



## What's happening at Kirk Session?

February 2020

Here are some highlights from the Kirk Session meeting this week.

### **New Post**

Our new Pioneer and Community Outreach Worker post has attracted a lot of interest. We hope to be able to interview in March and to have the post filled quickly (subject to safeguarding etc). The Minister will ask today for volunteers to assist the Worker with one of their early tasks: a community audit. Full training will be available. The audit will help shape our outreach and new forms of worship. It doesn't matter whether you've ever done anything like this before: please consider signing up.

### **Property**

Jim Rae, who leads our Property Team, reported on their work over the last year – and it's been a busy year. Successes include refurbishment of the west doors of the church; refurbishment of the Town War Memorial; clearing and repair of the church roof drainage system; and a great deal of work to prepare the Manse for its new occupants.

Projects for 2020 include: scheduling and organising repair works on Cross House; improving the drainage system from the church; full refurbishment of the Crown of Thorns; and bringing the organ back up to full working order. Another busy year lies ahead.

### **Fellowship**

Another very hard-working group (as they all are!) is the Fellowship team, led by Margaret Johnston. As well as laying on refreshments for many events organised by other church groups, the Fellowship Team also organises some key events itself. Margaret was able to give us the proposed dates for the Festival of Christmas Trees: Friday 4 – Sunday 6 December. Christmas 2020 suddenly seems very close already.

### **2030: What's Next?**

The 2030 workshops in the autumn produced a rich haul of over 40 imagined characters visiting St Michael's in 2030 and sharing their good gossip and 'wow!' factors about the church. The next stage is to distil these down to around 6 or 8 key characters whose insights into the St Michael's of 2030 will help us define our own 'future story' as we chart our course for the next 10 years.

With the benefit of professional artwork to bring them to life, you can meet these future visitors at a Church Conference on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April, in the Kirk Hall, from 2-4:30pm. More info will follow, but please put the date in your diaries now!

### **Kirk Hall Market**

Tim Brown would love to hear from anyone who can help with another new venture: our first Kirk Hall Market, on the morning of Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February. Further details are in the intimation sheet.

With best wishes

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Session Clerk