

ENT and St Monans Parish Churches Joint Letter – 5th September 2020

Dear Members and Church Friends

It gives me pleasure to write this letter and to share with you the wonderful news that you have called a new minister to the parishes of East Neuk Trinity linked with St Monans.

This afternoon, I met with two assessing elders who acted as electoral roll clerks, and with the Session Clerks of the two congregations to open all the ballot envelopes returned to me after Sunday 30th August, when Mr Douglas Creighton preached as Sole Nominee via virtual recording.

I received in the post a return of well over 70% of votes. Once the envelopes were opened, the two Kirk Sessions joined via a Zoom meeting to witness the count of the ballot and hear the result which was a clear majority desire to call Mr Douglas Creighton to be the new minister elect, for the congregations.

The result was: FOR Electing Mr Douglas Ross Creighton was 367 votes and those AGAINST Electing Mr Douglas Ross Creighton were Nil (0) votes.

So congratulations to you as members, adherents and worshippers at East Neuk Trinity Church linked with St Monans Church on this new chapter in your ministry and congregational life.

The procedure now is to invite you as members, adherents who were on the Electoral Roll and worshippers to subscribe to the Call to Mr Douglas Creighton.

Subscribing the Call

As we are working under the Covid-19 restrictions and protocol set out by the Church of Scotland, even though Sunday the 6th September will have seen the re-opening of the two congregations for Sunday worship, attendance is limited by social distancing. The required edicts will be read at the services and posted on the church notice boards, websites and this letter. However, the call cannot be subscribed in the usual manner by asking you to sign the call papers in the church.

So the procedure will be this:- we will work with what would be the mandate request, which means that your elder will now visit each and every home in their district. They will invite you to subscribe to the Call and offer you a post card for your congregation. This will have the wording on one side, known as the 'Form of Call' edict (schedule K in Church law) which would have been read immediately after the count result was announced in the church the same day as the Sole Nominee preached and was successful. As we have not been able to do this, hence this Form of Call is on the post card.

We now have 14 days to gather in all subscriber names who were on the Electoral Roll, so the deadline is by Friday 18th September, 2020. Hopefully your elder will have been to visit you by then. If you are on a postal delivery, please contact your Session Clerk – as below - to allow them to place your name on the call mandate post card.

On the reverse side of the Form of Call, is the wording to subscribe the call mandate, where you as a member or adherent can now write your name and sign the call card and give this back to your elder whilst they are with you. Your name will then be transcribed to the Call papers that will be presented to the Presbytery and to your new minister at his Ordination and Induction. The Presbytery is meeting on 30th September and the Call will be tabled then. If sustained, the proposed date agreed will proceed toward the service of Ordination and Induction. The relevant edict will be issued and intimated for two

Sundays at worship services. This will also be done via email and placed on the church websites, so please check these regularly.

(At the moment the provisional date is set for Friday 16th October, 2020 at 7 p.m. in the Elie Church – however Presbytery has to ensure that social distancing is observed. We can accommodate no more than 50 people. So numbers will be very limited as Presbytery and the new minister's family also have to be accommodated. Presbytery is looking to live stream the service to all and a link to the service will be made known. – As I say this is the provisional arrangement and will can only be confirmed once Presbytery meets on 30th September)

If you were not a the Electoral Roll of the Congregations.

If you are not a member or adherent who was on the Electoral Roll but you are a regular worshipper and wish to concur with the Call, i.e. you agree with the congregation's decision to call Mr Douglas Creighton and you wish to support that decision, you can also sign the call by concurrence. In order to do this, you are asked to please contact the Session Clerk of the church you worship at and the Session Clerk will have a separate document for you to sign.

Session Clerk of ENT, Mrs Olive Weir, Tel 01333 340642

Session Clerk of St Monans, Mr Duncan Reekie, Tel 01333 312028.

Again, my heartfelt congratulation to you as congregations having filled the vacancy and made a Call to Mr Douglas Creighton.

With all my good wishes.



Rev Gavin Boswell
Interim Moderator,
Tel: 01333 320850.

A Gift to the New Minister.

It is often the decision of the Congregation to welcome the new minister with a gift and especially when the new minister is being ordained and inducted to their first charge this gift comes as a very special reminder of this day when they were formally called and recognised as a minister of Word and Sacrament.

Congregational members are usually invitee, if they wish to make a small contribution towards the gift. We would like to make this gesture as congregations and seek from Douglas what he may wish to be presented with as a reminder of this special time in his life and ministry.

If you want to give something toward this, would you be kind enough to contact either Olive Weir at ENT Church or Carol Copland at St Monans Church and either will inform you of how you can make an arrangement to get your contribution to them during these days of Covid.

You can also give to your elder, when they visit with the Call Card for your to Subscribe the call, an envelope with your contribution, if that helps.

Olive Weir, (ENT Church) – Greenbanks, Barnyards, Kilconquhar, KY9 1LB - Tel 01333 340642
Carol Copland (St Monans Church) – 6 Hope Place, St Monans, KY10 2DJ - Tel 01333 730673

THE EDICTS for ENT and St Monans Parish Churches.

DECLARATION OF ELECTION RESULT – Section 24(6) Schedule J

I hereby declare the results of the voting for the election and appointment of a minister to the vacant charge of East Neuk Trinity Church linked with St Monans Church as follows.

FOR Electing Mr Douglas Ross Creighton: [No of votes were 367]

AGAINST Electing Mr Douglas Ross Creighton: [No of votes were Nil (0)]

Therefore, **Mr Douglas Ross Creighton** has accordingly been elected and appointed as the new minister subject to the approval of Presbytery

Date 5th day of September 2020



The Rev Gavin R. Boswell
Interim Moderator

SUBSCRIBING THE CALL – Section 26(1)

(Schedule L) To be read on at least one Sunday

Notice is hereby given that this congregation of **East Neuk Trinity Church linked with St Monans Church** has elected **Mr Douglas Ross Creighton** to be our new minister and a Call to the said **Mr Douglas Ross Creighton** has been prepared. This Call will lie in **East Neuk Trinity Church linked with St Monans Church** from Sunday the 6th day of September 2020 to Friday 18th September 2020 and due to Covid Regulations the Elders of the congregations will visit every member and adherent on the Electoral Register of the congregation to invite them to subscribe to the Call by means of a mandate Call card.

A paper of Concurrence will also be available for signature by any person who is connected with the congregation but whose name is not on the Electoral Register of the congregation. Children are also welcome to add their names to this paper.

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