

## KINLOSS AND FINDHORN PARISH CHURCH

As we start to seek a minister to replace Rev. Duncan Shaw, the Kirk Session felt that the occasional newsletter to our members and adherents might be helpful, so here is my first attempt.

### **MINISTERIAL SUPPORT**

It looks as if we are to have a reasonably settled period ahead with two important and welcome Presbytery appointments:

Rev. George Rollo, former minister of Elgin St.Giles, will be our locum minister providing weekly preaching duties to Kinloss and Findhorn and Alves and Burghead. Within this role there is some time provided to fulfil any pastoral work which may arise.

Rev. John MacGregor, minister of the parishes of Dyke and Edinkillie, has been appointed as our Interim Moderator. Rev. MacGregor will be overseeing the meetings of our Kirk Session and will also be providing advice and support to our Nominating Committee ( formerly known as the Vacancy Committee ) as they set about advertising and, hopefully, selecting a new minister.

We look forward to getting to know them as they minister to us over the next few months.

### **VACANCY MATTERS**

The Church of Scotland tends to move slowly, but the good news is that we are being allowed by Moray Presbytery to prepare to call a new minister. The Electoral register for the congregation has been ratified and the next step will be the formation of a Nominating Committee. This will consist of representatives from Kinloss and Findhorn as well as Alves and Burghead. Presbytery will advise us of the relevant numbers from each congregation and soon there will be intimation of the Sunday service after which the congregation will have the opportunity to elect the members whom they wish to serve on this committee.

### **CHURCH CARETAKING / CLEANING**

We will be without the services of a church cleaner after 3 September and the Kirk Session has asked me to include this item in this newsletter to members before we need to go to wider advertising of the post.

Ideally, we would like to have someone who could take on a full Church Officer's post at both our churches.

However, there may be other options which we could consider.

Any such posts would carry additional payments for being in attendance at weddings and funerals.

If you would like to know more about this position or you know of someone who might be looking for this kind of involvement you can discuss the matter further with myself.

### **DUNCAN'S FAREWELL**

We said farewell to Rev. Duncan Shaw at a convivial and well attended social evening on Saturday 4 June. Tribute was paid to Duncan for his many qualities which endeared him to this congregation, especially his gentle, delightful sense of humour which ran through everything he did.

It was good to see Duncan in the congregation at Findhorn Church recently and we wish him well as he and Dorothy settle into their new home in Forres.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

2 OCTOBER	HARVEST THANKSGIVING	FINDHORN
16 OCTOBER	GUILD DEDICATION	FINDHORN
6 NOVEMBER	COMMUNION	KINLOSS

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