

**5 JANUARY 2021.** On Tuesday the fifth day of January 2021, the Presbytery met by ZOOM at 7pm *pro re nata* concerning the appointment of the new minister of Innerleithen, Traquair and Walkerburn, and the Moderator constituted the meeting in prayer.

**SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES:** There were present 9 ministers and 19 elders whose names were recorded by the Clerk in the attendance book. Apologies were also recorded.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:** The calling of the meeting and the order of business was approved.

**VACANCY PROCEDURE COMMITTEE:** Rev Margaret Steele, Convener, presented the report of the Vacancy Procedure Committee. Presbytery received the report. All relevant processes having been followed and the necessary documents submitted to the Clerk, Presbytery noted with approval that the Vacancy Procedure Committee had decided to sustain the call to Mr Fraser Edwards to be the minister of Innerleithen, Traquair and Walkerburn. Presbytery also noted the proposed arrangements for the service of Ordination and Induction on Thursday 28 January 2021 at 7pm with Presbytery meeting at 6.45pm on that day, in Innerleithen Parish Church and by live-streaming in accordance with the temporary vacancy protocol adopted by the Church of Scotland in July 2020, subject to the Covid legislation in place at the time. Should the service be unable to take place as planned, Presbytery agreed that the Vacancy Procedure Committee should make alternative arrangements in order to allow Mr Edwards to take up his role as minister at Innerleithen, Traquair and Walkerburn as soon as possible.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the Presbytery adjourned to meet in connection with the service of Ordination and Induction of Mr Fraser Edwards on 28 January 2021 at 6.45pm (if such a service is possible under the Covid restrictions) and for Ordinary Business on Tuesday 2 February 2021 at 7pm by Zoom, of which public intimation was made, and the *sederunt* was closed with prayer.

Moderator

Clerk