

## **Presbytery Planning – clusters based on school catchment areas**

Following on from meetings with congregations and reports from congregations and clusters to the June 2019 Conference the following draft Presbytery Plan is presented as a 'direction of travel'.

Population figures used are from the 2011 census. They give a rough guide not an up to date picture. Membership figures are as at 31 December 2018.

### **Earlston High School Catchment** (Population 14, 802)

Channelkirk and Lauder (382),

Earlston (344),

Maxton and Mertoun (78) linked with Newton (106) linked with St Boswell's (168). (Total 352)

Bowden and Melrose (670)

(Total membership 1,748)

#### Suggestions

Union / linkage of Channelkirk and Lauder with Earlston.

Closer working together of the 3 ministers and charges. Probable reduction to 2 ministers in the future.

Employment of youth worker to support schools and churches (Growth Fund)?

### **Selkirk High School Catchment**

#### **Selkirk and the Valleys** (Population 7,274)

Ashkirk and Selkirk (37 + 348)

Ettrick and Yarrow (168)

(Total membership 553)

#### Suggestions

Linkage or union

1 minister plus additional Sunday and pastoral support

Children and Families worker just appointed by Ashkirk and Selkirk for 25 hours per week.

### **Galashiels Academy Catchment**

#### **Galashiels** (Population 13,070)

Galashiels: Old Parish and St Paul's (222) linked with Galashiels: St John's (177)

Galashiels: Trinity (353)

(Total membership 752)

#### Suggestions

Severance of linkage between Galashiels: Trinity and Caddonfoot

Linkage or union of Galashiels churches

1 or 2 ministers working together (local parties to decide...) Perhaps 1 Minister and a Deacon or MDS

Youth Worker of Families Worker (Growth Fund)?

### **Around Stow** (Population 2,440)

Stow and Heriot (173)  
Caddonfoot (156)  
(Total membership 329)  
Current minister of Stow and Heriot is Presbytery Clerk

### Suggestions

Severance of linkage between Galashiels: Trinity and Caddonfoot  
Union or Linkage of Stow and Heriot with Caddonfoot  
Part of Galashiels cluster

## **Peebles High School Catchment**

### **Peebles Town** (Population 9,513)

Eddleston linked with Peebles: Old (99 + 387)  
Lyne and Manor linked with St Andrew's Leckie, Peebles (87 + 479)  
(Total membership 1,052)

### **Peeblesshire** (Population 9,764)

Innerleithen, Traquair and Walkerburn (306)  
Broughton, Glenholm and Kilbucho (137) linked with Skirling (57), linked with Stobo and Drumelzier (81), linked with Tweedsmuir (37).  
Carlops (50) linked with Kirkurd and Newlands (86) linked with West Linton: St Andrews (165)  
(Total membership 306 + 312 + 301 = 919)

### Suggestions

Viability of Eddleston?  
Decision to be made about Peebles. Are 2 churches / congregations necessary / viable?  
22.5 hour youth worker employed by St Andrew's Leckie.  
Closer working together  
3 ministers for the cluster

This would give us 9 or 10 ministers in the Presbytery, depending on Galashiels. Support would be required from OLM, Reader or retired Ministers along with local worship leaders.

There is already a youth worker in place in Peebles and a Children and Families Worker in Selkirk. Funding for more from the Growth Fund.

A larger Presbytery will also bring additional possibilities. Duns Presbytery has been involved in the Earlston HS cluster discussions.