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The Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale

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Reminders

Representative Elders 2026-2027

The deadline for submitting the details of your Presbytery Elder is 30th June 2026. If you are aware of issues in appointing an Elder, please contact the Presbytery office as soon as possible.

Update from Presbytery

Presbytery met on Saturday 20 June with a good turnout and with visitors from many of the cited congregations. We heard reports from several of our Commissioners who attended the General Assembly as well as information regarding changes to the Presbytery Mission Plan for certain clusters and the approval of committee annual reports.

Congregations were encouraged to adopt the new HMRC mileage rate of 55p per mile for locally employed staff. However, Presbytery Committee mileage rates remain at 25p. It was also highlighted that in relation to travel expenses, the advice to use public transport wherever possible still applies, recognising that the use of a car is unavoidable in many cases.

Presbytery heard an encouraging report from the Guild and learn about the monies raised for charitable causes and also for churches within our Presbytery.

The dates of Presbytery Meetings, Business Committee Meetings and the suggested week for Committee Meetings are as follows:

- **Presbytery Meetings:** 19 Sep '26, 31 Oct '26, 5 Dec '26, 20 Feb '27, 24 Apr '27, 19 Jun '27
 - **Business Committee:** 2 Sep '26, 7 Oct '26*, w/c 9 Nov '26, 27 Jan '27, 31 Mar '27, 26 May '27
 - **Committee Report deadlines:** 28 Aug '26, 2 Oct '26, 6 Nov '26, 22 Jan '27, 26 Mar '27, 21 May '27
- Committee Meetings:** 17-28 Aug '26, 21-28 Sep '26, 26 Oct-6 Nov '26, 11-22 Jan '27, 15-26 Mar '27, 17-21 May '27.

**October Presbytery essential business only, with Black History Month apology and education session*

Legislation Changes to Religious

and Moral Education

The Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Act was passed by the Scottish Parliament on 17 February 2026 and received Royal Assent on 2 April 2026.

The Education and Schools Group have produced a helpful summary of changes to this legislation which you can find attached.

Celebrations

South Wishaw Parish Church are celebrating their 150th Anniversary with an open day on Saturday 4th July and a service on Sunday 5th July – all welcome!

