

**EDINBURGH SLATEFORD LONGSTONE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
THE KIRK SESSION MET ON MONDAY 7 MARCH 2016 AT 8.20PM IN THE SESSION ROOM**

Present: Mesdames L Baillie, D Brown, L Campbell, A Fairley, M Fulton, J Gordon, M Hynd, M Marshall, S Riddoch and S Ward
Messrs C Campbell, Rev M Frew and I Welsh

Apologies: Mesdames S Davidson, J Fox and R Welsh.

The Rev Michael Frew had already opened the joint meeting with a reading from 1 John chapter 1 and a prayer.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of meeting Monday 11 January, previously circulated, were approved
2. **Communion Roll:** Session noted
 - a) Deaths: Gladys Watt
 - b) Additions: Nil
 - c) Removals: Nil
 - d) Change of Address: Nil**Profession of Faith:** The minister sought approval for to be admitted by profession of faith in April. Agreed by Session.

Session noted:

Attestation of the Communion Roll as at 31 December 2015.

Annual Statistics: The Clerk has submitted Annual Statistics as at 31 December 2015 to Presbytery as follows:

Members as at 1.1.15			220 (incl 2 adherents)
<u>Removed</u>	by death	8	
	by transfer	0	
	<u>otherwise</u>	0	-8
<u>Added</u>	by profession	1	
	<u>by transfer</u>	1	+2

Members as at 31.12.15 **214 (incl 2 adherents)**

Supplementary Roll as at 31.12.15

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Session noted and accepted the statistics.

3. Minister's Report

Music Leader: The minister reported that Marion Henderson is home from hospital following her hip replacement operation

Holiday Club: The minister reported that he had met with members of the steering group and that it looks as though we will be able to recruit enough team members to run a holiday club. The dates will be Monday 8 - Sunday 14 August. Agreed by Session.

Try Praying: Thanks to a donation for this purpose, the minister proposed buying some copies of the trypraying booklet, making them available on a "use it and lose it" basis for the Sunday congregation and Messy Church participants. Agreed by Session.

Kirk News Editor: A new editor is yet to be found, but an appeal has been issued with the latest edition, an abbreviated version of the magazine

4. Local Churches Review

Nothing to report

5. Pastoral Care

Nothing to report

6. Worship Committee

Nothing to report

7. Board Report

Front Path at main gate: It was reported that we have been successful in securing grant monies of £2,000 from the Presbytery's Property Loan Fund to cover the costs of repairing the path from the front gate to the entrance at the Tower end of the church.

Autumn Clean: The date for the autumn clean has been set for Saturday 21 November from 10am – 12 noon.

Coffee Morning: A fund raising coffee morning will be held on Saturday 28 November from 10am – 12 noon.

8. Presbytery Report

Sheila Ward reported on the February meeting as follows.

Moderator: Installation of the new Moderator Rev James Dewar from Juniper Green Church.

Local church reviews: Stockbridge, Bristo Memorial Craigmillar and Leith St Andrews.

Congregational business: Proposed Presbytery Plan for parishes of Holyrood Abbey, London Road, New Restalrig and Craigentenny St Christopher's. Members from the various churches spoke to the meeting about their views for the future of their churches and parishes and what should happen to their buildings in the event that two or all four congregations merge. Discussions were sometimes heated. Following the discussions Presbytery was asked to vote on whether they thought two should merge or all four. The vote almost unanimously favoured that two churches and the other two churches should merge, leaving 2 joint congregations, and their progress would be monitored.

Davidsons Mains: The call for Rev Daniel Robertson to Davidsons Mains Church was accepted and his ordination was on Thursday 3 March.

Albany Deaf Church: There was a report from 2 members of Albany Deaf Church with an interpreter signing for them.

Stated Annual Meeting: There was a brief mention for Slateford Longstone when it was approved that we, along with 12 other congregations, could hold our Stated Annual Meeting after 31 March 2016.

9. Correspondence

Roll Keeper – Rita Welsh has advised that due to her OLM training she will no longer be able to carry out the Roll Keeper role. Ian Welsh has agreed to take this position on and Rita will train him in what is required. Thanks to Rita for all the work she has done for this over many years.

Ordained Local Ministry (OLM): We have been advised that our application for a candidate from the OLM programme had been declined.

Office Bearers and Elders Conference: There will be a conference at Tulliallan at the end of April at a cost of £65,

Speak Out: People's Politics: A letter has been received from Angus Morrison (Moderator) to invite ministers and members of congregation to attend an evening on April called Speak Out: People's Politics with representatives from all of the political parties.

10. Any Other Business

Nothing to report

11. Date of Next Meeting: This was fixed for Monday 25 April 2016 at 7.00pm in the Session Room unless advised otherwise.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 8.45pm with each blessing the others.

SUZANNE E RIDDOCH
Session Clerk

REV. MICHAEL W FREW
Moderator

SLATEFORD LONGSTONE PARISH CHURCH AGENDA SESSION MEETING MONDAY 25 APRIL 2016 at 7.00PM

1. Any business to be added
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
4. Minister's Report
5. Unitary Constitution
6. Local Church Review Update on Actions
7. Pastoral Care Report
8. Worship Committee Report
9. Board Report
10. Presbytery Report
11. Correspondence
12. Any other Business added at 1
13. Dates of next meetings