

# Bennoch Parish Church of Scotland Kirkcaldy

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## NEWS SHEET

This News Sheet has been produced to inform members of some important changes and developments taking place within our church. The next regular Newsletter will be available on 1<sup>st</sup> March.

### Visiting Elder's District changes

It has been decided to make a number of changes within the Elder's districts of our Congregation.

The reason for this was due to a number of factors:

- Since the Union there had been no re-alignment of district - each Church kept their own visiting Elder
- There were Elders visiting members in the same street as other visiting Elders
- We have a number of vacant districts through death or retirement of Elders
- We had on occasions 3 or more Elders visiting within the same map reference
- Whilst we had volunteers to cover vacant districts the members were not receiving an actual visit.
- There has been feedback from members of no communication despite volunteer cover

It was intimated and agreed at the last Session meeting that rather than have 1 Elder per district we should operate a team of 2 or more Elders per district to give greater flexibility of visiting cover or to assist some less able Elders who wished to continue visiting.

It may be that you will retain your existing Elder along with an additional Elder but there are a number of members who will be allocated a new visiting team. These visits will be done before the next Communion in March.

I would ask that you respectfully welcome your new visiting Elder or team on their forthcoming visit, and thank you for your continual support in God's work here at Bennoch.

*George Drummond*  
*Session Clerk*

### Meeting of the Congregation

There will be a meeting for all members of the Congregation after the Church service on Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup> to give an update on work progress and future plans. If you would like to hear from our Fabric Team what is happening in our church buildings, or have any questions to raise, please stay behind on the 15<sup>th</sup> for the meeting, which is open to all.

## **Treasurer**

As you are aware, Brian Booth gave notice early last year of his intention to stand down as Treasurer. He kindly offered to extend this notice period up until the year end to allow a cleaner hand over with regard to the status of the Church Accounts. Brian was formally thanked for his dedication as Treasurer earlier in the year, but I would like to thank him for continuing with these duties throughout the remainder of 2014. He will remain in an advisory capacity until the Stated Annual Meeting (date to be advised) where the 2014 accounts will have been presented to the Trustees, then the Congregation.

I am pleased to advise the Congregation that Margaret Kinnear has kindly offered to take on the role as Church Treasurer and will work with our Finance Team. I would like to thank Margaret on behalf of the Trustees and Congregation for taking on this key role.

I would also ask your continual support for our Finance team and Margaret as they conduct God's work here in Bennoch.

*George Drummond*  
*Session Clerk*

## **General Assembly of the Church of Scotland**

16 to 22 May 2015: Can You Help?

Stewards play a significantly important role to ensure that many of the backup services, in support of the General Assembly, operate in a highly efficient, welcoming and friendly manner.

Throughout the week of the General Assembly some 300 stewards help to cover over 1,000 different duties. Each 'shift' generally lasts for about two hours and it is up to each steward as to how often they wish to help – some only have time to help on one occasion, whereas others travel considerable distances to help as often as they can.

With so many tasks to undertake we are always seeking new volunteers and we are still short of our required target for 2015.

If anyone feels they might like to help please speak to George Drummond in the first instance. There is also a poster on the board in the Methven Hall.

## **Dates for Your Diary:**

**Songs of Praise Service** – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

If you have a favourite hymn and are willing to say a few words about it, please complete one of the slips available in the church.

**RNLI SOS Coffee Afternoon** - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. 2-4 p.m. in the Methven Hall. A good afternoon for a good cause – more details soon.

**Communion Service** - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

**Auction** by the Open Door Team – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March. For church funds.

- The date of the Stated Annual Meeting will be intimated as soon as this can be arranged.