

**NORTH PARISH CHURCH, STIRLING.  
MEETING OF THE KIRK SESSION, HELD ON  
TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2018**

**1115 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 **James 3:13-18**. *“Who is wise and understanding among you? Then they should show it by living right and doing good things with a gentleness that comes from wisdom”*. He then constituted the meeting with prayer. The elders divided into groups to discuss this Scripture reading and how it impacts on the eldership.

**1116 SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES**

The meeting took place in the Murray Hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018 The names of the 11 elders present were recorded in the Sederant Book with apologies from another 8.

**1117 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Kirk Session meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June were approved and accepted by the Kirk Session

**1118 HOLIDAY CLUB**

Between 30 – 45 children attended the Holiday Club in August. There was good feedback from parents and children. They had a very enjoyable time.

62 parents and children attended the Holiday Club finale on the Friday evening and 3 families attended the Sunday morning service.

Scott said that it would be good to have more helpers. Next year he would like to start planning the Holiday Club earlier and get more people involved.

**1119 MESSY CHURCH**

3 more Messy Church services are planned – 9<sup>th</sup> September, 28<sup>th</sup> October and 9<sup>th</sup> December. Scott had attended the Refuel 550 which included a workshop on Messy Church services. Scott had found it very informative and thanked the Session for allowing him to attend.

**1120 MATTERS ARISING**

**A. KIRK SESSION CONFERENCE**

Scott would like to arrange an elder’s conference in March 2019, could be held in a venue outwith the North Church. It could be in the form of a retreat day possibly at the Beild, near Perth. Scott will look into facilities at the Beild. He would also welcome suggestions on other possibilities from elders.

## **B. GAP YEAR PROGRAMME FOR STUDENTS (SCRIPTURE UNION)**

Several churches have expressed an interest in this. Unfortunately the organiser is off work at the moment. The North Church will be invited for discussions regarding the programme.

### **1121 HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

Harvest Thanksgiving Service will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October. There will be a request to the congregation to give donations of food and household items for Start-Up Stirling. There will also be a retiral collection.

### **1122 CHURCH WEBSITE**

Sheen Rennie is building a website for Stirling North Parish Church. Opportunities are good. It looks very promising. Scott said that Sheena has put a lot of work into this project, which promises to be a great benefit to the North Church, visitors and those looking for a church.

### **1123 CHAPLAINCY AT BANNOCKBURN HIGH SCHOOL**

Scott has been invited, by the Head Teacher of Bannockburn High School, to be part of the new Chaplaincy team which is being formed for the coming year.

Scott will lead 4 school assemblies a year and there will be other opportunities to be involved. Scott asked the Session to pray for the new chaplaincy team.

### **1124 ADVENT PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Gordon Mathew has offered to organise an Advent Prayer breakfast on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December. The Kirk Session agreed.

### **1125 AWAKEN 2018**

Sharing another possibility – a week of 24/7 prayer for our city of Stirling, bringing churches together. Stirling North took part in this event last year, and is being planned for this year between the 26<sup>th</sup> October to the 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The Albert Hall is provisionally booked for the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November 2018. The Kirk Session agreed to take part.

### **1126 SAFEGUARDING**

Zara, Vicky and Rosie have their PVG checks, for working with children, completed. Anna is hoping to organize training for zone leaders and pastoral care team.

### **1127 ROLL KEEPER REPORT**

Annis said that there were 2 baptisms in 2018. She has also noted members who have died. Scott said that the roll should be checked and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **1128 CORRESPONDENCE.**

Sleep out. Last year the Moderator of the General Assembly 2017 'slept out' in Princes Street Gardens and the Moderator of 2018 has been asked to do likewise. An invitation from the Moderator has been received, asking for people to join her. It is planned for the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018. There will be 4 places to sleep out and a "Wee Sleep Out" is planned.

for younger people. Details will be released soon.

Janette and Jim Duff would like to thank Scott and the Kirk Session for prayerful support for them when Jim was admitted to hospital in France, following a stroke. They would also like to thank everyone in their church family for the prayers, cards, flowers, and practical support they received during this very worrying time. Jim has made a good recovery.

**1129 A.O.C.B.**

Margaret Johnson has requested the use of the halls for Weight Watchers on a Saturday morning. It was felt that letting the halls out every Saturday morning was too restricting as other organisations, such as Street Pastors or Leprosy Mission, often request the halls on a Saturday. It was agreed that if Weight Watchers wanted to suggest another day and time we would reconsider. Evelyn will contact Margaret.

Sandy and Midge MacPherson are moving to South Queensferry. Sandy has been an elder at Stirling North for 36 years and the Session agreed it would be good to give them a leaving gift. Their last day at this church is on 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Maureen and Annis will look for a suitable gift.

“Go For It - Funding For Mission training day”.

Scott is going to a conference in Glasgow regarding this project. The Kirk Session approved. There is a “Fit for Funding” in Perth in a few weeks time titled ‘reaching your community’. Only two people from each church are allowed at each training day.

Alisdair requested help with tidying and weeding the garden. He will let people know when he will be at the garden.

**1030 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

9<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**1031 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting was closed with prayer.

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