

What's Happening at Kirk Session - October

Here are the key points from the Kirk Session meeting of Linlithgow and Avon Valley Church, held on Tuesday 14th October

The Fundraising Team presented a paper seeking approval for the submission of an application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund and other possible funders for the refurbishment and transformation of Cross House as “A House for the Town”. Alongside this, approval was also sought for the updated concept design for Cross House which will incorporate spaces for faith, community and heritage use.

Another presentation was given by the two Elders who sit on the Board of Youthspace, formerly known as the Linlithgow Young People's Project (LYPP). Rona Molloy and Stephen Marshall outlined the reasons for the change of name and also described the wide range of activities available for young people in Linlithgow but also in Bridgend.

The Social Justice Team had prepared an Environmental Policy which included a commitment to ethical purchasing and awareness of environmental issues in the delivery of our activities – this was approved by Kirk Session.

The Communications Team provided an update on its responsibilities including the publication of the next edition of the parish magazine in early November. Some options were presented for the adoption of a new logo for the parish as a whole to replace those which had been used by the individual churches. Based on feedback from the Kirk Session, a final version should be available for use in a few weeks.

Donald Greig who heads up the Property Team reported that the stonework repairs which have resulted in St Michael's being closed for the last few weeks have been successfully completed. The next few days will see the reinstatement of the pews which had to be moved to allow the repairs and a thorough cleaning of the debris and dust. I am pleased to say that the church will re-open on Friday 24th for a funeral, followed by a wedding on Saturday 25th and then for worship next Sunday, 26th October.

On Sunday 2 November, we will be hosting a light lunch in the Kirk Hall at Cross House for those people who have become members of the parish in the last 18 months and also those who have become regular worshippers with us in the same period. This will be an opportunity to share some fellowship and to provide these people with more information on the range of activities and opportunities available across the parish for them to become more engaged with the life of the church. If you have become a member in the last 18 months or so or who have been regularly worshipping with us and would like to attend the lunch, please contact the Church Office – contact details are available on the parish website. Also, to others in the congregation, if you know of someone who has started worshipping with us, please make sure that they are aware of this lunch.