

**EDINBURGH SLATEFORD LONGSTONE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
THE KIRK SESSION MET ON MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2014 AT 7.00PM IN THE SESSION ROOM**

Sederunt: Mesdames L Baillie, B Bald, D Brown, S Davidson, A Fairley, M Fulton, J Gordon, M Hynd, M Marshall, S Riddoch and S Ward
Messrs C Campbell and Rev M Frew

Apologies: Mesdames L Campbell, J Fox, S Taylor and R Welsh.
Mr I Welsh

The minister opened the meeting with a reading from Leviticus 19:vv32:37 and a prayer.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of meeting Monday 4 November 2013, previously circulated, were approved.

2. Communion Roll: Session noted

- a) Deaths: Nil
- b) Additions: Mrs Frances (Sherry) Forson, 22 Chesser Crescent, EH14 1SB (by resolution)
- c) Removals:
- d) Change of Address: Archie Mears from
- e)
- f) Nil

3. Minister's Report

Imagining Scotland's Future: A pre-referendum information evening has now been arranged with the Scottish Churches Parliamentary Office, at Slateford Longstone on Thursday 28 August at 7.30pm. People from other churches may be interested in coming along so we will make it an open invitation.

Rev Tom Kisitu: Tom is a Methodist minister from Uganda, and has been accepted into the Church of Scotland. In common with others in a similar position, he is to undergo a one-year familiarisation placement, and will start with us on 1 February. He has already been serving as locum at St Nicholas Sighthill and we look forward to his time at Slateford Longstone

St David's Broomhouse: The ordination and induction of Michael Mair is to take place on 23 January

Moving On: This discipleship material is a follow-on from the Start! Course which has been used on several occasions. It is suitable for preparing people for church membership and growth in faith. The minister recommended buying it for use at Slateford Longstone, possibly as Lent material. It costs £50 and Session approved the purchase of this material.

4. Local Churches Review Action Plan

Mission Audit: A copy of the Mission Audit was circulated prior to the meeting. The committee were thanked for putting together such a comprehensive report.

Study Leave: As part of our follow up actions the minister would like to take 2 weeks Study Leave, between Easter and Summer and would like to use this time to explore other forms of worship, such as Messy Church, with a view to being able to use this as outreach opportunities to reach those who have no Church connections.

Feasibility Study: With regard to future use of the buildings it was agreed we will discuss this at the joint meeting with the Congregational Board on Monday 3 March.

5. Pastoral Care

Nothing to report.

6. Worship Committee

Memorial Service: Unfortunately the service in December had to be cancelled due to leaking roof, bad weather and lack of heating. It was noted that there had been some disappointment that the service had not taken place but in the main people were understanding of the reasoning of the committee. The committee will meet soon to consider if it would be possible to re-arrange for some time near Easter.

Easter Communion: Easter Sunday is on 20th April which is midway between April and May Communion and it was agreed we will do Easter Sunday as an extra this year.

7. Board Report

Nothing to report.

8. Presbytery Report

Nothing to report.

9. Correspondence

Data Protection: Presbytery has organised a Data Protection Information Evening on Wednesday 5 February, 7.00pm at Palmerston Place Church. The clerk will contact Rita Welsh, our Roll Keeper, to see if she would like to attend.

Heart and Soul 2014: This year the event will be held on Sunday 18 May in Princes Street Gardens. The theme is Hands Across the World.

Ministries Council: Rita Welsh is currently being assessed as a Candidate in Training for Local Ministries and she is working with Jim Dewar, minister at Juniper Green, as she goes through the discernment process. It was agreed we will ask Rita if she wants a support group set up to work with her.

10. Any Other Business

Food Bank: The Salvation Army have set up their Trussell Trust Food Bank. Our volunteers have had a meeting around how it would work here. Our start date is March 2014 and it will be on a Monday morning 10am-12noon. It is possible for our Church to be a referral agent and if people come without a voucher it would be possible for our volunteers to ask questions and decide if a person would qualify. If we do this we would be able to give out vouchers ourselves signed off by our representatives. Session gave their support to this. Thanks to Jean Gordon for recruiting and we now have 10 volunteers.

Mission Partnership: We currently have no Mission Partners as George & Margaret Shand are now back in the UK. Marion Marshall advised that she no longer wishes to be the liaison person should we have a new Mission Partner in future. Marion was thanked for the work she has done for this over the past few years.

Date of Next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 3 March 2014 at 7.00pm, joint meeting with the Congregational Board followed by a Session only meeting at around 8.00pm to be held in the Session Room.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 8.25pm with each blessing the others.

SUZANNE E RIDDOCH
Session Clerk

REV. MICHAEL W FREW
Moderator

KIRK SESSION AGENDA FOR MONDAY 3 MARCH 2014 at 7.00pm IN THE SESSION ROOM

1. Opening devotions
2. Apologies for absence
3. Communion Roll
4. Minister's Report
5. Local Churches Review Update on Actions
6. Pastoral Care
7. Worship Committee
8. Board Report
9. Presbytery Report
10. Correspondence
11. Any Other Business
12. Date of next meetings