

Notes from Kirkhill Deacons' Court and Kirk Session

A **Joint Kirk Session** meeting for both Kiltarlity and Wardlaw churches was held at Kiltarlity Church on **27 May 2010**. Rev. Reg Campbell opened the meeting by remarking that the last such meeting was held on 24 October 2007 !

Rev. Reg Campbell confirmed that Rev. Alistair Murray had indicated his willingness to meet with both Kirk Sessions with regard to recent Courier coverage and the Presbytery Plan, at a date to be arranged by Reg.

The certificates approving the annual accounts for both churches have been issued.

Rev. Reg Campbell is to investigate the format of a standard letter for church members to sign, appealing to Mr. Danny Alexander / Mr. Charles Kennedy to campaign for the reinstatement of VAT relief on refurbishment of listed buildings, including churches. (*Please see page 13*)

The **Kirkhill Deacons' Court** met on **15 June 2010** at Wardlaw Church.

The Manse Committee were authorised to chase for an outstanding written quote for work to replace all the Manse windows and doors, and to retain the services of the most reliable and economical company, with a view to starting work as soon as possible.

Authorisation was given to purchase a new lapel microphone for use in Wardlaw Church, as the existing lapel microphone (which was part of the previous sound system) has proved unreliable.

It was reported that the recordings of church services made by the new sound system had been well received by all recipients, and that several were wishing to pay for this service. It was agreed that in future, a donation will be welcomed from those receiving such recordings, but that this would **not** apply to anyone who is unable to attend church due to illness or holiday.

A further short **Joint Kirk Session** meeting was held on **15 June 2010**.

Rev. Reg Campbell advised of the procedures to be adopted when Rev. Dr. Kobus Smit, the Sole Nominee, preaches at both churches on Sunday, 4 July 2010. Immediately after each service, electoral members and adherents will be requested to vote either in favour or against electing Rev. Dr. Kobus Smit as our new minister, by means of a secret ballot. It should be noted that only members and adherents appearing on the electoral register already filed with Presbytery in February 2010 will be entitled to vote; it is regretted that any members admitted since that date will not be able to vote.

It is noted that the Inverness Presbytery Fabric Convenor needs to inspect the Manse to agree that it is in good enough condition to receive any new minister and his / her family.

A separate **Kirkhill Kirk Session** held immediately after the above meeting saw the appointment of Rosemary Mortimer as Presbytery Elder for Kirkhill for the coming year. Sincere thanks were given to Maris Elkin and John Angus MacDonald for their work as Presbytery Elders for, at least, the last eight years !