

# Aberdeen NORTH NEWS

SPRING 2023

## GOODBYES.....

Dear friends

*It has been a joy and a privilege to have travelled with you these last 10 or so months as your Interim Moderator. I take my leave on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March at an exciting time for Aberdeen North. You welcome Fiona into your midst as your new minister. Exciting too for Fiona as she takes up her first charge as Church of Scotland Minister.*

*I have come to learn over the last year what a wonderful church community you are. You have faced the challenges of uniting as a new congregation, followed swiftly by the retirement of your ministry team, with real heart and tenacity. I watched as the nominating committee set about their task and there were impressive! This all augers well for the future.*

*I wish you every blessing in the months and years ahead as you look to the redevelopment of the church and the start of a new ministry. A minister is only as good their congregation. So I am confident that you will go from strength to strength. Thank you for all your hard work and your support.*

Yours in love, Shuna



It has been a great honour to serve Aberdeen North as locum. This is a happy and faithful community with a real sense of friendliness and a caring purpose. It has been a pleasure to be a part of the family.

This is a relatively new congregation and it is wonderful to have Fiona's ministry to lead this fresh chapter of work and mission. I pray that God's rich blessings will be with Fiona and with all connected with this house of prayer on this great journey together into the future.

At this time, these words from St Paul seem appropriate: "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Romans 8: 28)

Martin



## And HELLO.... to Rev Fiona Lister, our new Minister!

*A service of Ordination and Induction will be held for Fiona, on **Tuesday 2 March 2023**, at 7pm in Aberdeen North Church, followed by teas and a social gathering.*

**All are invited!**

*Fiona comes to Aberdeen North, her first charge as a Church of Scotland Minister, and brings a wealth of experience from placements in churches in the north east, and also from other careers, before deciding upon a call to the ministry.*

*We welcome Fiona to Aberdeen North and look forward to getting to know her and her family over the coming months!*



Dear friends,

As we come to the end of the vacancy and look forward to the induction of Fiona Lister at the beginning of March, I thought it would be a good time to reflect on how fortunate we have been during this time.

On behalf of the congregation, I would like to say a heartfelt thanks for the time and effort that both Shuna and Martin have devoted to guiding us over the past year. Shuna has helped to make this task so much simpler due to all her hard work in helping us work through this process of seeking a new minister, while also making sure Aberdeen North carried on as usual. Martin has also given us continuity during this time, both with leading Sunday services and all the other duties he has under taken on our behalf.

I'd like to say a big thank you to you both on behalf of Aberdeen North congregation!

Ian Ingram, Session Clerk

## TEAS & SOCIAL GATHERING –THURSDAY 2 MARCH 2023

It is hoped that many of our congregation will be able to be there on Thursday 2 March for Fiona's service and the social gathering afterwards.

The small group making arrangements for the teas and social gathering is looking for help please!

If you can help by

- providing some home baking please contact Rene Cowie, 07775 690360
- helping to set up during the day on Thursday 2 March, please contact Rose Clayton 07790 288249
- serving teas etc on the evening of 2 March please contact Catherine Napier, 07724996351

If you need transport to and from the service and social gathering, or if you can drive people to the church please speak to Jim Napier, 07565 936235



### MESSY CHURCH

**Tuesdays in term-time, 5-6.30pm**, for children accompanied by an adult or someone aged 16+. A time for to eat together, for bible activities, craft & music.

Please book with Claire:

Email [CVanGeete@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:CVanGeete@churchofscotland.org.uk),  
Mobile 07526465105

### TIME FOR YOU

**Wednesdays 9.30-11.30AM**, for parents/carers of primary age children in the Aberdeen North area

### PRAYER TIME

**Wednesdays 2pm**, for Children & Families Work, in Claire's office



### GUILD

Now into our second year of the Guild at Aberdeen North we have enjoyed various speakers, friendship and fellowship. A very warm welcome awaits anyone who would like to join us.

We meet on the first Monday of each month, except July and August, at 10.00am in the James Tyrrell Centre.

If you would like more information please get in touch - Rene 07775690360

### CHAT'N'SNACK/WARM SPACES, Wednesdays, 10am-3pm.



Do drop-in for teas, coffees, a lunch-time snack and a fine piece, to play cards or dominoes, and the chance to chat with friends old and new.

Interested in volunteering? - please contact Rose on 07790288249 or [roseclayton\\_mbe@hotmail.com](mailto:roseclayton_mbe@hotmail.com)

## MINISTRY TEAM

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