

The Kirk Session met on Tuesday 27th January 2026 at 7.00pm. The Moderator, the Rev Mark Malcolm led the meeting in prayer and read from Matthew 14:22.

Sederunt: Sederunt and apologies as per the Sederunt Book.

The minutes of the 4th November 2025 were approved.

Apologies: Gary MacFarlane, Harry Backhouse, Harry Stewart, Ian Brown.

Correspondence: E-Mail received from Glasgow Presbytery with date of the Inspection of Records. Inspection on Monday, 23rd March 2026 in Giffnock Orchardhill Parish Church, 12 Church Road, Giffnock, Glasgow G46 6JR.

Safeguarding: (1) People whose PVGs have been issued since last meeting: Isabell Fay: Protected Adults (22/12/25), Jess Montague: Protected Adults (5/11/25), Elizabeth Rice: Protected Adults and Children (18/11/25). (2) Nonie Hogg completed PVG Leavers form SG22 (08/01/2026) which allows the church to apply for her name to be removed from the PVG register. (3) People who have completed the Introductory Safeguarding Training since last Kirk Session meeting. (a) Davina Macdonald (13/11/25) (b) Emma Korus (13/11/25) (c) Abi Hunt (02/12/25) (d) Elizabeth Rice (01/12/25). (7) Gary MacFarlane has resigned from the Safeguarding Panel due to other commitments. (November 2025) Mhairi.Moore would like to thank Gary for his part in the Safeguarding Panel for the last 3 years. Fiona Buchanan has agreed to join the Safeguarding panel in an advisory capacity. Also a thank you to Dave McLaren for his help with the Audit arrangements for Safeguarding for the Inspection of Records in March. Session acknowledges the huge amount of work by Mhairi Moore in navigating the way through the Safeguarding regulations.

Church Family: (a) Audrey MacLean and Brenda Bellando (by Transfer of Lines) requested to become members of Chryston Parish Church. Both requests were approved by session.

Insurance – Insurance report presented by Dave McLaren was noted by Session. 6.2 New Insurance brokers are Howden Insurance Ltd. 7.1 D.McLaren is willing to remain as Church Insurance Administrator until 30th September 2027, approved by session. 7.2 Church Insurance Renewal, permission sought to allow finance team to authorise renewal of the policy as the cost exceeds current Finance Team approval limits. This was approved and passed by session.

Health & Safety: Report presented by D.McLaren was noted by session.

Fire Drill: This remains outstanding and should be carried out as soon as possible. Fire Risk assessments. The current assessment will be 3 years old in November 2026. It is recommended a new Risk assessment is considered in January 2027. Working at Height: Brief discussion on this subject. Session were reminded and noted that employees or persons associated with the congregation should not under any circumstances be working at excessive height levels due to insurance and Health and Safety issues. An example being going on to the church roof area.

Finance: Church Treasurer Report Les Moore presented the annual report and accounts. Session formally approved the accounts and for L.Moore and A.McKellan to sign the accounts. Session also considered and approved the Reserves Policy. The accounts would be passed to the Independent Examiner for review, then to Presbytery for attestation and thereafter to OSCR.

Session Treasurer Report: George Tinning report was noted. No questions. Ali Hunt has taken on responsibility of the Mission Abroad Funds.

Presbytery Elder: No one has come forward to take up the position of Presbytery Elder. This means we will have to notify Presbytery of this.

Mission Abroad: Ali Hunt shared a presentation with session on the work of our Mission Abroad partners. Detailing the excellent work carried out by our partners. Session thanked AH for the thorough presentation.

Dates of Next Meetings: session Prayer 7th February 2026.

Date of Next Session Meeting: March 3rd 2026

Moderator

Session Clerk