

CLYDE PRESBYTERY (General): www.clydepresbytery.org

On 1st September 2020, while members watched via Zoom, the Moderators and Clerks of the Presbyteries of Dumbarton and Greenock & Paisley met to constitute themselves as the new, enlarged Clyde Presbytery. The Presbytery Office remains at Quarriers Village, with Rev Alistair Shaw as (temporary) Presbytery Clerk, and Karen Glen as Secretary, until Rev Dr McEnhill returns in January to take up the full-time post of Presbytery Clerk. The changes reflect the Church of Scotland's move to de-centralise – and to have fewer but stronger presbyteries, so that local needs are better met.

As before, each congregation will be represented by a representative elder and they, along with ministers, deacons and additional elders make up the Presbytery Roll. George Wilkinson has stepped into Finlay MacLennan's shoes as our Presbytery Elder.

With the exception of Mission, the committees and their remits remain unchanged. They are : Stewardship & Finance; Presbytery Planning; Property; Superintendence; Ministries; Mission; Local Church Review; Vacancy; Safeguarding

Each committee comprises a convenor and a vice-convenor and committee members drawn from either side of the Clyde in equal numbers. One change is that committees will mostly work autonomously among themselves – only asking the full presbytery to vote on decisions where necessary. Three times a year (Nov, Feb, June) the full presbytery will meet for a Conference (at present via Zoom). Any business coming out of the committees will be dealt with – before turning to the Discussion Topics for the day.

Our first Conference takes place on 10 November and the two topics for discussion are *a) How is your congregation doing in the time of covid?* and *b) What ideas or plans do you have for Advent/Christmas in these challenging times?*

Full details of Clyde Presbytery are given on their website.

Below is an outline of the new Mission Committee, and how we are involved.

CLYDE PRESBYTERY MISSION COMMITTEE

*comprising the old Committees of
Mission & Discipleship, Community Interests, World Mission & Ecumenical Relations*

The Presbytery Mission Team will be led by:

Convenor: **Rev Gary Noonan**, Houston & Kilellan

Vice Convenor: **Rev Roddy Hamilton**, Bearsden New Kilpatrick

Committee Members will be reps from the 2 **Local Mission Areas** (LMAs) of Dumbarton, and Greenock & Paisley. They, in turn, will be the Convs. and a Vice Convs of their Planning 'Hubs'.

LOCAL MISSION AREAS (LMAs)

Dumbarton Local Mission Area: 4 Planning Hubs:

Bearsden & Milngavie; Clydebank & Old Kilpatrick Bowling; Dumbarton & Vale of Leven Area, Cardross, Helensburgh and North

Greenock & Paisley Local Mission Area: 5 Planning Hubs

Upper Clyde, Lower Clyde, Paisley North, Paisley South and Landward

Our Planning Hub is Upper Clyde

Hub Convenor: **Rev Ann Knox** (Inchinnan)

Hub Vice Convenor: **Cathie Dunnachie**, (Hamilton Bardrainey)

Congregations in Upper Clyde Hub:

Port Glasgow New Parish, Hamilton Bardrainey, Langbank, Bishopton, Inchinnan, Erskine, Renfrew North, Renfrew Trinity

Langbank Representatives on Upper Clyde Hub:

Mary Bonner and Elspeth Munro

The purpose of the **Local Mission Areas** will be:

- i. To encourage greater cooperation between congregations in mission and outreach to their communities**
- ii. Jointly planning for, supporting and developing Fresh Expressions of Church, eg Messy Church, Café Church, etc...**
- iii. Exploring collaboration with regard to community concerns, ecumenical relations and world mission**
- iv. Exploring collaborations with regards to children and youth work and discipleship/ education e.g. offering joint programmes to a number of congregations in an area**
- v. Sharing of ideas and resources**