



**Annual General Meeting  
10th April 2019 - 7.30pm**

# Our Worship & Service in 2018

## WORSHIP

We give thanks to God for the privilege of public worship which we enjoyed together on 101 worship occasions this year. There was an average attendance of 53 in the morning and 47 in the evening.

*We join with the psalmist when he writes, "I rejoiced with those who said to me, Let us go up to the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1*

## PREACHING

Rev Andrew Quigley preached 36 times on the Lord's Day in Airdrie on the following books, passages, and subjects: The I Am Sayings of Christ; The I Am Sayings of Paul; The Church; Philippians; Psalm 23; Psalm 91; Matthew 7; Hebrews 2; 1 John 2-3; and Revelation 19.

*We give thanks to God for the work our Minister did, and the support he received from his wife Heather. He has shown himself to be "a worker, who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15*

## VISITING PREACHERS

Rev. Andrew McMillan (RPCS); Rev. Peter Loughridge (RPCS); Mr Ian Gillies (RPCS); Rev. Bill Matthes (RPCI); Mr Ben Lowery; Mr Jenson Lim; Rev. Kenneth Stewart (RPCS)

## PRAISE

Messrs Ian Shaw, James Boyd, Tim Duguid led in the singing of praise

*We encourage everyone -"sing to the Lord with cheerful voice, Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell, come before Him and rejoice." Psalm 100:1*

## PRAYER

Session Prayer Meeting - As well as the 9 meetings Session had for business, Session met 48 times to give thanks to God and to pray for the life of the congregation.

Congregational Prayer Meeting - A time of congregational prayer was held each Lord's Day prior to the morning worship service with an average attendance of 31 people.

*We rejoice in the fact that prayer is a vital aspect of our weekly congregational life, aware of the fact that God has said, "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14*

## SERMONAUDIO

28,314 existing sermons were downloaded.

*We give thanks to God for the preaching of His Word, for we know that "faith comes from hearing and hearing through the word of Christ." Romans 10:17*

## **RETURN TO THE LORD**

Our return to the Lord decreased by £3,494.21 in 2018.

*We would continue to remind and encourage God's people to "Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need....Then all the nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts."*  
Malachi 3:10,12

## **SACRAMENTS**

### **LORD'S SUPPER**

34 people partook of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the 28th January.

37 people partook of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the 13th May.

34 people partook of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the 21st October.

### **BAPTISMS**

Christopher Ridley, son of Mr Fraser and Mrs Stacy Ridley, was baptised on the 2nd December.

## **RESIGNATION OF MINISTER**

On the 30th January, the RPCS Presbytery passed to Rev. Andrew Quigley a call from Ottawa RPCNA to be their minister. Rev. Andrew Quigley informed the congregation on the 25th February that he had accepted this call. At the Presbytery meeting on the 8th June, the RPCS Presbytery agreed, because of the exceptional circumstances of Rev. Andrew Quigley's call, to grant his request to be relieved of his responsibility as Moderator of the Airdrie RP congregation and resign as minister of the congregation effective from the 1st August. Rev. Peter Loughridge was appointed by Presbytery to be Interim Moderator of the congregation.

Lord's Day, the 29th July, was Rev. Andrew Quigley's last Sabbath as the minister of the congregation after 24 years. After the morning worship service, the congregation enjoyed a meal together and Mr Ian Shaw made a presentation to the Quigley family on behalf of the congregation for their service amongst us. After the evening service a special time of prayer was held for the Quigley family. On the 12th August, Rev. Peter Loughridge declared the pastoral tie with Rev. Quigley dissolved and the congregation was declared vacant. Rev. Andrew McMillan, a minister without charge in the RPCS, was appointed by Presbytery to be stated supply.

## **CALL OF MINISTER**

A congregational meeting was held on the 3rd September to discuss the way forward given the vacancy of the congregation. Two extra congregational prayer meetings were held on the 8th October and 5th November to pray for the call process. A congregational meeting was then held on the 18th November, at which meeting Rev. Andrew McMillan was called to be the minister of the congregation. The call was subsequently passed to Rev. Andrew McMillan on the 17th December. Rev. Andrew McMillan informed the congregation he was accepting the call on the 30th December.

## **MEMBERS**

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Mr Donnie and Mrs Joyce Johnstone, Mr Desmond and Mrs Caitriona Scott, and Miss Catherine Quigley came into membership on the 13th May.

Mr Tim Duguid came into membership on the 12th August.

## **TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP**

Mrs Heather Quigley and Miss Catherine Quigley's membership was transferred to Ottawa RPCNA.

Robert Alexander membership transferred 9th October 2018.

June Boughey membership transferred 8th March 2018 to Law Gospel Hall.

Audrey Bryce membership transferred 11th June to McKinnon RPCA.

Carol Smith membership transferred 24th April 2018 to Airdrie Ebenezer Church.

**BIRTHS AND DEATHS** - There were no births or deaths in the congregation in 2018.

## **DISCIPLING THROUGH GOD'S WORD**

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of The Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold I am with you always to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20*

During the year we provided three opportunities for members and adherents to receive encouragement in their abiding in the Lord Jesus through reading and studying His Word.

**Mutual Encouragement Times (METs)** - Several groups met with an average weekly participation of 25 people. These MET groups studied the books of Joshua, Acts, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Zephaniah, Esther and Luke.

**'Let's Worship God' Booklets** - The production and distribution of the daily family worship booklet 'Let's Worship God' was continued throughout the year and was used by people in our own congregation, in other Scottish RP congregations, and in RP congregations in Ireland, as well as numerous people globally who downloaded them from the Let's Worship God website. The books studied were Joshua, Acts, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Zephaniah, Esther, and Luke.

**Bible Classes** - For adults and young people aged four and up were held each Lord's Day prior to the morning worship service with an average weekly attendance of 25.

*We are delighted at the number of people availing themselves of these opportunities in each area. "Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so." Acts 17:11*

## **INSTRUCTION OF OUR COVENANT YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CHILDREN**

**Covenant Kids Club** - The Covenant Kids Club had an average of 7 of our covenant children and their friends participating in it throughout the year. It met each Friday evening during the school term from 6-7pm.

**The Covenanter Youth** - The Covenanter Youth met each Friday evening during the school term from 7-9pm for a variety of activities, with an average of 12 participating throughout the year.

**Participation in RPCI Summer Camps** - Nine of our young people participated in Summer Camps this year.

Session are thankful for those who invest in the lives of our children and young people to the glory of God mindful of these words - *"These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise."* Deuteronomy 6:6-7

## **PASTORAL CARE**

Your Session takes very seriously the challenge of Christ to - *“Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.” Acts 20:28*

## **VISITATION**

**Presbytery Visitation** - The findings of the visitation of Presbytery from October 2017 were read by Mr Norrie Graham on the 8th April.

**Session** - There were no annual Session Pastoral visitations this year.

**Minister** - The minister visited the members and adherents of the congregation during the year as needs required.

**Housebound Visitation** - During the year the weekly visitation of housebound members was undertaken by Session and members of congregation.

## **EVANGELISM**

### **RPCNA MISSION TEAM**

This year's RPMT: Ian Gillies (team leader), Matthew Latuche, Carlie Appletoft, and Hannah McNeil were in Scotland from 23rd May - 27th June.

Based in Airdrie for most of the time, the team visited 5 RPCS congregations and also did a Tour of Reformation and Covenanting History sites.

- In Airdrie the Team helped out with Covenant Kids Club and CY; and did other practical tasks.
- In North Edinburgh the Team helped distribute leaflets in the area around the church inviting people to the Mission, assisted at the Mission, and visited school lunch clubs.
- In Glasgow the Team helped out at Sunrise Christian School.
- In Stranraer the Team distributed leaflets inviting people to the Mission and did practical work at the football club.
- In Stornoway the Team distributed leaflets about the church, and did practical work at the church and Providence Christian School among other places.

## **DIACONAL MINISTRY**

The Session and Deacon met 4 times in 2018.

### **WORK UNDERTAKEN**

- A new boiler was installed for the church.
- Lights were put up outside the building.
- As well as these things, routine maintenance and repair work was done on the building throughout the year.

The Session and Deacon appreciate all those who help with special church cleanings, congregational lunches, hospitality, housebound visitation, and give lifts to people.

## **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

### **CONGREGATIONAL AGM**

The Congregational AGM took place on the 15th April.

### **PUBLICATIONS AND WEBSITE**

**'In the Pew'** - has been produced each Lord's Day comprising: order of service for morning and evening

worship, prayer points for the week, MET schedule, and announcements.

**'Let's Worship God'** - The Presbytery weekly family worship booklet for the congregations was produced 52 times in 2018 and distributed to congregations in the RPCS and RPCI.

**Website** - The 'News' page of the church website [www.airdrierpcs.org](http://www.airdrierpcs.org) was updated each week.

**Weekly News/Prayer Email** - The weekly news/prayer email was sent out each week to 348 people.

### **ADMINISTRATION - BETH BOGUE**

Session thank and warmly commend Beth for the work she does as Administrative Secretary both for the congregation and for the RPCS Presbytery.

### **LADIES OUTINGS**

One ladies outing was held in 2018. On the 12th December the ladies went to see an orchestra performance.

### **CY BIG EVENTS**

Four events for the whole congregation took place in 2018. These were an India Night where we skyped the RP church planting minister in India and had a meal together afterwards; a board games night; a BBQ and Beetle Drive night; and a history evening that looked at the history of the Airdrie RP Church. These enjoyable evenings afforded the congregation the opportunity to get together socially, and the Session are pleased that so many of the congregation attended.

## **WIDER CHURCH ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATED IN**

### **STRANRAER LEAFLETING**

Miss Beth Bogue and Campbell Quigley travelled to Stranraer RPCS on the 9th June to help in their leaflet distribution.

### **GO TEAMS**

Miss Jess Muir went on the Cloughmills, Newry, and Stranraer GO Teams.

Mr Calvin Quigley went on the Stranraer GO Team.

### **STRANRAER FAMILY FUN DAY**

Four people from Airdrie travelled to Stranraer RPCS for their Family Fun Day on the 25th August.

## **WIDER CHURCH MINISTRY**

### **PRESBYTERY**

There were three regular meetings of Presbytery and one special meeting.

Mr George Rodger was a Presbytery appointed interim elder for the Stranraer RPCS Session.

Mr George Rodger and Mr Sam Bell served as Presbytery appointed interim elders on the North Edinburgh RPCS Session.

Whilst Reformation Tours is a Presbytery ministry and helps fund church planting in Scotland, the Session acknowledge and are thankful to members Mr Jimmy and Mrs Helen Fisher for their active support of this ministry.

### **CONCLUSION**

We give thanks to God for His mercy and grace to us and His people as He continues to build His Church. We will continue to do all we can to lead the congregation knowing that one day we will have to give an account to Christ for the decisions we have taken.

Yours brothers in Christ,  
*Mr Sam Bell, Mr George Rodger, Mr Ian Shaw*

# Ministry Reports 2018

## BIBLE CLASS REPORTS

### BEGINNER BIBLE CLASS

Mrs Heather Quigley taught this class until the summer break, and then I taught it. There are three in the class: Ifan and Steffan Lim and Jacob Alexander. We have been using the RPCI Bible Class materials and in the autumn we studied the theme of God's Word and what it tells us about: God, sin, loving and obeying God, coming to God, the law of God, and learning, receiving, loving, and believing God's Word. We then started a section on people in the Gospels who met their Saviour. Each week we read the passage together, talk about it, and then we go through the worksheet. Give thanks for these three boys and pray that they would continue to grow in their knowledge and understanding of God.

*Miss Beth Bogue*

### PRIMARY BIBLE CLASS

This past session Eva White and Faith and Joy Lim have met with Yvonne for Bible Class. We have been working through the Irish RP Sabbath School material which has helped us think further about some of the catechisms and creation. As we go through the material the girls complete worksheets helping them to think about the subject further. Give thanks for each of these girls and pray that what they learn will lay a foundation in their lives as they grow in the future.

*Mrs Yvonne Alexander*

### JUNIOR BIBLE CLASS

I have been meeting with Jamie White each Sunday morning for a Bible study in the church. We are working through the Irish RP Sabbath School workbook. We read a passage from the Bible, discuss what God is saying in the passage, and how it is relevant to our lives. We then answer the questions, which often requires us to look up other Scripture passages, and close in prayer. Please remember Jamie in prayer and ask that the Lord will bring in other young people to learn more about His Word.

*Mr Jimmy Fisher*

### INTERMEDIATE BIBLE CLASS

In the first half of the year, this class was comprised of Campbell Quigley and Grace Lim. We alternated each week between working through the Shorter Catechism and using the Irish RP Sabbath School materials. They did well each week on their memory work and in their interaction with the Scriptures and were a joy to teach. After the summer, Campbell moved to Canada, and Grace joined the Adult Bible Class.

*Miss Beth Bogue*

### SENIOR BIBLE CLASS

In the first half of the year this class was comprised of Catherine Quigley and was taught by Mrs Dorothy Muir, but after the summer when Catherine moved to Canada, the class was discontinued.

### ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Dr Andrew Quigley continued to teach the Adult Bible Class in the first half of the year, going through the Westminster Confession of Faith. Rev. Andrew McMillan, as stated supply, continued to teach this class on the Westminster Confession in the second half of the year.

# YOUTH CLUB REPORTS

## COVENANT KIDS CLUB

Covenant Kids Club runs on Friday nights from 6-7pm for children ages 3-P7. At the start of the year we averaged 7 children who came each week, most of whom were from the church, but some were grandchildren of those in the church. We were very thankful for Mr Ian Gillies, and Mr Calvin Quigley, and Miss Jessica Muir for helping during this term. In the autumn a couple children moved up to CY and new children started coming (friends of those in the congregation), and we averaged 8 children. We have games, snack, Psalms, memory verse, Bible story, and craft. It's really a joy to hear them singing the Psalms and reciting their memory verses. In 2018 our Bible talks looked at Prayer, the Kingship of Christ especially in His death and resurrection, the life of Peter, Joseph, Job, Moses, and Israel's time in the wilderness. We had an outdoor party in the summer and went to a soft play place in the winter. Kids Club really is a joy to be part of, and we are so thankful for the parents and grandparents who faithfully bring their children every week. We continue to pray that more children will come either from the community or as children or grandchildren or nieces or nephews of those in the congregation. We pray most of all that all the children would trust in the Lord with all their heart at the earliest possible age.

*Miss Beth Bogue and Mrs Margaret Allan*

## COVENANTER YOUTH

CY begins with a youth MET at 6.15pm. During the first part of the year this was led by Mr John McIndoe, and during the second part of the year by Mr Jenson Lim. The CY activities then take place from 7 to 9 pm, and some nights we finish at 8.30pm. During the first part of the year, the CY was for ages 10/11 and up, but that has been changed for 2019 to first year of highschool and up. In the first part of the year the CY was led by Mr Ian Gilles and Miss Beth Bogue. It was a fairly large group during the first part of the year with a couple folk coming out from Glasgow RP as well. We averaged around 15-20 most weeks. Some of the things we did were: board games, games, go-karting, pizza and testimony night, trampolining, movie night, Wii night, rounders, bowling, a bake off, ultimate Frisbee, a murder mystery night, a trip to Krispy Kreme, and we finished for the summer with a BBQ at the Lims home.

In the autumn Mr Desmond and Mrs Caitriona Scott as well as Miss Beth Bogue were the leaders. The group has become smaller due to some people moving away and others who are now busy with university and work commitments. The average number in the autumn was around 8-14 young people in the 11-15 age range. The activities we did in the autumn were: games nights, bowling, lasertag, escape room, make your own pizza night, going to fireworks, movie night, testimony night, grub crawl, and we finished up for the year with ice skating.

The CY is also responsible for organising Big Events for the whole congregation to come to. Four of these were held during 2018. In February we had an India Night where we video called the church planting minister and elder in India and learned more about the RP work there. This was followed by an Indian meal together. In March we had a board game night. In September we had a BBQ and Beetle Drive. In November we had a history evening where Mr Jimmy Fisher gave a presentation on the history of the Airdrie RP Church followed by games, a slideshow, and home baking.

The CY young people are either from the church or friends and relatives of those from the church. It's a privilege and a joy to spend time with these young people each week. Please pray that both in the various activities as well as the youth MET and things like testimony nights, the Word of God would be sown in their hearts. Pray for salvation, growth as Christians, and strong Christian friendships to be forged.

*Miss Beth Bogue and Mr Desmond and Mrs Caitriona Scott*

# CONGREGATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT

## 1st January - 31st December 2018

### **Income**

The total received from offerings and donations was £78,119 being £9,296 less than for 2017. Giving through the Freewill Offering envelopes showed a decrease of £3,117 compared to 2017. Plate offerings decreased by £381, and donations decreased by £4,481. Giving to Church Planting and Christian Education decreased by £1,317. Gift Aid returned an increase of £3,522.

### **Expenditure**

Overall expenditure increased by £20,766 mainly due to pulpit supply requirement following the resignation of the former minister, Dr A. Quigley in September, and additional organisational support given during the year.

### **Income from letting of Wishaw RPC and Stranraer and Airdrie manses**

Income from the letting of the Wishaw RPC Church and Manse was £32,400, less maintenance of £7,898, giving a net of £24,502. Income from letting of the Stranraer manse was £5,400, and from the Airdrie Manse £697.

### **Bequest Fund**

The balance in the Bequest Fund now stands at £436, which includes £3 interest received for the year.

*Mr Ian Shaw, Treasurer*

# GENERAL FUND for year ending 31st December 2018

## RECEIPTS

Balance brought forward	£21,406.61
Freewill Offerings	£66,128.50
Plate Offerings	£5,923.15
Giving to Church Planting and Christian Education	£5,031.30
Donations - General	£950.07
Gift Aid Reclaim	£16,921.29
Rent - Wishaw RPC	£32,400.00
Rent - Stranraer Manse	£5,400.00
Rent - 15 Mavisbank St.	£697.38
Sale of 127 Winning Quadrant	£13,439.20
2017 Sale of 125 Winning Quadrant	£391.27
Money for North Edinburgh	£39,211.06
Refund of manse council tax	£328.52
General Repayments	£17,941.87
Presbytery Repayments	£9,375.51
Presbytery Repay. - Photocopying	£2,655.81
Presbytery Repay. - Postage	£638.16
CTI Repayments	£849.01
Reformation Tours Repayments	£2,164.77
CY Repayments	£67.00
Magazine Sub Repayments	£114.00
Ladies Outing Repayments	£245.00
Petrol Repayments	£69.21
RP Global Alliance Repayment	£273.00
2017 CTI Repayment	£9.44
2017 Presbytery Repayment - Postage	£304.56
2019 Ladies Outing Repayment	£33.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£242,968.69</b>
Admin Petty Cash	£459.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£243,428.24</b>

**PAYMENTS**

Minister's Salary	£22,289.80
Pension Provision	£2,055.35
Mileage	£1,420.20
Minister's DMin Costs	£3,718.63
Manse Council Tax	£1,760.76
Manse Insurance	£893.51
Manse Utilities/Maintenance	£2,100.20
Manse Internet/Telephone	£525.00
Contributions to Pres. - Admin. Sec.	£4,705.08
Church Maintenance & Fabric	£7,004.94
Church Utilities	£3,345.59
Church Insurance	£1,754.93
Church Internet/Telephone	£782.68
Church Car	£2,753.76
Office Supplies	£1,480.38
Paper	£192.01
Photocopying - Airdrie	£162.06
Sermonaudio	£1,169.27
Website	£270.66
Books	£554.91
Magazine Subscriptions	£113.00
Gifts	£2,646.56
Hospitality	£973.02
General Travel Expenses	£465.38
Mileage for Interim Moderator	£261.81
Support for student travel to Airdrie	£100.00
Speaking Engagement Costs	£645.29
Pulpit Supply	£2,192.74
Support for Stated Supply	£8,457.76
Conferences/Camps	£2,618.91
Covenant Kids Club	£224.64
Covenanter Youth	£873.59
Big Events	£387.51
Young People on Mission Teams	£102.13
Support for Christian Schools	£6,000.00
Support for Seminary Training	£2,000.00
Presbytery Quarterly Admin. Costs	£3,800.00
Wishaw RPC Costs	£7,658.10
2017 Wishaw RPC Costs	£240.00
127 Winning Quad Costs	£974.50
15 Mavisbank St. Costs	£364.96
Stranraer Manse Loan	£12,052.71
North Edinburgh RPC Costs	£3,806.71
North Edinburgh Money to Presbytery	£37,072.09
Presbytery Advances	£9,375.51
Presbtery Advances - Photocopying	£2,655.81
Presbytery Advances - Postage	£850.08
General Advances	£18,132.01
CTI Advances	£849.01
Ref Tours Advances	£2,164.77
Magazine Sub Advances	£162.00
CY Advances	£32.00
RP Global Alliance Advance	£280.22
2017 Advance	£300.00
2017 Presbytery Advance	£10.00
Auditor Fee	£792.00
Other	£5.50
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£188,580.04</b>
Bank Balance as of 31st December 2018	£54,388.65
Admin Petty Cash	£459.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£243,428.24</b>

## **COMMUNICANT MEMBERS** as at 31st December 2018

Grant Alexander  
Yvonne Alexander  
Margaret Allan  
Sam Bell  
May Bell  
Beth Bogue  
James Boyd  
Anne Bruce  
Tim Duguid  
Jimmy Fisher  
Helen Fisher  
David Frame  
Margaret Gilchrist  
Jack Hull  
Donnie Johnstone  
Joyce Johnstone  
John McIndoe  
Eddie McPheat  
Morag McPheat  
Cathie Miller  
Charles Muir  
Dorothy Muir  
Pauline Nichol  
Bill Pettigrew  
May Pettigrew  
Billy Redmond  
Betty Reilly  
Karen Reyburn  
Fraser Ridley  
Stacy Ridley  
George Rodger  
Janette Rodger  
Desmond Scott  
Caitriona Scott  
Ian Shaw  
Elizabeth Shaw  
Bob Smith  
Darren Smith  
Gordon Smith  
Christine White