

## **PRESBYTERY of FALKIRK**

### **Basis of Union**

The congregation of Larbert Old and the congregation of Larbert West shall be united as from the 1st day of August 2016, and that on the following terms and conditions:

1. The name of the united congregation shall be decided by the Kirk Session of the united congregation after the result of the arbitration (paragraph 3) is known and the Scottish Charity number SC0XXXXX will be retained.
2. The property and funds belonging to or held on behalf of each congregation shall belong to or be held on behalf of the united congregation and any transference necessary shall be duly effected.
3. The place of worship of the united congregation shall be decided by a process of arbitration and the arbiters' decision shall be final. The church not selected shall be used, sold, let, or otherwise disposed of subject to the titles on which it is held, subject to the approval of the Presbytery, and, if necessary, the General Trustees or the General Assembly. The free proceeds of any such sale or let shall (a) if falling within the scope of Act VII 1995, be credited to the benefit of the congregation in the Consolidated Fabric Fund or (b) if not falling within the scope of the said Act, be held and applied for fabric purposes in connection with the properties of the congregation. Any such sale, let or disposition shall be subject to the condition that the hall buildings on that site will be available for the use of organisations of the united congregation and such external organisations as are renting use of those halls before the date of the union until 30 June 2016.  
Services shall be conducted in the church at 10:30 am each Sunday.
4. The bounds to be served by the charge shall be the boundaries laid out on the attached description.
5. The elders of both Kirk Sessions shall form with the Minister or Interim Moderator the Kirk Session of the united congregation.
6. The temporal affairs of the united congregation shall be administered by the Kirk Session and Congregational Board duly elected by the congregation and Kirk Session in terms of the constitutional arrangements in the Model Deed, the Delegation of Assembly being authorised to issue the appropriate Deed of Constitution to the said congregation. The initial Congregational Board shall be the continuation of all members of the Congregational Boards of the existing Congregations for their appointed period of service.
7. Both charges being vacant, the united congregation shall proceed to the election of a minister.
8. The manse of the Larbert Old congregation shall be the manse of the united congregation. The manse of Larbert West congregation shall be sold, let or otherwise disposed of subject to the titles on which it is held, and subject to the approval of the Presbytery, and if necessary, of the General Trustees or the General Assembly. The free proceeds of any such sale shall (a) if falling within the scope of Act VII 1995, be credited to the benefit of the congregation in the Consolidated Fabric Fund or (b) if not falling within the scope of the said Act, be held and applied for fabric purposes in connection with the properties of the congregation.
9. The stipend of the minister shall be payable in terms of the National Stipend Scheme.
10. While the articles and terms shall form the Basis of Union for the two congregations now uniting, the united congregation shall be free like other congregations, to adjust arrangements under the authority of Presbytery as need may arise.

## **Bounds of the united Parish**

Start at A9 where it crosses over Tor Burn near Torwood.

Follow A9 S to its junction with Glen Road, Torwood.

Head S, then SSE, across M876 to meet Househill farm road at rear of Forth Valley Royal Hospital.

Follow farm road to meet B905, turn E (both sides of road) and cross B905 to R Carron

Follow course of R Carron to bend after where Chapel Burn flows into former Lade

Follow course of Chapel Burn to Main Street (B905) (opposite petrol station)

Follow B 905 E (both sides of road, including Robertson Court) to junction of Main Street with New King Street

Cross Stenhousemuir PS playing fields and Tryst Golf Course to reach Bellsdyke Road (A88) opposite road/track leading towards M876 (Inches Farm Road).

Follow Inches Farm Road (and line of housing) projected to M876 Motorway

Follow M 876 to Railway line

Follow centre of Railway line N to where it crosses Tor Burn

Follow Tor Burn W to A9.