

**Virtually on Zoom on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 at 7.30 pm, on which date and time the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Mr R Allan Richardson.**

### **Sederunt**

Mr R Allan Richardson (Moderator), Mrs Jean Hunter (Clerk)

**Ministers:** Rev David Albon, Rev Hilary Beresford, Rev Scott Cameron, Rev Jonathan Fleming, Rev Marion Howie, Rev Lily McKinnon, Rev I. MacLeod, Rev James McNay, Rev Dr Graham McWilliams, Rev Sarah Nicol, Rev Fiona Ross, Rev David Sutherland, Rev Martin Thomson, Rev David Watson, Rev Elizabeth Watson.

**Elders:** Mr Ian Brown, Mr Andrew Campbell, Mrs Margaret Cassidy, Mrs Elizabeth R Clark, Mr Archie Currie, Ms Margaret Green, Mr Ian Hackney, Mr Finlay Kerr, Mrs Lynne Kerr, Mrs Lorna Macdonald, Mr William Mackay, Mrs Linda McClelland, Mr Stewart McLellan, Mr Stuart McMahan, Mr J Fulton Murdoch, Mr Brian Murray, Mrs Deirdre Murray, Mr David Noble, Mrs Peigi Robb, Mr Magnus Ross, Mrs Christine Thomas, Mrs Kay Tudor,

**Deacons:** Miss Fiona Blair, Mrs Isobel Beck.

**Corresponding members:** Mr Andrew Bruce.

**Unassigned: Moto G (5)**

### **Apologies for Absence**

**Ministers:** Rev Alan Ford, Rev Roderick Macdonald, Rev David Stewart, Rev Alan Ward.

**Elders:** Miss Christine Black, Mrs Mairi Duff.

**Corresponding Members:** Mrs Helen Kerr, Mrs Mary Ford.

### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (Pages 18-21) were approved with amendment to Sederunt.

### **Correspondence**

An E mail was received from Sheena Orr, Chaplaincy Adviser, Scottish Prison Service to publicise Prisoners Week from 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2020. There will be a Virtual Launch Service at 10.00am on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November – accessed on the Prisoners Week Scotland Facebook page.

An E mail was received from the Principal Clerk relating to commissioners for the General Assembly 2021.

The Moderator's Christmas letter had been circulated.

### **Roll of Presbytery**

No change//

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## Order of Business

As was in the print

## STANDING COMMITTEES

### REPORTS & DELIVERANCES

#### Business Committee

**Rev David Watson, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances.**

#### Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report;
2. **Homologated** the decision of the Committee to purchase a Zoom account for Presbytery at a cost of £115.10 for one year, this included a discount if bought before 1<sup>st</sup> November. Rev Jonathan Fleming has agreed to manage bookings for Committees and Safeguarding meetings.
3. **Appointed** the date of Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm for the Induction of Rev Nigel Chikanya to the charge of Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate within Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church Hall according to Guidelines. Details yet to be finalised according to changing restrictions.
4. **Noted** that the General Assembly met virtually on 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020.
5. **Invited Rev Elizabeth Watson**, commissioner to give a report on the General Assembly 2020. Miss Watson gave a report on how things for the General assembly were very different this year because it was online. However, decisions were able to be made. (Full Report in the Appendix in the Presbytery Minute Book)  
The Moderator thanked Miss Watson for her diligence at the General Assembly and her informative report.
6. **Noted** that the General Assembly of 2021 was appointed to meet on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 in Edinburgh according to an Act passed on 3<sup>rd</sup> October by this year's General Assembly. The Assembly Business Committee is aware that such a physical gathering in the Hall may not be possible. The Committee will decide in January 2021 whether the GA21 will take place in person or in remote access format. Presbyteries are asked in thinking about commissioners (particularly in relation to technical abilities) but also recommend not making appointments until January and not booking any accommodation unless it was fully refundable. Given the exceptional circumstances that pertain to appointing Commissioners for GA21 the Committee will be willing to exercise flexibility around the rules for appointments and Presbytery meetings.//

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### **Mission Committee**

**Rev Hilary Beresford, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances.**

#### **Presbytery:**

1. **Received** the report;
2. **Noted** that the Prayer Cycle Diary will be available in a downloadable **format** shortly. With thanks to Rev David Watson for providing the template.
3. **Noted** the ongoing work and resources available to congregations through Christian Aid at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>. We are invited to join with them for a special service of reflection found at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/events/service-reflection>

### **Property Committee**

**Mr Brian Murray, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances.**

#### **Presbytery:**

1. **Received** the report;
2. **Noted** that CARTA approved an AV system for Fairlie Parish Church.

### **Finance & Stewardship Committee**

**Rev Dave Sutherland, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances.**

#### **Presbytery:**

1. **Received** the report;
2. **Approved** the Ministries and Mission Contributions that were circulated with the October papers in accordance with the Notice of Motion given at the October Presbytery meeting.

### **Adjournment**

**Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 1st December 2020 virtually on Zoom for the conduct of Ordinary Business.**

**A representation of Presbytery will meet *in hunc effectum* on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm in Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church Hall for the Induction of Rev Nigel Chikanya.**

**Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 18th November 2020 at 3.00 pm virtually on Zoom.**

### **Benediction**

Presbytery was then adjourned in prayer by the Moderator.//

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