

PRESBYTERY OF MELROSE AND PEEBLES

Presbytery Plan

December 2019

To achieve advisory figure of 9.5 by 2023

Key

UT: Unrestricted tenure; RT: Reviewable tenure; PG: Parish Grouping;
 OLM – Ordained Local Minister; l/w – linked with
Buildings: a) expected to remain in use beyond lifetime of plan; b) expected to be closed during plan period; c) expected to be disposed of under an adjustment; d) Presbytery unable to make a determination at this time.

Congregation Roll Minister (year appointed)	Total Pop ¹	Net Pop ²	Current Status	Plan for Congregation(s) immediately and in the future	Implementation or Interim Steps required (if any or if necessary)	Structure of Staffing required	Other staffing - <i>locally provided</i>	Building designation
Selkirk High School Cluster								
Ashkirk (37) l/w Selkirk (348) Margaret Steele (2011)	246 <u>6,401</u> <u>6,647</u>	213 <u>5,558</u> <u>5,771</u>	UT within PG with Ettrick and Yarrow	Linkage with Ettrick and Yarrow	Continue working together to determine future and timescale. Basis of adjustment	One Parish Minister UT	Part time Families Worker	Ashkirk (d) Selkirk and halls(d)
Ettrick and Yarrow (168) (Vacant)	<u>627</u>	<u>539</u>	UT within PG with Ashkirk l/w Selkirk	Linkage with Ashkirk l/w Selkirk				Ettrick (d) Yarrow (d) Kirkhope (d)

¹ From 2011 Census: figures taken from C of S Parish Statistics, where the figure is made up from: Church of Scotland; Roman Catholic; Other Christian; All Other; No Religion; and Not Stated

² That is total population less: Roman Catholic; Other Christian; and All Other. This gives our ‘target population’

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Earlston High School Cluster								
Bowden and Melrose (670) Rosemary Frew (2017)	<u>6,726</u>	<u>5,632</u>	UT	Possible reduction to 2.5 ministries for cluster.	Commitment to working together within cluster	One Parish Minister		Bowden (d) Melrose and halls (d)
Maxton and Mertoun (78) l/w Newtown (106) l/w St Boswells (168) Sheila Moir (2008)	522 1,279 <u>1,729</u>	407 1,144 <u>1,511</u>	UT Linked	Union of the congregations Possible reduction to 2.5 ministries for cluster.	Commitment to working together within cluster	One parish Minister	Attached reader - reviewed annually	Maxton (d) Mertoun (d) Newtown (d) St Boswells and hall (d)
Earlston (Vacant)	<u>1,976</u>	<u>1,696</u>	RT	Linkage with Channelkirk and Lauder Possible reduction to 2.5 ministries for cluster.	Basis of Linkage Commitment to working together within cluster	One Parish Minister UT		Earlston and hall (d)
Channelkirk and Lauder Rae Clark (2014)	<u>2,570</u>	<u>2,248</u>	70% Sunday plus 2.5 days) FTE ministry, on 5 year reviewable tenure	Linkage with Earlston Possible reduction to 2.5 ministries for cluster.	Review of tenure Basis of Linkage Commitment to working together within cluster			Channelkirk (d) Lauder church and hall (d)

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Peebles High School Cluster								
Broughton, Glenholm & Kilbucho (137) I/w Skirling (57) I/w Stobo and Drumelzier (81) I/w Tweedsmuir (37) (Vacant)	648 194 183 <u>114</u> <u>1,139</u>	543 168 140 <u>104</u> <u>955</u>	UT	Linkage with Carlops I/w Kirkurd and Newlands I/w West Linton Stobo and Drumelzier to link with Peebles Old I/w Eddleston Possible reduction of 4 ministries for the cluster to 3.	Severance of linkage with Stobo and Drumelzier New Basis of Linkage Consideration of service times, buildings etc.	One Parish Minister UT		Broughton (d) Skirling (d) Stobo (d) Tweedsmuir (d) Drumelzier (d)
Carlops (50) I/w Kirkurd and Newlands (86) I/w West Linton (165) (Interim Ministry)	448 917 <u>2,093</u> <u>3,458</u>	373 851 <u>1,764</u> <u>2,988</u>	UT	Linkage with Broughton, Glenholm and Kilbucho I/w Skirling I/w Tweedsmuir Possible reduction of 4 ministries for the cluster to 3.	Permission to call Commitment to working within cluster			Carlops (d) Kirkurd (d) West Linton and halls (d)
Eddleston (99) I/w Peebles: Old (387) (Vacant) OLM Pamela Strachan (2015)	628 <u>5,024</u> <u>5,652</u>	530 <u>4,425</u> <u>4,755</u>	UT	7 year Reviewable Tenure Linkage with Stobo and Drumelzier Possible reduction of 4 ministries for the cluster to 3.	New Basis of Linkage Permission to call - 7 year Reviewable Tenure. Commitment to working within the cluster,	One Parish Minister 7year RT		Eddleston (d) Peebles Old and halls (d)

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Lyne and Manor (87) l/w Peebles: St Andrew's Leckie (479) Malcolm Jefferson (2012)	149 <u>3,712</u> <u>3861</u>	132 <u>3157</u> <u>3,289</u>	UT	Possible reduction of 4 ministries for the cluster to 3.	Commitment to working within the cluster,	One Parish Minister	Youth worker	Leckie Memorial and halls (d) Lyne (d) Manor (d)
Innerleithen, Traquair and Walkerburn (306) (Vacant)	<u>5,167</u>	<u>4,482</u>	UT	7 year Reviewable Tenure Possible reduction of 4 ministries for the cluster to 3.	Permission to call - 7 year Reviewable Tenure. Commitment to working within the cluster,	One Parish Minister 7 year RT		Innerleithen (d) Traquair (d)

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Galashiels Academy Cluster								
Stow St Mary of Wedale and Heriot (173) (Victoria Linford) (2010)	<u>1,528</u>	<u>1,304</u>	RT	Linkage with Caddonfoot following retirement of Rev E Harley	Basis of Linkage Commitment to work within the cluster	One Parish Minister UT		Stow (d) Heriot (d)
Caddonfoot (156) l/w Galashiels: Trinity (353) Elspeth Harley (2014)	912 <u>6,592</u> <u>7,504</u>	769 <u>5,601</u> <u>6,371</u>	7 year RT	Severance of linkage. Union of Galashiels: Trinity with Galashiels: Old and St Paul's and Galashiels: St John's following retirement of Rev E Harley	Basis of Union Decisions to be made about the buildings required. Commitment to church presence in Langlee Commitment to work within the cluster	One Parish Minister UT		Caddonfoot (d) l/w Galashiels: Trinity and halls (d)
Galashiels: Old Parish and St Paul's l/w Galashiels: St John's (Vacant)	3,143 <u>3,335</u> <u>6,478</u>	2,839 <u>2,784</u> <u>5,623</u>	UT	Union of Galashiels: Old and St Paul's and Galashiels: St John's with Galashiels: Trinity following retirement of Rev E Harley		One MDS		Galashiels: Old Parish and St Paul's and halls (d) l/w Galashiels: St John's and halls (d)
Total FTE			13.7			10 Ministers 1 MDS Projected reduction to 8.5 Ministers 1 MDS		