

**EDINBURGH SLATEFORD LONGSTONE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND  
THE KIRK SESSION MET ON MONDAY 28 May 2012 AT 7.00PM IN THE SESSION ROOM**

**Sederunt:** Mesdames L Baillie, B Bald, L Campbell, C Edwards, A Fairley, M Fulton, J Gordon, M Hynd, S McCrum, S Riddoch, S Ward and R Welsh  
Messrs C Campbell and Rev M Frew

**Apologies:** Mesdames J Fox, S Davidson and M Marshall  
Messrs I Welsh

The Rev Michael Frew opened the meeting with a reading Acts chapter 2 and a prayer.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of meeting Monday 26 March 2012, previously circulated, were approved.
2. **Communion Roll:** Session noted
  - a) Deaths: Margaret Tully, 41 Redhall Crescent  
Sheila Baldock, 39 Kingsknowe Road North  
Elizabeth Reid, 23a Morningside Place
  - b) Additions: Nil
  - c) Removals: Nil
  - d) Change of Address: Jim Baldock from 12 Redhall Grove to 39 Kingsknowe Road North  
Bella Hunter from address unknown to Braeside House, 81 Liberton Brae, EH16 6LE

### 3. Minister's Report

**Heart & Soul:** This event drew large crowds again, and the closing worship was a highlight of the day.

**Pentecost Service:** This event in Holy Trinity was well attended overall. The minister noted that whilst the style of worship may not be to everyone's taste it is a personal disappointment that so few of our own congregation seem interested in attending larger events such as Heart & Soul and this. They are an opportunity to broaden our experience of the church and find fresh encouragement

**Holiday Club:** This will take place 5-12 August. The material to be used has a sporting theme – On Your Marks

### 4. Pastoral Care

**Pastoral Care Questionnaire:** It was reported that there had been a total of 152 returns out of a possible 260 and the following were the results:

#### a) 5 requests to be removed from membership

- Alex Armstrong of 15 Longstone Street
- Lynne Campbell of 126 Saughton Mains Gardens
- Alec and Annette Gillies of 3/10 Kingsknowe Court
- Kathleen Brown of 25 Parkhead Avenue

It was agreed we would send a letter to these individuals signed by the minister and clerk advising them they would be removed from the roll but could come back to us at any time if they changed their mind.

#### b) 9 requests for a regular visit (all individuals living alone)

- after discussion with Betty Bald this number rises to 28 needing regular visits (including 7 in care homes around the city and in Fife). The clerk is to check Safeguarding requirements for anyone visiting those in this category.

#### c) 43 requests for an occasional visit

- Sandra Davidson, Marion Fulton, Alison Fairley, Sheila Ward, Jean Gordon and Lily Campbell have all indicated they would be willing to continue with visits in their current District.

#### d) 95 stating they will request a visit if they need one

**Pastoral Care Group:** A paper was circulated prior to the meeting detailing possible roles for membership of the Pastoral Care Group and details of what each of these would be responsible for. This document was reviewed and the following was agreed:

Convener – The minister (we are to look for a Vice Convener)

Secretary – Lin Baillie

Bereavement Elder - Alison Fairley (assisted by Marion Marshall)

Elder for the Vulnerable – Betty Bald

Welcome Elder – Sheila Ward

Elder for the Lapsed – to be advised

It was agreed we should look for Pastoral Care Visitors who would carry out anything from 1-4 visits per annum depending on the category of member they are to visit. Training will be given to visitors.

It was agreed we should also have Church Visitors who would deliver Kirk News, Flowers and maybe carry out occasional visits if specifically requested.

Mary Hynd agreed to continue to organise Kirk News Delivery. Elizabeth Strong is to be asked if she would be willing to continue to organise the flower deliveries.

### 5. Worship Committee

Nothing to report

## 6. Board Report

**Manse Sun Lounge:** The sun lounge is now finished with a few small snagging matters to be resolved. Mike and Maggie recorded their appreciation of the fact that this work has been done to the manse.

**Elders for the Board:** Suzanne Riddoch, Lin Baillie, Mary Hynd, Sheila Ward, Jean Gordon, Alison Fairley, Lily Campbell and Ian Welsh.

## 7. Presbytery Report

**General Assembly:** Rita Welsh reported that she had attended the General Assembly on behalf of Slateford Longstone. She had enjoyed the discussions and debates throughout the week and found it to be a worthwhile experience

**Mission Shaped Ministry:** Presbytery are offering a course on Mission Shaped Ministry and Rita Welsh has indicated she would like to participate in this. Congregations are asked to contribute £100 towards the cost of the course if they are able. Session approved Rita's attendance and will ask the Board to fund the costs.

## 8. Correspondence

**Public Entertainment Licences:** The Council has agreed Churches can run fund raising events without a PEL. We can also run free events for up to 500 people without a PEL.

**Souper Sunday:** We have been asked to think about organising a Souper Sunday event to raise funds for the Church of Scotland HIV Programme. It was agreed that as lunches are not always well supported these days we would do a retiring offering one Sunday and we will serve cake with the coffee that day.

## 9. Christian Aid

Sheila Ward reported that she only had 4 door to door collectors now but they did a great job and raised around £600. Total collections to date are around £860. Sheila and her team were thanked for all of the work they had done to raise this money.

**10. Dates of Next Meetings:** These were fixed for Monday 3 September 2012, Monday 5 November 2012, Monday 14 January 2013, Monday 4 March 2013 and Monday 13 May 2013 to be held at 7.00pm in the Session Room.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 8.50pm with each blessing the others.

**SUZANNE E RIDDOCH**  
Session Clerk

**REV. MICHAEL W FREW**  
Moderator

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## KIRK SESSION AGENDA FOR MONDAY 8 OCTOBER 2012 at 7.00pm

1. Opening devotions
2. Apologies for absence
3. Any business to be added
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting
5. Communion Roll
6. Minister's Report
7. Pastoral Care Follow-Up
8. Worship Committee
9. Board Report
10. Presbytery Report
11. Correspondence
12. Any Other Business
13. Date of next meetings