



Neilston Parish Church – Kirk Session News

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PRESBYTERY PLAN – Permission has been given to Neilston Parish Church to call a Minister on the basis of a 7 year reviewable tenure. We have two years to fill our vacancy. At the end of two years if we do not have a new minister the question of readjustment will be raised again at Presbytery.

We cannot advertise or work towards filling our vacancy at this point. The permission from Greenock and Paisley Presbytery has to also be approved by a national Church of Scotland committee. The Kirk Session has then to meet with members of the Presbytery Vacancy Procedure Committee. Work is however underway to develop our Parish Profile.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS – These were approved subject to audit. The Annual Stated Meeting is scheduled to be held on Sunday 26 April 2020.

INSPECTION OF RECORDS - Our annual inspection of records (Kirk Session minutes, Baptismal register, Congregational Role, Property and Safeguarding records) by Presbytery took place on Tuesday 11 February, our records passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Angus Leitch, Treasurer reported that givings from November to January had increased and we were now in a better position to and the situation will continue to be monitored.

PROPERTY REPORT - The Quinquennial Survey reports covering the Church, Church Halls and Manse have now been received. A break down of the detail and priorities has still to be received and considered by the Kirk Session.

Costings for a new boiler for the Church are being sought – our Beadle William McCulloch has been nursing our existing boiler along for a while now.

You will have noticed we have displayed a series of different banners next to the Session House over the last six months. It has helped our Church show a clearer welcoming presence in the village. We are looking to have a more permanent structure which would have lighting for display of banners along with space for other information.

Information has been sought from a company in connection with a number of our stained glass windows that need attention.

CHURCH HALLS – East Renfrewshire Council continues to be interested in being able to include the Church Halls site in the grounds of the new school campus. No discussions have taken place, but council staff have been into the Church Halls to have a look around.

ORGANISATION VISITATION - The Kirk Session received visitation reports from Elders connected to Tweenies. It was noted Tweenies was well attended and popular, to the extent there was a wait list for places. This is due to the number of volunteers available and practicing safe levels of adult supervision. The Kirk Session recorded thanks to the dedicated Tweenies volunteers.

GIRLS' BRIGADE - The Kirk Session accepted the resignation of Annette McKinnon as Captain of 1st Neilston Girls Brigade. The Kirk Session recorded thanks for Annette's significant contribution to the company over the last 25 years.

CHURCH CALENDAR - A series of bible studies for Lent were agreed. Holy week - worship will be held Monday to Wednesday 7pm, Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at 7pm, Easter Sunday Holy Communion at 8am followed by breakfast, 11am all age Easter worship with Easter egg hunt. Neilston Parish Church will again have a presence at the Neilston Agricultural Show. A Church lunch on Sunday 10 May will launch Christian Aid week (10-16 May). We will take part in Thy Kingdom Come again this year (21-31 May). We will organise a Weekend of Invitation during September.

ECO-CHURCH – A base line assessment is underway. An Eco-congregation Annual Conference is being held in Helensburgh on 25 April and we hope to send a small delegation.

SUMMER CLUB – Plans are progressing for our Summer Club which will run evenings of Wednesday 12 – Friday 14 August. Funding of £500 for resources and supplies was approved.

CHURCH ROLL – There are 405 members on the congregational roll of NPC.

***If you have any questions or comments, please speak
with any Elder.***