

The Presbytery of Melrose and Peebles

Report of the Presbytery Plan Implementation Committee

23rd March 2021

First of all, thank you for meeting tonight to consider the three bases of adjustment. It is really helpful in moving forward the approval process. The three bases we are considering are:

- The basis of union for Maxton & Mertoun, Newtown and St Boswells;
- The basis of linking for Carlops l/w Kirkurd & Newlands l/w West Linton: St Andrew's and the Parishes of Upper Tweeddale;
- The basis of linking for Ashkirk, Selkirk and Ettrick & Yarrow.

Presbytery is being asked to intimate the concurrence by 121 of the first two bases. Once these intimations are announced, the date of the adjustment can be set which shall be the 23rd March 2021.

With the third basis of adjustment, Presbytery is being asked to approve the linking between Ashkirk, Selkirk and Ettrick & Yarrow. The Presbytery report on the congregational vote is included in the Presbytery papers and this contains the detailed basis of linking. The basis will then be sent to 121 to concur.

With regard to setting a date of adjustment, the default will be the date on which intimation of 121 concurrence is announced. If the congregations wish to set a different date, that is acceptable and will be stated at the Presbytery meeting when intimation of concurrence is announced.

The next two bases of Adjustment are the basis of linking between Stow & Heriot and Caddonfoot and the basis of union for the Galashiels churches. The expectation is that they will be addressed at the May and June meetings of Presbytery.

The remaining basis of adjustment is the linking of Earlston with Lauder and Channelfoot and this will be addressed later this year.

Deliverance:

1. Presbytery receives the report.
2. Presbytery intimates the concurrence on the basis of union of Maxton & Mertoun, Newtown and St Boswells and sets the date of union to be the 23rd March 2021.
3. Presbytery intimates the concurrence on the basis of linking for Carlops l/w Kirkurd & Newlands l/w West Linton: St Andrew's and the Parishes of Upper Tweeddale and sets the date of linking to be the 23rd March 2021.
4. Presbytery receives the report on the congregational vote and approves the linking of Ashkirk, Selkirk and Ettrick & Yarrow.

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