

**NORTH PARISH CHURCH, STIRLING.
MEETING OF THE KIRK SESSION, HELD ON
TUESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2018**

1148 CONSTITUTION OF MEETING.

Rev. Scott McInnes welcomed the members of the Kirk Session and thanked them for their attendance. He opened the meeting with a reading from 1 John Ch. 4;16-19 He then constituted the meeting with prayer. The elders divided into groups and spent a short time discussing this Scripture reading.

1149 SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES

The meeting took place in the Murray Hall on Tuesday 20th November 2018. The names of the 15 elders present were recorded in the Sederunt Book with apologies from another 5.

1150 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Kirk Session meeting on the 9th of October, were approved and accepted by the Kirk Session.

1151 MATTERS ARISING

KIRK SESSION CONFERENCE

Gary Caldwell at Lecropt Church has been contacted with a view to holding the Kirk Session Conference in their church hall. Gordon Palmer may be able to lead the conference in which he will discuss instigating new ways of carrying out pastoral care. This may help us to update our own pastoral care system. Date to be confirmed.

ROB HALLIGAN CONFERENCE

Posters and fliers are ready. A PayPal Account has been set up for people to purchase tickets and Sheena has agreed to sell tickets on line. Scott asked the members of the Session to promote this concert. Tea and biscuits will be served in the interval.

1152 CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND OFFERINGS.

The Kirk Session will organise welcome teams for the extra Christmas Services.

The extra collections and money in the Christmas tree pouches will be given to the Salvation Army, Stirling.

Adam asked whether tea and coffee could be served after the Christmas Day Service and said that he would be willing to serve it. The Kirk Session approved.

1153 LONG SERVICE CERTIFICATES.

Scott has sent for long service certificates for the elders who have served for over 30 years/

/30 years at Stirling North Parish Church. They are:

Margaret Ferguson – 37years, Sandy Macpherson and May McGregor – 36 years.

Alistair Macleod and Allan McCallum – 34 years.

Katy Mylchreest, Irene McGilvray, Rita Young – 34 years.

Nancy Tripney and David Briggs 31 years, and Frances Ferguson 51 years.

Scott will present the certificates at the morning service on Sunday 2nd December.

1154 MESSY CHURCH

It is now 1 year since the Kirk Session agreed to try “Messy Church” and the Session were asked to decide if they should continue with messy church services.

The responses from those who came to messy church services were very positive.

Parents and grandparents who came with the children said that it was good to mix with others, to see the children enjoying the crafts, stories and having a meal together. They also commented how good it was to see how everyone involved in helping at messy church worked together. There have been 5 messy church services with an average attendance of 89 people coming. Including helpers, there are 150 people in total.

The Session agreed that through Messy Church we are “Living, serving and sharing the good news of Jesus”. It was agreed by the Kirk Session that we have more Messy Church Services.

The next Messy Church service is scheduled for the 9th December.

1155 HOLIDAY CLUB

The Holiday Club next year will take place from 5th – 9th August inclusive.

Norman Bennett from the Missions Committee in Hamilton Road Presbyterian Holiday Club Bangor, has contacted Scott, and has offered to send a team to Stirling North and help run our Holiday Club. The team consists of a 2 people who organise it and 4 student helpers.

They would require accommodation and we would also provide meals for them. This is a three year commitment. The Kirk Session agreed.

1156 PRESBYTERY REPORT

Presbytery report not available. Scott updated the Session on upcoming vacancies in Stirling Presbytery. Alex Miller has retired and Sang Y Cha has taken over as Presbytery Moderator. A group in Presbytery are looking into different strategies on what needs to be done for the future of the Church of Scotland and how vacancies can be filled.

1157 SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding report not available.

1158 ROLL KEEPER REPORT

The Congregational Roll will be looked into in more depth after the Kirk Session Conference.

1159 CORRESPONDENCE.

There was no correspondence./

/correspondence.

A.O.C.B.

It was noted that the Mission Statement and website on the side of the mini-bus was out of date. Scott said that people who went into the old website will be re-directed.

1160 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

29th January, 2019

1161 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed with prayer.

.....**Minister**.....**Session Clerk**