

At Edinburgh, and within Palmerston Place Parish Church, the third day of November 2009, the Presbytery of Edinburgh met and was constituted with prayer.

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The Reverend W Peter Graham, Moderator, the Reverend Dr George J Whyte, Clerk, and others, Ministers, Deacons and Elders as in the Register of Attendance.

## 1. ROLL OF PRESBYTERY

### 1.1 Tribute

Rev Tom Gordon paid tribute to the late Mrs Maureen Hutchison who died on 26 October 2009.

Maureen Hutchison, Deaconess of the Church of Scotland, died on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2009 aged seventy two years.

Moderator, Evelyn Maureen Mathieson was born, raised and educated in Glasgow, an elder sister to Sheena and Lewis, but adopted Edinburgh as her home. She married Ian Hutchison, a member of our Presbytery, in 1972 and the bulk of their courting took place when Maureen was working with Bill Cant in St Thomas's Junction Road in Leith. Maureen was ultra careful that her relationship with Ian wasn't seen as favouring one family in the church – she was always fair - with clandestine meetings and much careful organising of liaisons – while the whole of the church – and, we suspect, the whole of Leith - knew exactly what was going on...

Maureen Hutchison exhibited throughout her life the three passions that underpin all that is good in the Diaconate – a passion for people; a passion for the Church; and a passion for keeping ministers in order!

Maureen Hutchison was a people person. Never espousing status or prestige, she offered her time to the people who needed her the most, the broken or bereaved or housebound or inadequate. Full-time as a Deaconess in St Thomas's Junction Road and Cumbernauld, or Part-time in the Old Kirk of Edinburgh and Granton Parish, you wouldn't have known the difference, and there was many a time Ian waited patiently at home for her return because she had someone to see or to speak to. How many people have benefited from her compassion and pastoral care, how many lives were changed because of her commitment to justice and fairness, we can only imagine. But what we do know is that there are countless people who remember her with great gratitude for her life of unconditional service.

And Maureen had a passion for the Church - for the office of the Diaconate, for the work of the Presbytery – and she was a faithful member of this Court - and for the standards and purposes of the local congregation. Never short of a word or two – and which of us hasn't been at the end of an ear-bashing about something important, or found that a five minute conversation was nearer to twenty five? Never disinclined to offer a strong opinion. Never one to suffer fools gladly. But always, always for the greater good of the Church and a commitment to the Church's good order and purpose. And with a solid faith, what one of the

letters of John describes as a love 'which was genuine and showed itself in action'.

And keeping ministers in order? Well there are a few of us over the years - myself included – who know what that's about. Maureen never wanted to be a minister, being enthused by the Diaconate under the ministry of Denis Duncan in Trinity Duke Street in Glasgow, and from the time of her training in St Colm's in 1958, she always saw the Diaconate as the complementary office in the Church to the ministry of word and sacrament. But here was no second-class Church servant. Here was a Deaconess who was a partner, a team-player, a supporter of the highest calibre, who gave her all and expected others to do the same. She taught me as a young, excitable minister, when I was in my first parish of the Old Kirk of Edinburgh, to slow down and value the pastoral care of the elderly and the housebound. She was committed to my wife and family – and there was much valuable conversation with Mary when I wasn't there. She's Godmother to my son.

And to me and many others – ministers, probationers, student attachments for the ministry and the diaconate, visitors on placement - she offered much wisdom and insight. You could take it or leave it. But you were the better if you did take it, for it was wise counsel indeed, and you would be the better for acting on it.

In her last days, Maureen Hutchison struggled with losing her voice – now, there's a surprise! But whatever heaven is like, it is a place where Maureen now rests in peace, in the fullness of life, with all her faculties fully restored, reunited with those whom she has served and loved and who have gone before, and, I have no doubt, waiting to welcome you and me, ready with another admonition or encouraging word.

Maureen will be missed by many people, here in this Presbytery and in the wider Church and communities in which she served her Lord and his people. Our sympathies on their loss are extended to her husband, Ian, her sister, Sheena, and her brother, Lewis, with the assurance of our on-going prayers and support for all their future.

## 1.2 Welcome

The Moderator expressed a welcome to the Rev David Rankin who was recently Introduced as Associate Minister at Kaimes Lockhart Memorial with Liberton.

## 2. Minute

The minutes of the meetings held on 6 October, 14 October and 18 October were submitted and approved.

## 3. Presentation

The Rt Hon George Reid addressed the Presbytery, in a presentation entitled " The Land that Begat Us".

The Moderator thanked Mr Reid on behalf of the Presbytery for his presentation.

## 4. Order of Business

The Order of Business, as circulated, was submitted and approved.

## 5. Reception of Candidates for the Ministry and Readership

On behalf of the Ministries Committee the Rev James Dewar, Convener, presented Candidates for the full-time and auxiliary Ministry and for the Readership under the supervision of the Presbytery:

Sang Cha, Alistair Cowper, Howard Espie, Christopher Galbraith, Andrew Haddow, Malcolm Kinnear, Victoria Linford, Adrian Lough, Mark Lowey, Nikki Macdonald, Michael Mair, Iain May, David Malcolm, Cheryl McKellar, Amy Pierce, Eleanor Pountain, Suzie Stark, Lindsay Turbull.

He offered an apology from those who could not be present.

The Moderator addressed the Candidates, assuring them of their place in the thoughts of the Presbytery, of the Presbytery's continuing encouragement and support and of the Presbytery's good wishes in their continuing studies and placements.

The Moderator concluded by wishing God's richest blessings on them all.

## 6. Deployment of Resources Committee

The Convener, Mr David Stewart, gave in the report.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

The Presbytery:

### 6.1 Parish Grouping: Portobello and Joppa

approve a Basis of Parish Grouping for the congregations of Portobello Old, Portobello St James' and Portobello St Philip's Joppa, subject to the concurrence of the Ministries Council's Presbytery Planning Task Group, in terms of Act VII 2003, section 10(6):

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### BASIS OF PARISH GROUPING: PORTOBELLO AND JOPPA

The congregations of Portobello Old, Portobello St James' and Portobello St Philip's Joppa shall form a Parish Grouping for a period of five years from a date to be agreed among the three charges and the Presbytery of Edinburgh, and that on the following terms and conditions:

#### 1. Name

The name of the parish grouping shall be 'The Church of Scotland in Portobello and Joppa'.

#### 2. Area of Responsibility

The area to be served by the parish grouping shall be all within the bounds of the parishes of the three participating congregations or as Presbytery may approve.

#### 3. Property and Funds

The property and funds belonging to, or held on behalf of, or obtained for, each congregation shall remain the property and funds of each congregation.

#### 4. Kirk Sessions

The minister of each charge within the parish grouping will continue to be moderator of each Kirk Session.

#### 5. Congregational Management

Each congregation shall be responsible for its own temporal affairs, as at present.

#### 6. Development Group

- 6.1 The Kirk Session of each participating congregation shall appoint three members of the congregation, one at least being an elder, together with the minister (or interim moderator) to form a Development Group. The numbers of representatives may be reviewed at any time and increased or decreased as necessary in consultation with Kirk Sessions.
- 6.2 The Development Group will be chaired by a representative from each congregation rotating on an annual basis, and shall have the task of promoting and coordinating the common work of the grouping, subject to the approval of each Kirk Session and where appropriate each financial court.
- 6.3 The Kirk Sessions will meet jointly each calendar year, the participating ministers moderating the grouping in turn, to review progress and, if considered desirable, to suggest areas for future development.
- 6.4 Two representatives of the finance groups of each congregation shall meet annually to discuss financial matters relating to, and identify any funding requirements relating to, the activities of the grouping.
7. Functions of the Development Group  
The group will:
- 7.1 Develop a five year vision for the parishes and regularly review this. The vision will take into consideration the Presbytery plan.
- 7.2 Develop a strategic plan to be reviewed annually to implement this vision.
- 7.3 Submit to each Kirk Session for approval the long term vision and plan.
- 7.4 Promote and facilitate joint ventures, and coordinate the work of the Kirk Sessions and congregations within the parish grouping in respect of ministry of the parishes, youth work, work with the elderly, outreach, Christian education and communication.
- 7.5 Report annually on progress to the Kirk Sessions.
8. Ministry  
The ministers will form the ministry team. Any additions to this team shall be decided at a joint meeting of the Kirk Sessions and subject to the approval of Presbytery.
9. Accountability  
The Development Group is accountable to the individual Kirk Sessions and shall keep minutes for presentation to the three Kirk Sessions.
10. Power to Adjust  
While these terms and conditions shall form the basis for the parish grouping of the three congregations, they shall be free to adjust them subject to any necessary approval of the Presbytery, and agreement of the respective Kirk Sessions and congregations.

The Vice Convener, Mr Sandy Gemmill, gave in the report.  
It was moved, seconded and agreed:

The Presbytery:

6.2 Basis of Union between St Andrew's & St George's and St George's West.

approve a Basis of Union between the congregations of St Andrew's and St George's and St George's West, subject to the concurrence of the Ministries Council's Presbytery Planning Task Group, in terms of Act VII 2003, section 10(1).

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## BASIS OF UNION

The congregation of Edinburgh: St Andrew's and St George's and the congregation of Edinburgh: St George's West shall be united as from the First day of January 2010, and that on the following terms and conditions:

1. Name: The name of the united congregation shall be Edinburgh: St Andrew's and St George's West (Scottish Charity Reference Number SC008990).
2. Transference of Property and Funds: The property and funds belonging to or held on behalf of each congregation shall belong to or be held on behalf of the united congregation and any transference necessary shall be duly effected.
3. Place of Worship and Church Buildings: (1) The church at present used and occupied by each congregation shall, in the first instance, be used on a monthly rotation as the place of worship of the united congregation.  
(2) The united congregation shall within two years from the date of Union bring forward to Presbytery a fully developed plan for the use or disposal of all their church buildings.  
(3) Subject to the provisions of the Regulations anent the Application of Stipend and Fabric Endowments held by the General Trustees, the free proceeds of any sale shall be held and applied for fabric purposes in connection with the properties of the congregation and for the endowment of stipend.
4. Territorial Responsibility: The bounds to be served by the united charge shall be the bounds of the parishes presently served by these congregations or as the Presbytery shall determine.
5. Kirk Session: The elders of both Kirk Sessions shall form, with the minister, the Kirk Session of the united congregation.
6. Congregational Management:  
The temporal affairs of the united congregation shall be administered by the Kirk Session under the Unitary Constitution, the Delegation of Assembly being authorised to issue the appropriate Deed of Constitution to the united congregation.
7. Minister and tenure: (1) The Rev R Russell McLarty, the interim minister of St Andrew's and St George's, shall be the interim minister of the united charge subject to the agreement of the Interim Ministries Task Group of the Ministries Council;  
(2) On the completion of the interim ministry the united congregation shall proceed to the election of a minister on a basis of reviewable tenure in terms of Act V11 2003, section 12(2)(a), reviewable seven years after the date of induction. The congregations of St Cuthbert's Parish Church and St John's Episcopal Church shall be invited to appoint one non-voting representative each to serve on the Nominating Committee.
8. Manse: Save as after provided, the manse of the united congregation shall be either the manse of the congregation of St Andrew's and St George's or the manse of the congregation of St George's West whichever may be determined by the Kirk Session of the united congregation as being the more appropriate for the purpose and the manse not required shall be sold, let or otherwise disposed of, subject to the titles on which it is held, and subject to the approval of the Presbytery, and, if necessary, of the General Trustees or the General Assembly. In the event of neither of the manses being deemed appropriate then they shall both be sold, let or otherwise disposed of, subject to the titles on which they are held, and subject to the approval of the Presbytery,

and, if necessary, of the General Trustees or the General Assembly. Insofar as the proceeds of any such sale are not required to fund the purchase (and associated costs thereof) of a manse for the minister of the united congregation, they shall be held and applied for fabric purposes in connection with any of the properties of the united congregation.

9. Power to Readjust: While the articles and terms shall form the Basis of Union for the two congregations now uniting, the united congregation shall be free, like other congregations, to adjust arrangements under the authority of Presbytery as need may arise.

Parties were called.

Mrs Barbara Finlayson, Session Clerk at St George's West and Mrs Alison Campbell, Session Clerk at St Andrew's and St George's asked that Presbytery consider allowing a call on the basis of Unrestricted Tenure.

Parties were removed.

Mrs Andrena Crawford, FEE moved an amendment to the motion that section 7(2) be amended to insert the words 'unrestricted tenure' in place of the words 'reviewable tenure in terms of ACT VII 2003, section 12(2)(a), reviewable [7] years after the date of induction.

On a vote being taken the motion was carried with no amendment.

Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery intimated.

The Clerk intimated that the process was now sisted and asked permission to send the appropriate extract minute to the Ministries Council. Presbytery agreed.

## 7. Business Committee

The Convener, Rev Tom Gordon, gave in the report.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

The Presbytery:

### 7.1 Broughton St Mary's

note that a Service of Celebration at Broughton St Mary's will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 10.30am and agree that the Moderator should attend the service.

### 7.2 St Michael's Parish Church

note that a service is to be held in St Michael's Parish Church on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2010 to ratify the Covenant between the Congregations of St Michael's, St Colm's, Gorgie and St Martin's Episcopal Church and agree that the Moderator should attend the service.

### 7.3 Amendment of Standing Orders

approve the following amendment to Section 10 of the Standing Orders

Current version	Proposed amendments
10. Commissioners to the General Assembly	10. Commissioners to the General Assembly
At the February meeting of Presbytery the Clerk shall give notice of the names of ministers, deacons and elders for commissioning to the General Assembly	At the February meeting of Presbytery the Clerk shall give notice of the names of ministers, deacons and elders for commissioning to the General Assembly

<p>I – VI no change</p> <p>Ministers, Deacons and Freely Elected Elders who have not attended at least five ordinary meetings of Presbytery in the previous calendar year shall be ineligible to receive a commission, but may write to the Business Committee asking to be allowed to attend, giving reasons.</p> <p>The Roll of Commissioners shall be made up at the March meeting of the Business Committee.</p> <p>Any vacancy occurring subsequently in the Roll of Commissioners shall be filled by the Business Committee in keeping with the Rotas.</p>	<p>Ministers, Deacons and Freely Elected Elders who have not attended at least five ordinary meetings of Presbytery in the previous calendar year shall be ineligible to receive a commission, but may write to the Business Committee asking to be allowed to attend, giving reasons.</p> <p>The Roll of Commissioners shall be made up at the February meeting of the Business Committee.</p> <p>Any vacancy occurring subsequently in the Roll of Commissioners shall be filled by the Business Committee in keeping with the Rotas</p>
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#### 8. Property Committee

On the Report of the Property Committee it was taken as read.

Presbytery noted

the Committee discussed the remit on climate change from the General Assembly. It was agreed that the Convener should write to congregations seeking information to enable their carbon footprints to be calculated, and seeking their commitment to achieve a year-on-year reduction of 5%. The Committee also agreed to arrange one or more events early in 2010 to provide information and guidance to congregations on how this might be achieved."

#### 9. Ministries Committee

On the Report of the Ministries Committee it was taken as read.

Presbytery noted

the Ministries Committee will meet on 17<sup>th</sup> November to formulate a response for Presbytery on the Future of Tenure.

A copy of the Future of Tenure booklet issued by the Ministries Council was enclosed with the papers, anyone wishing to make comment about this please do so to the Ministries Committee through the Convener by 16 November.

#### 10. Unless the Lord Builds the House

The Rev Dr Caroline Lockerbie gave an update on the progress of the "Unless the Lord Builds the House" project.

#### 11. Congregational Finance

The Convener, Mr Brian Moar, gave in the report.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

The Presbytery:

11.1 Reductions in the 3% Allocations for 2009

to assist Leith South in their extra costs with the 400<sup>th</sup> celebrations -

£3,500.00

## 11.2 Ministry and Mission Contributions 2010

See Minute of 6/10/09

approve the congregational contributions as laid on the table at the October meeting, with the following amendments:

Barclay Viewforth	£ 99,970
Blackhall St Columba's	£ 97,816
Broughton St Mary's	£ 39,865
Craiglockhart	£ 84,482
Cramond	£141,342
Drylaw	£ 5,667
Greenbank	£130,666
Leith St. Andrew's	£ 59,053
Mayfield Salisbury	£131,121
Priestfield	£ 42,544
Richmond Craigmillar	£ 3,826
St Martin's	£ 2,150
Slateford Longstone	£ 23,095

## 11.3 Method of Payment

once again remind all congregations wishing to make payments to their Ministries and Mission contributions by means other than Standing Order that they must apply to the Convener of the Congregational Finance Committee through the Presbytery Clerk no later than 30 November 2009, and that such dispensation being for one year only.

## 12 Social and Community Interests

The Convener the Rev Bill Taylor gave in the report

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

The Presbytery:

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12.1 in response to the Remit (51) from the General Assembly, commend to Presbyters and Kirk Sessions the Discussion Starter on "Scotland's Choice" produced by the Church and Society Council and invites responses to be made to the Social and Community Interests Committee (Convener: Bill Taylor, [revwrt@hotmail.com](mailto:revwrt@hotmail.com)) by the end of January 2010.

### 12.2 Prisoners' Week, 15-22 November

commends the Prisoners' Week Theme 'Dreams for our Children' and resources - worship notes, reflections, information, available at [www.prisonersweekscotland.co.uk](http://www.prisonersweekscotland.co.uk) - to congregations and welcomes the opportunity to remember and pray for prisoners, and their families, the victims of crime and those who work in the criminal justice system.

## 13. Report of the Clerk

The Clerk, gave in the report.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

The Presbytery:

### 13.1 Freely Elected Elder

elected Mr David Allan, St Margaret's, to serve as a Freely Elected Elder.

### 13.2 Rev Gayle Taylor

the Clerk intimated that an Extract Minute had been received from the Presbytery of Greenock and Paisley agreeing to the release of the Rev Gayle Taylor from her charge at Bishopton to take up the post of Associate Minister at Colinton on 5 November 2009.

#### 13.3 Viewforth Church

the Clerk intimated that a formal Determination passed by the General Trustees had been received authorising the sale of the former Viewforth Church and Hall premises.

#### 13.4 Richmond Craigmillar

the Clerk intimated that at a meeting on 6 October the Fabric Committee of the General Trustees had made available to Richmond Craigmillar a grant of £ 943 towards a survey on the roof of the church.

#### 13.5 Kirk O' Field

grant permission to the Congregational Board of Kirk O' Field to lease the top floor of 140 The Pleasance to the charity "Scottish Love Action" for a period of five years. The rooms are to be used as office accommodation.

#### 14. Adjournment

Adjournment to 5 November 2009 at 6.45pm at Colinton for the Induction of the Rev Gayle Taylor as Associate Minister at Colinton Parish Church and to 1 December 2009 at 6.45 pm at Palmerston Place Church for ordinary business.

Closed with Prayer

Moderator

Clerk

## Appendix 1

### BASIS OF PARISH GROUPING: PORTOBELLO AND JOPPA

#### Background

The three congregations in Portobello have worked together in various ways for a number of years and now seek to take this a step further through a Parish Grouping, as envisaged in the Presbytery Plan (Area W). The basis was approved by each set of office-bearers and then at congregational meetings held at each church:

Portobello Old, 2 November 2008: 55 for and 4 against.  
Portobello St James', 25 October 2009: 44 for and 8 against.  
Portobello St Philip's Joppa, 25 October 2009: 65 for and 0 against.

## Appendix 2

### Basis of Union between St Andrew's & St George's and St George's West.

#### Background

1. The congregation of St George's West became vacant on 5<sup>th</sup> July with the demission of Rev Peter Macdonald to become Leader of the Iona Community.
2. The Presbytery Plan, presently under review, envisages for Area Y three ordained ministers and one other. All three Church of Scotland congregations are in an ecumenical Parish Grouping, called 'Together,' with St John's Scottish Episcopal Church.
3. In the knowledge of Mr Macdonald's impending demission, the Deployment of Resources Committee held conversations with St George's West, St Andrew's and St George's and St Cuthbert's. The former two congregations expressed a desire to explore the possibility of union and over a period of some months discussions continued.
4. On 8<sup>th</sup> October there was a Joint Meeting for both sets of Office Bearers, including the Deacons of St George's West. The Draft Basis of Union was discussed and questions were answered. Each group of Office Bearers then met separately and unanimously resolved to accept the Basis of Union, with the caveat that they would like to test the mind of the Presbytery on the question of tenure.
5. On 25<sup>th</sup> October, each congregation held a Congregational Meeting to vote on the Basis of Union. The voting was as follows  
St George's West For 58 Against 0  
St Andrew's and St George's For 73 Against 2  
Each congregation also instructed its representatives to test the mind of Presbytery on the question of tenure.
6. The united congregation would continue to be a part of the ecumenical parish grouping.

## Appendix 3

"Scotland's Choice", the Report of the Scottish Prison Commission.

The report in full can be found at:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/06/30162955/0> and

copies of the Church & Society Council's Discussion Starter are available from 121 George St, or can be downloaded from:

<http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/councils/churchsociety/downloads/csprisonscommission.pdf>