

The Church of Scotland
Presbytery of Gordon



Year Book 2009-2010

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Presbytery Notes

Welcome to the Presbytery of Gordon. We hope that you will enjoy your time as a member of Presbytery and that the following notes of guidance may be of some use and will enable you to play your full part in the work of Presbytery.

Presbytery Meetings:

Presbytery meets for ordinary business at the following locations. Presbytery starts promptly at 7.30pm except in June when it begins at 7.00pm.

September, December, February & March Presbytery meets in Inverurie West Church.
October – Blackburn Hall (Fintray Kinellar Keithhall)
November- Daviot Church
April – Echt Church
May – Ellon
June – Skene

Presbytery welcomes students for the full time & auxiliary ministry, readers and trainee readers at the June meeting of Presbytery, which is always opened with the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Special meetings of Presbytery are arranged by appointment of Presbytery or are called by the Moderator and intimation will be given in such cases.

General

Elders are encouraged to **serve for an initial period of three years** to enable continuity and understanding of the procedure of Presbytery.

Elders and retired ministers can claim **travel expenses** for their attendance at any Presbytery business. Travel claim forms are issued at the September meeting and may be submitted at any time. Ministers claim their travel costs from their congregations. Conveners of Committees can claim travel costs for extra travelling in the course of their work as Conveners.

Members of Presbytery are reminded to **sign the Sederunt sheets** at every Presbytery meeting.

Presbytery members will receive a booklet **Remits to Presbyteries** that contains items sent down from General Assembly. Although not used every meeting it is advisable to bring this with you at every meeting as items from it are discussed throughout the year.

The Presbytery Clerk is there to answer any questions on the procedure of Presbytery and members of Presbytery should feel happy to speak to him on any subject.

A book of **Standing Orders** which describe and legislates the way Presbytery is run is available from the Clerk for new members of Presbytery.

Property Matters

Presbytery Spending Limits

In March 2007 Presbytery agreed to spending limits on church property.

1. Presbytery agrees that there shall be a spending limit on building work on all buildings to congregations in Presbytery beyond which is required to seek permission of Presbytery.
2. Presbytery agrees that amounts spent shall be cumulative in any financial year.
3. Presbytery agrees that spending limit on reviewable buildings shall be £5000 and on all other buildings £10,000.

Repairs to Pipe Organs

In May 2001 it was agreed that any congregation who wanted to refurbish their pipe organ at a cost of over £7000 had to get Presbytery permission to proceed and had first to examine the feasibility of a digital organ replacement. – (This matter is under review September 2009)

Commissioners to the General Assembly

2010	Barthol Chapel, Tarves Belhelvie Echt & Midmar Ellon Kemnay Inverurie West	2011	Cushnie & Tough Foveran Huntly Cairnie Glass Inverurie, St Andrew's Noth Udny & Pitmedden
2012	Blairdaff Chapel of Garioch Cluny & Monymusk Fintray Kinellar Keithhall Kintore Skene Strathbogie Drumblade	2013	Culsalmond, Rayne, Daviot Howe Trinity Insch Leslie Premnay Oyne Meldrum & Bourtie Methlick New Machar Upper Donside

1. Each Charge is represented by the minister and one elder (not necessarily Presbytery elder)
2. Retired Ministers wishing to be a Commissioner should apply to the Clerk
3. The Clerk may be appointed as a Commissioner
4. General Assembly 2010 : **Starts Thursday 20th May**

Presbytery Mission Statement

The Presbytery of Gordon is committed to: -

- a) Provide and develop fellowship and support to congregations and ministers within its bounds in their work and witness to the gospel
- b) Ensure proper practice in all aspects of the life and work of the charges within its bounds

Church of Scotland Vision Statement

"The vision of the Church of Scotland is to be a church which inspires the people of Scotland and beyond with the Good News of Jesus Christ through enthusiastic worshipping, witnessing, nurturing and serving communities."

Presbytery Membership

It is hoped that each member of Presbytery will play his or her part in the running of Presbytery. Ministers are expected to serve on two committees, Convenors of Committees serve on their committee and the Business Committee. Elders serve on one committee but can serve on up to two depending upon their interests. Corresponding members are welcome to share in the work of the committees of the Presbytery and should express their desire to serve to the Clerk. Whilst it is common practice for Committees to meet prior to the main meeting of Presbytery, committees are reminded that if any report is to contain contentious or complex material, that information should be sent out in the Presbytery mailing in order that Presbyters can have time to examine the details of the report. All material to be sent out should be in the hands of the Presbytery Clerk **a week before Presbytery**. If attendance at committee meetings is impossible please submit your apologies to the Convenor in good time.

Presbytery Committees: Remits & Convenors

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: CONVENOR REV ALAN GREIG (2007-2011)

1. Oversees, co-ordinates and supports the work of the committees and examines the minutes of the committees.
2. Co-ordinates the planning of all Presbytery meetings.
3. Considers range of items which do not fall under Committee remits.
4. To make nominations to the Presbytery for Moderator, Convenors and Vice Convenors.

Composed of:

1. Moderator of Presbytery (ex Officio)
2. Clerk of Presbytery (do)
3. Convener of the Business Committee (Appointed by Presbytery)
4. Conveners of 6 committees below.
5. Three additional members appointed by Presbytery.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY COMMITTEE: CONVENER REV ELLEN LARSON DAVIDSON (2009-2013)

Remit

The remit of the Church and Society Committee is

1. To consider all matters raised by the Church and Society Council and the Social Care Council of the Church of Scotland.
2. To facilitate Presbytery engagement with and comment upon national political and social issues.

Membership

A Convener (appointed by Presbytery), a Vice Convener (appointed by Committee members).

MINISTRIES COMMITTEE: CONVENER REV EUAN GLEN (2009-2011).

Remit

1. Considers items sent down by the Ministries Council.
2. As the remit of Ministries Council as far as it pertains to Presbytery level.
3. To support and encourage congregations with the implementation of the Presbytery Plan.
4. To prepare a review of the Presbytery Plan as to comply with the Acts of the Church.
5. Receive reports from Pastoral Care committee.
6. Presbytery Plan Implementation.

Membership

A Convener,

a Vice Convener to deal with Pastoral Care Issues – **Rev Euan Glen** (2009-13)

a Vice Convener to deal with Education matters – **Rev Dr Paul McKeown**, (2008-10)

a Vice Convener to deal with Vacancy Procedure matters, - **Rev Dr Mary Cranfield** (2007-11)

a Vice Convener to deal with matters relating to the Presbytery Plan.- **Rev John Renton** (2007-11)

The Convener and Vice Conveners are appointed by Presbytery.

MISSION & DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE: CONVENER REV JOHN RENTON (2007-2011)

Remit

1. Considers issues sent down by the Mission & Discipleship Council.

2. Receives reports from part-time hospital Chaplains.
3. Supports congregational mission and outreach.
4. Encourages Christian education in Kirk Sessions and congregations.
5. Deals with matters of worship and doctrine as they may occur from time to time in consultation with other committees of Presbytery.

Membership

a Convener

a Vice Convener with responsibility of mission work – **Rev Regine Cheyne** (2006-10)

a Vice Convener with responsibility for education matters – **Rev Brian Dingwall** (2007-11)

a Vice Convener with responsibility for ecumenical relations – **Rev Dr Mary Cranfield** (2007-11)

The Convener and Vice Conveners are appointed by Presbytery

WORLD MISSION: CONVENER REV ISABEL BUCHAN (2008-2012)

Remit

1. Considers issues sent down by the General Assembly's World Mission Council.
2. Encourages an awareness of the world wide church and Presbytery's place in it.
3. Encourages participation in partnership.

Membership-A Convener appointed by Presbytery, a Vice Convener appointed by the Committee members

SUPPORT SERVICES: CONVENER REV MATTHEW CANLIS (2008-2011)

Remit

1. Considers issues sent down by the Committee of Stewardship and Finance.
2. Reports to Presbytery, stipends and related costs.
3. Recommends to Presbytery allocations for Ministry and Mission.
4. Supports congregations in their stewardship and financial matters.
5. Is responsible for arranging congregational accounts inspection.
6. Is responsible for the Presbytery accounts and budget.
7. Is responsible for organizing the five yearly visits to congregations and reporting same to Presbytery.
8. Is responsible for organizing the inspection of Congregational and Presbytery records.
9. Supports the Presbytery Safeguarding Officer and supervises the training of those working with children and young people and vulnerable adults.

Membership - a Convener,

a Vice Convener with responsibility for financial matters **Mr Malcolm Christie** (2007-11)

The Convener and Vice Convener are appointed by Presbytery

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: CONVENER REV NEIL MACGREGOR (2008-2012)

Remit

1. Considers various matters sent down by the General Trustees.
2. Considers property matters, which come to Presbytery.
3. Makes an annual inspection of Property Registers.
4. Arranges for professional surveys of all buildings.
5. Deals with Glebe administration.
6. Works with the Presbytery Plan Implementation Committee for reviewing church properties.

Membership -A Convener (appointed by Presbytery), a Vice Convener selected from Committee

Presbytery Committee Membership.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

The Convener, The Clerk, The Moderator, Isabel Buchan, Matt Canlis, Ellen Larson Davidson, Euan Glen, David Harvey, Neil Macgregor, Paul McKeown, Jean Mitchell, John Renton,

CHURCH & SOCIETY

The Convener, Bill Biddie, Alexander Buchan, Peter Carter, Gordon McIntyre, James MacKay, Mike Mair, Lesley Michie, Sandy Weir

MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

The Convener

The members of the following sub committees all serve on the Ministries Committee which meets on 2 or 3 times a year

Education for Ministry

Paul McKeown , Tommy Calder Mary Cranfield, , Alexander Kirk, Eleanor Macalister, Alan Murray, Alastair Smith.

Pastoral Care

Euan Glen , Ian Dryden, Brian Dingwall, David Harvey, Helen Milne, Lynn Paterson Kenneth Pryde

Presbytery Plan Implementation

John Renton, Brian Dingwall, Gerald Moore, Alan Murray, Pastoral Care

Vacancy Procedure Committee

Mary Cranfield , Sheila Craggs, Jeanette Lamb, Graeme Longmuir, Sandy Middler, Jane Taylor, Algy Watson

MISSION & DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE

The Convener

The members of the following sub committees all serve on the Mission & Discipleship Committee

Ecumenical Relations

Mary Cranfield , Anne Campbell, Eileen Garden, Tom McNally, John Walker

Home Mission

Regine Cheyne , Robert Barker, Tommy Calder, Stephen Emery, Robert Jones, John McLean, Ronald Scott , *Kenneth Pryde*,

Parish Education

Brian Dingwall , Vera Anderson, Regine Cheyne, Stephen Emery, Sylvia Henry, John Mack, Marion Stewart,

SUPPORT & SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Convener

The members of the following sub committees all serve on the Support & Services Committee

Finance Committee

Malcolm Christie, Alex Allan , Sheila Craggs ,Louise Craigmyle, Stephen Emery, David Harvey, Leslie Moffat

Presbytery Visits Committee

Brian Dobby, John Cook, Ian Groves, Mark Patterson, Iain Thomson

Safeguarding

Graeme Longmuir

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Convener, Susan Brown, Pat Cran, Susan Donald , John Matthews, Eleanor Macalister, Kenneth Pryde, Mike Tait, Jane Taylor

WORLD MISSION

The Convener, Graeme Longmuir, Margaret McHardy , Ishbel Maclellan, James Robertson, Anne Ross, Ronald Scott, Marion Stewart

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The Presbytery website contains information about the work of Presbytery together with links to other interesting sites (the Site is under review for updates etc in September 2009)

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- Area 3 Blairdaff & Chapel of Garioch, Culsalmond & Rayne lw
Daviot, Inch Leslie Premnay Oyne , Inverurie West
- Area 4 Fintray Kinellar Keithhall, Inverurie St Andrews ,Kintore
- Area 5 Echt lw Midmar, Skene
- Area 6 Barthol Chapel lw Tarves, Meldrum & Bourtie, Methlick,
New Machar , Udney & Pitmedden
- Area 7 Belhelvie, Ellon , Foveran

Further details of Presbytery Plan can be found on Presbytery Website

Please enter any alterations to the year book below and send a copy to the editor, Euan Glen euanglen@aol.com