

## PRECIS OF KIRK SESSION BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2015

- **Sanctuary sound system** – CARTA has approved the fitting of new speakers. These will now be purchased. New microphones are already in use.
- **Afternoon Tea** – The Kirk Session will host a Scottish themed Tea on Saturday, 28 September 2015 from 2- 4pm. Money raised will be used to fund youth representatives attending Church assemblies.
- **Joint Summer Services** – These were again very popular. It is intended to conduct an evaluation of the members' experiences through short questionnaires in the Order of Service and the Newsletter.
- **Autumn Fayre** – The Kirk Session will run the Gift Stall at the Fayre on Saturday, 7 November 2015.
- **Bell Tower** – There are only minor points to be resolved before work can begin on the restoration project.
- **Proposed Twinning Plan with a Church in Malawi** – Margaret and Alan Kimmitt reported on their visit to Chuluchosema by showing photographs and describing the life of the Church there. The Twinning Group continues to explore the project.
- **Parish Grouping Conference** – This had been a very valuable experience with an excellent Speaker on "Fresh Expressions". Questions raised as to how and where we might take church to the community, will be raised at the Steering Group meeting.
- **Harvest Thanksgiving** – It was agreed to hold this on Sunday, 4 October and donate gifts to the Foodbank.
- **Stewardship** - Our Stewardship Season in September will focus on reviewing our weekly offering – that may mean a decrease or an increase - the use of Gift Aid and Standing Orders.
- **Doors Open Day** – St Columba's will participate for the first time in this scheme on Sunday, 13 September 2015.
- **St Ninian's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – We were pleased to receive an invitation for two representatives to attend the Anniversary Service on Sunday, 13 September when the guest preacher will be the Moderator, the Right Reverend Dr Angus Morrison.