uk/run-details>.
2. From Presbytery of Stirling and Church and Society Council: "Being Together and Learning Together: Dementia-Friendly Developments in our Communities". Conference with 5 expert keynote speakers and workshops. Friday 22 March 2019, 10am-4pm at St Columba's Church, Stirling. For information and booking (**by 12 March 2019**) please contact Bonnie McDowell at: bmcdowell@churchofscotland.org.uk.
3. From the Learn Team, Church of Scotland: Elders Conference 2019, on "Creating and Deepening Discipleship", Friday 7 June - Sunday 9 June 2019 (**Booking closes on 19 May 2019**) at Scottish Police College, Tulliallan Castle, Fife FK10 4BE. This is a conference to enthuse and inspire current and future elders in the Church of Scotland with a fresh vision of discipleship and to equip them to have a good understanding of their roles as office bearers. Further Details and booking information at <https://eldersconference2019.eventbrite.co.uk>.