



**THE ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING  
FOR THE CONGREGATION  
OF**

**KELTY  
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH  
2009**

**AGENDA AND REPORTS**

## **BUSINESS AGENDA**

**HYMN**            S138 Great is thy faithfulness

**READING**       Ephesians 1:15-23

- 1. WELCOME**
- 2. MATTERS ARISING FROM 2008 AGM MIINUTES**
- 3. RAISING OF MATTERS OF AOCB**
- 4. AUDITORS REPORT**
- 5. TREASURER'S REPORT**
- 6. BALANCE SHEET & STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**
- 7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**
- 8. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**
- 9. QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION**
- 10. DISCUSSION OF MATTERS OF AOCB**
- 11. CLOSING REMARKS**
- 12. HYMN**            S185 How deep the Father's love for us
- 13. CLOSING PRAYER**

**REFRESHMENTS WILL NOW BE SERVED**

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## Minister's Report

March 2009

Dear Friends

This has been an exciting year in the life of the Church and there is much to thank God for.

Over the last year the Church has ordained six new elders: Flora Robertson, Ian Gilham; Andrew Stark; Brian Burrell; David McIlroy & Caroline Gray. They have brought new ideas and have contributed to the work of the Church here. We have also seen four new people join the Church: Paul & Carol Davis; Carol Carnegie and Errin Anderson.

Sunday worship has continued to develop with the Praise Group offering a wider diversity of contemporary music. As the community of God's people we seek to respond to God using the gifts and talents of the congregation. We are fortunate to have a number of people who are able to utilize their musical talents in this way on a Sunday morning. We have also, over this last year seen more bible study groups started so that we now have five different venues.

The Kelty Kirk Charity Shop has done very well over the year. The shop is maintained by a dedicated group of volunteers who are led by Flora. The monies raised from this enterprise have benefited local causes as well as supporting the work of the Church. The shop has also been a very useful place of contact for the local community.

The Church Office has been a great source of help and backup to the ministry of the Kirk. It continues to function well with the able support of Helen, Sadie, Ailsa and Moira, who give up a lot of their time to enable this work to continue.

A rather surprising visitor to the Church recently was the appearance of Gordon Brown our Prime Minister and local MP. The Prime Minister came to celebrate the activity of the Kirk within the local community. It was a real moment of celebration for us as the Prime Minister met some of the members of the Church. Our oldest active member, Mrs Gillespie was introduced to Gordon Brown.

We look forward to this new period with a number of projects and ideas being considered.

God Bless

Lee Messeder

## **KELTY CHURCH KIRK SESSION**

During 2008 the Kirk Session has met on 11 occasions to oversee the spiritual and temporal matters relating to the church. The following key items have been progressed by the Kirk Session during 2008:

1) Visit from Carnoustie church

We had a visit from some members from Carnoustie church who wanted to find out more about what we were doing as a “thriving” church. They were very impressed with all we do in Kelty Church

2) New elders

Ian Gillham, Andrew Stark, Flora Robertson, David McIlroy, Brian Burrell and I were ordained as elders on 11<sup>th</sup> May.

3) Away Day

On the 14<sup>th</sup> June a gathering of elders and others met in the church hall to gather thoughts and ideas about where Kelty Church is going. Following a presentation from Rev Allan Vint, a lot of useful discussion took place, with ideas for the future being generated.

4) National Church Development (NCD)

Rev Allan Vint, Mission Development Officer, invited us to complete a survey in June. He then presented the results to Session in September. The survey highlighted our strengths and weaknesses allowing us to work towards improving weaknesses in the future

5) Bethany Trust

A representative from the Bethany Trust (who work with homeless people in Fife) came to speak with the congregation during worship in October. It is hoped that Kelty Church can become involved with the work they do.

6) Involvement with TIBAL

TIBAL was founded by churches in Lochgelly and Benarty to reach out to the elderly in the community who are housebound. They have a befriending scheme in which volunteers are recruited to visit elderly people in their homes. We are seeking to implement such a scheme in Kelty.

7) Use of Church for the switching on of the Christmas Lights

The Community Council asked to use the church for the switching on of the Christmas lights in November. This event was a great success, particularly as it was very well attended with many people coming into the church.

8) Bible Study groups

An additional four groups were setup during 2008. Three of these take place in people's homes.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all elders for their commitment and dedication to ensuring that our church runs efficiently and effectively. Remember the elders are here to represent you, the congregation, and are happy to hear your ideas and comments.

**Caroline Gray**  
Session Clerk

## Benarty View and Queen Margaret Hospital Church Services

March 2009

### Benarty View Nursing Home

Church Services are provided to this home on the third Sunday of the month at 3pm. This is a short service with prayers, a short address, and favourite, well known hymns are sung.

Attendance by residents and family has increased over the past year, and Kelty Church members help to provide this extremely worth while service to these appreciative folks.

In the past year, we have:

- Led a service where a resident and his wife renewed their marriage vows.
- Had the M.A.K.K group join us in December, singing carols and providing parcels to the residents.
- Enjoyed a Nativity reading, read to us by a young member of the J.A.M. club, Owen Gray.

We are assured by all, that these services are appreciated by all, especially the time spent with the residents following the service.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who faithfully support this service every month.

### Queen Margaret Hospital Church Services

Kelty Church continues to provide a team of volunteers to facilitate the church services held weekly in the Chapel at Queen Margaret Hospital.

This normally involves collecting patients from the wards, and supporting them during the service before returning them back to the wards, and providing an organist, who plays so beautifully.

A rota of local Churches is involved and Kelty Church normally attends approximately 4 times a year.

At present Mark Evans, the hospital chaplain is off on sick leave, and cover is being provided by Harry Teller, a retired local minister.

We wish Mark a speedy recovery and look forward to his return.

The volunteers also attend Christmas and Easter Services, once again facilitating the attendance of patients at this service.

Any one interested in joining this band of helpers, please contact the church office or myself.

Moira Wood  
Elder / Co-ordinator

## **CHURCH OFFICE**

The office is still open Monday to Friday 10am – 12 noon and is responsible for producing the PowerPoint for Sunday worship and also compiling the weekly order of service.

As well as Sadie and Ailsa we now have another “recruit”. Moira Wood has been coming in on Monday mornings for the past few weeks learning the running of the office, with a view to covering when necessary. We are hoping in the near future to be upgrading our photocopier from a black and white to colour, which will be very useful in the producing of Wedding and Funeral hymn sheets and also the quarterly Kirk Klips.

If you require any information or would like to share any information then please contact the office on 831219.

Thank you for all your support over the years.

Helen Duff

## **PROPERTY REPORT**

This report will give an insight into work completed over the past year and look forward into the coming year.

Over the last twelve months there has been the usual minor maintenance tasks carried out e.g. replacing light bulbs

Other tasks are listed below.

### **CHURCH HALL (external)**

- Roof repairs carried out and flashings repaired.
- Leaking guttering mended.

### **CHURCH HALL (internal)**

- The external doors have been painted.
- A sensor light has been installed above the boiler house.
- The edges of the steps have been highlighted for safety reasons.
- All windows have been replaced with double glazed units.
- The vestry has also had a double glazed unit fitted and vertical blinds.

### **CHURCH (external)**

- The doors to the church have been painted. Work is ongoing as the rose window and the belfry have still to be painted.
- The church roof required considerable repairs.
- Rhones were all cleaned.
- The church railings were painted.

### **CHURCH (internal)**

- Two stained glass windows were replaced.

### **MANSE (external)**

- New fence built along the back boundary of the manse.

### **MANSE (internal)**

- All windows have been replaced with double glazed units.
- Blinds were altered and two new ones fitted.

### **Church and Hall**

- Insulation, lighting and a walkway will be installed in the hall attic space.
- Two stained glass windows need replaced on the north facing wall of the church to complete the work started last year.

### **Manse**

- The remainder of the garden fencing needs replaced..

The above is not a complete list of work to be carried out to keep both the manse and the church in good order.

Contractors have not carried out all the work listed and I would like to take this opportunity to thank those people who have given of their time and talents over the last year. Our costs would be greatly increased but for their willingness to help.

Margaret Davidson (Property Convener)

## **WEBSITE**

I am constantly striving to keep the website up-to-date, providing information for both churchgoers and the wider community.

I am always happy to receive information from organisations and groups both from within the church and beyond which can be put onto the website.

Please pass on any comments / suggestions / improvements and I will take them on board. Remember this is your website!!

Caroline Gray

[www.keltykirk.org.uk](http://www.keltykirk.org.uk)

## **PRAYER GROUP REPORT**

We continue to meet each Sunday at 10am in the session room. Our numbers vary depending on circumstances but this has proved to be a very special time for each of us when we can bring to our Heavenly Father the concerns that are on our hearts. Some prayers are spoken others are silent but we know all are heard. Some of the wider congregation have asked us to pray for things specifically and we have done so in confidence and rejoiced when those prayers have been answered.

It has been good to see new folks joining us from time to time but there is room for many more.

The Prayer diary which is issued every two months hopefully links us together with things to remember in our private prayer times. If you have anything you would like included please let me know .Dunfermline Presbytery Prayer promoters meet each month to exchange news and pray for the work in each of the areas represented. The new co-ordinator is Frank Moyes of St Margaret's church remember him as he tries to get more churches involved.

Sam C M Marsh

## **Kelty Kirk Charity Shop**

I am happy to report that the Charity shop is still doing very well, which is all thanks to our valued customers for their donations and support.

We have a wide variety of stock from Books, DVD's, Videos, Bric-A-Brac, Children's Games, Jigsaws, Ladies & Gents clothes, Handbags, etc.

The money that was raised in 2008 went to a number of good causes:

We gave to:

Kelty Church, Kelty Primary School, St Joseph's Primary School, OAP Club, Christmas Lights, Gordon Cottage, Benarty View Nursing Home, Tibal, Bethany Trust, Christain Aid, Clentry Nursery, Vine Trust, Bible Society, Youth Club, Also in the year we supported M@KK Group, Scrap Yard Disco and Philip Messeder who is out in Brazil helping young street Kids.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support, especially the volunteers, who give up their free time and put in a lot of hard work,

We are always looking for more volunteers

If there is anyone who has a spare morning or afternoon and would like to work in the shop please get in touch.

Flora B Robertson,  
Charity Shop Manager

## **CHRISTIAN AID**

I would like to thank everyone who gave a donation to last year's Christian Aid Week, this was very much appreciated and the sum raised amounted to £322.

Christian Aid Week this year is being held 10 – 16 May 2009 and I look forward to your continued supported.

Ailsa Dewar  
Christian Aid Convenor

## **WW (Widows & Widowers) GROUP**

### **Annual Report 2009**

The interval between Annual Reports seems to be getting shorter or is it a case of time flying when you're enjoying yourself. Whatever it is, one thing is certain, it has been another good year for the W.W. Group. Our membership remains steady and attendances at meetings suggest that we are a committed and dedicated group of ladies.

The highlight of our year, the annual summer excursion took us into the very heart of the Highlands, among the hills and mountains where our own Queen Elizabeth holidays. When we set off from Kelty the weather was not promising but it improved as we travelled north in our brand new touring coach. Skirting past Perth our first stop was in a sunny Blairgowrie for brunch and a little retail therapy. Our driver then set a course north for Braemar, taking us through Glenshee and Tomitoul. At Braemar we changed direction eastwards towards Crathe, Ballater and Banchory where we enjoyed afternoon tea. Two of our party took the opportunity of meeting up with close family members who live in the area. How resourceful can you get? Just as the weather was breaking we headed south for Brig o' Feugh, Cairn o' Mount, Fettercairn, Edzell, Brechin and Montrose. A delightful high tea awaited us at the Corner House Hotel in Montrose. After a short stroll in the late afternoon sunshine we were on the road again, via the Tay Bridge into Fife, arriving in Kelty just before eight o' clock. A lovely day was had by all.

Once again our Christmas Party was held in the Church Hall, the meal prepared and served by Barnett's of Anstruther. Grace was said by our minister, the Reverend Lee Messeder. Later in the evening, Lee and Evelyn were treated to a display of some fancy foot work by Isabel Conway and May Campbell. Again, many thanks to the volunteer drivers who ensured all my young ladies got home safely. What a swell party we had.

**Margaret Trousdale, Leader, W.W. Group**

## **BIBLE STUDY GROUPS**

There are 5 Bible Study groups now meeting. Below is a summary of what each has been studying:

### Monday evening group:

We meet alternate Mondays at David and Janet's home. We studied Philippians and have recently started John. The evening comprises a shared bible reading, watching a DVD, discussion and prayer. Also, tea and cakes – overall a time of fellowship! Usually we are six including someone from another church.

Paul Davis

### Wednesday morning group:

We have just finished 'How do you walk the walk you talk' based on the book of Ephesians, and we have just started 'The road to Emmaus' – a comprehensive study course covering most essential points of the Christian faith. The first session was great with lots of individual contributions.

Carol Davis

### Wednesday evenings group:

We have been working our way through Paul's letter to the Romans and have now reached chapter 8, life in the Spirit. Our study is led by the bible passage and we seek through our discussion to understand what the text is seeking to say. The discussion is open and varied. Some of the themes that have emerged from the study have been: Free will & choice; Sin and its effects on the human race; the place of the Law; Salvation; the work of the Holy Spirit. We don't always agree and sometimes the discussion leads us onto consider other parts of the bible. Our numbers vary from 8 to 16 folks. We meet in my study at the Church and anyone is welcome to join us.

Rev Messeder

### Thursday evening group:

We meet on alternate Thursday evenings and are studying "The Stranger on the Road to Emmaus". Each week we read one chapter and discuss it the following week. Numbers have been varied but lots of questions have been asked and varied, interesting discussion has taken place.

Andrew Wallace

### Friday evening group:

The Bible study group which meets in the church on Friday evenings at 7.30pm have been studying the following this session:

- Paul's letter to the Philippians
- Genesis
- A character study of Elijah ---Living Securely in an Insecure World.
- Lenten studies---The Way of the Cross.

Each study has proved interesting, challenging and a means of deepening our Christian faith.

Ethel.Marsh

## 2<sup>ND</sup> KELTY BROWNIES

The Brownies have once again had a varied and immersing year and some of the topics/subjects dealt with are as follows:

"Brownies have got Talent" a show held before Christmas that showed of the varied talents of the girls to Parents & friends we had Hula hooping, singing, dancing, magic show, cheerleader, ballet & highland dancing, and everyone seemed to enjoy participating, and watching. The Brownies all gained an "Entertainer's badge for their efforts".

Burns Night - much fun was had by dancing and eating "Scottish Foods" and singing Burns songs

Visit from the Community Policeman - Safety at School, at home and on the Street. Was appreciated by all.

The last few weeks we have been busy investigating different countries, the food, languages, flags, history etc. and we made passports and all Brownies have worked towards their World Traveller badge.

We hope to go Ten Pin Bowling in the next few weeks, and look forward to the new session after Easter.

Thanks again to Florette for setting up for us every week and of course to my volunteer helpers, Leeann, Betty & Nicola without whom the Brownies would not be possible.

Elaine Wardrope, Tawny Owl

## **CRÈCHE**

The crèche, currently held in the Session Room, has seen numbers increasing with the arrival of some new babies this year in our congregation. We have a group of trained volunteers running the crèche each week. We welcome any young children or babies visiting church on a Sunday to come and join us.

Caroline Gray

## **CHURCH CHOIR**

It has been decided to disband the choir at least temporarily due to various difficulties, one of which is falling numbers. Meanwhile we hope to form an occasional singing group by combining choir people with other interested members from the congregation. There's only one more practice on Sunday before singing on 5th April, unless we have a weeknight run-over. Information will be given about this.

Heather Turner  
Organist

## **CARPET BOWLS**

The Carpet Bowls Club meet in the Church Hall on Tuesday evenings at 7.15.

We have a membership of around 14 people but would welcome new members.

We are a fun club of men and women and do not take ourselves too seriously! We play for fun most of the year, but play competitions – Singles, doubles, mixed once a year for trophies – that's when it gets a bit more serious!

We enjoy having a laugh, playing the bowls, and having a cup of tea and a chat afterwards. We visit two other clubs once a year and they come to Kelty annually also.

HAZEL CAMPBELL  
Secretary

## KELTY CHURCH GUILD



The Guild has had another busy year which opened with our Minister, Lee's very first talk to the Guild. Lee's theme was "Healing" and "Wholeness" and was his experience of his work in hospices and from his ministry.

Flora Robertson came to talk to us about the success of the charity shop, of the long-maturing idea for the shop, the practicalities arising and the dedication of all of the volunteers.

We continued into the year with very interesting talks from CHAS, The Samaritans, The East Neuk Fisher Lassies, The Princess Royal Trust, Rev. Joanne Finlay and Larry Young on School Expeditions.

We held Memory Evenings, a Burns Evening, a film evening with a DVD of a helicopter flight over the Hawaiian Islands and we held a brain-storming evening with suggestions for speakers when we re-commenced after the summer break.

When we re-commenced, we had visits from Friends of Queen Margaret Hospital; Blue-Badge Scottish Tourist Guide Shauna Ansell; Song-Writer, Author and Poet Jim Douglas; Kelty Credit Union; Police Family Protection Unit and The Leprosy Mission. Jean Marion-Taylor spoke about her career in the theatre, costumes and working in TV.

Jim Evans once again entertained us with his holiday slides – this time of Iceland and Greenland. Chris Short talked about the Womens' Hospitals on the Western and Eastern Fronts in the First World War and in particular, of Elsie Inglis who trained and worked as a doctor in Edinburgh.

As Christmas approached, once again, the Guild held its Christmas Fair and hosted the Annual Candlelight Tea. People say to us "We know Christmas is almost here when we hear people talking about the Candlelight Tea!" This year was no exception and was enjoyed by Guild Members and Guests alike. It was lovely to have our friends from Corstophine Old, St Joseph's and Kelty Evangelical Churches with us once again. We also had guests from the Kirk Session, the Congregation, Community and Church Organisations.

The Guild is enjoyed by Men and Women each Monday evening (except on Public Holidays) at 6.30 and while we still have a good membership of around 30, we have, unfortunately, lost several of our members during 2008. They are sadly missed by all of us. Anyone is welcome to join us at THE GUILD for a chat, a cuppa and usually, an interesting talk on, as you can see, a wide variety of subjects. Throughout the years, The Guild has prided itself on being one of (if not, the foremost) organisation in the Church of Scotland. It has certainly been the most-attended and we would like it to stay that way!

Thank you for your support.

HAZEL CAMPBELL and SANDRA OLM McCRAE, Secretaries