

**EDINBURGH SLATEFORD LONGSTONE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND  
THE KIRK SESSION MET ON MONDAY 3 MARCH 2014 AT 8.00PM IN THE SESSION ROOM**

**Sederunt:** Mesdames L Baillie, B Bald, S Davidson, A Fairley, M Fulton, J Gordon, M Hynd, M Marshall, S Riddoch, S Taylor and S Ward

Messrs C Campbell and Rev M Frew

**Apologies:** Mesdames D Brown, L Campbell, J Fox and R Welsh.

Mr I Welsh

At the start of the meeting Session took a few minutes to remember the life of Jim Watt who was the longest serving elder ordained at Slateford Longstone. The minister then opened the meeting with a reading and a prayer.

**1. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of meeting Monday 13 January 2014, previously circulated, were approved.

**2. Communion Roll:** Session noted

a) Deaths: James Watt of 75 Kingsknowe Road North  
Thomas Bernard of 54 Redhall Crescent

b) Additions: Nil

c) Removals: Nil

d) Change of Address: Mark Mitchell of 8 Redhall Drive address now unknown

**Safeguarding Congregational Register:** The current Register was presented for review and approval by Session. There being no comments or amendments to the current Register it was approved.

**3. Minister's Report**

**Study Leave:** The minister confirmed he has applied for 2 weeks Study Leave in the second half of May to look at alternative forms of worship.

**Rev. Tom Kisitu:** The minister advised he is enjoying working with Tom who started with us in January.

**Church Fraternal:** There has been good attendance at recent fraternals and St Nicholas, Sighthill are intending joining with us again for Holy Week Services.

**Holy Week:** St David's Broomhouse are planning to do a 9am Service on Easter Sunday in their premises and will be inviting other congregations to attend.

**4. Pastoral Care**

The Pastoral Care group is running well and updated lists have just been handed out to the visitors.

**5. Worship Committee**

**Memorial Service:** The Memorial Service has been re-scheduled for Sunday 13 April.

**6. Board Report**

**Offerings:** At the last Board meeting the treasurer reported our offerings are on target for this time of year.

**Lighting:** The Board has agreed Niven Baillie should have a look at alternatives to our current lighting system in the Church with a view to improving the quality of the lighting.

**7. Presbytery Report**

**Presbytery Plan:** Presbytery has agreed to suspend the Stenhouse St Aidan's part of the Presbytery Plan as this congregation will shortly be vacant and will be looking at what the options are going forward. Rev Keith Graham is moving to take charge at Murrayfield Parish Church.

**8. Local Churches Review**

**Update on actions:** The minister and clerk met with Hazel Hastie from Presbytery to look at how we are progressing with our Action Plan. Hazel has encouraged us to approach the Mission Resourcing Committee to see if we can make contact with young families who may wish to join our congregation. It is hoped that this may encourage other young families from the area to become involved in the life of the congregation.

**Bible Reading Notes:** It was agreed we will do some publicity to try to encourage more people to use these.

**9. Correspondence**

**Data Protection:** It was agreed to carry this forward to our next meeting for a report from Rita Welsh who attended the Data Protection Information Evening.

**10. Any Other Business**

**Communion:** Jean Gordon suggested that as elders hand the bread and wine to members they say "Body of Christ" and "Blood of Christ". It is hoped members would pass this on as they pass on the bread and wine. Session was in agreement to this and the minister is to explain to the congregation before we serve the next communion.

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**Date of Next Meeting**

This was fixed for Monday 12 May 2014 at 7.00pm in the Session Room.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 8.47pm with each blessing the others.

**SUZANNE E RIDDOCH**  
Session Clerk

**REV. MICHAEL W FREW**  
Moderator

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**KIRK SESSION AGENDA FOR MONDAY 12 MAY 2014 at 7.00pm IN THE SESSION ROOM**

1. Opening devotions
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes
4. Presbytery Plan
5. Communion Roll
6. Minister's Report
7. Local Churches Review Update on Actions
8. Pastoral Care
9. Worship Committee
10. Board Report – Elders to serve on Board (so far Suzanne Riddoch, Lin Baillie, Mary Hynd, Alison Fairley, Dennise Brown and Ian Welsh) there are 2 vacancies
11. Presbytery Report
12. Correspondence
13. Any Other Business
14. Date of next meetings