

Banchory Ternan East Church of Scotland
Summarised Report of Kirk Session,
Stated Annual Meeting, 26th April 2020 (planned but not possible!)

- **2019 Statistics**: Roll 502 in Jan to 484 in Dec; Supplementary Roll 344 in Dec.
- **Minister** – Alan continued as Interim Moderator for Birse & Feughside until March, when Rev Amy Pierce was inducted as minister for the charge. He also completed his year as Moderator of the local Presbytery in September.
- **General Assembly (GA)** – In May, Alan attended the GA and subsequently reported on approved plans which have the potential to reshape the Church of Scotland at every level from the local to the national to the GA itself.
- **General Trustees** – Discussion and engagement on the consultation exercise - ‘Well-equipped spaces in the right places’ on the Church’s land and buildings.
- **Presbytery Elder** - David Laing was elected to continue for a 4th year.
- **Worship Engagement** – With the addition of Melanie Stewart-Wills, we now have five Local Preachers, which avoids having to search for pulpit supply.
- **Local Churches** – Two cluster meetings of local churches took place. In February, several General Assembly Remits were discussed. In June, topics from the General Assembly Radical Plan were explored.
- **District Visiting** – In the context of the Unitary Constitution guidelines, elders discussed the modern practice in relation to districts and pastoral visiting.
- **Safeguarding** – Specific training for the Safeguarding Panel took place in October following which the elders were updated with the roles, responsibilities and training within the Safeguarding scheme.
- **Stewardship** – Having identified that expenditure was exceeding income, on average by £2,000/month, the Autumn magazine was partly themed on Stewardship, in order to make members aware of the shortfall.
- **Professional Inspection** – The wood treatment required on the floor of the main sanctuary was carried out with 60% funded by a General Trustees grant.
- **Legacies** - Part of legacies received in the previous year were used to replace the hall blinds and upgrade the hall lighting.
- **Elders** – Johanna Bell stood down as an active elder. Thanks go to Johanna and all the elders for their support and for diligently carrying out their duties.

Mike Jamieson, Session Clerk