

BASIS OF UNION

The congregations of Arbroath and District Church of Scotland (SC0006482) and Arbirlot Parish Church of Scotland (SC017413) shall be united from a date to be determined by Presbytery, and that on the following terms and conditions:

1. **Name:** The name of the united charge shall be **Arbroath and District Church of Scotland** and charity number SC 006482 will be retained.
2. **Transference of Property and Funds:** The property and funds belonging to or held on behalf of each congregation shall belong to or be held on behalf of the united charge and any transference necessary shall be duly effected.
3. **Places of Worship:** The united congregation shall have six places of worship and a mission centre. The places of worship shall be those formerly used as the congregational buildings of Arbroath: St Andrew's, Arbroath: West Kirk, Arbroath: St Vigeans, Carmyllie and Inverkeilor and Lunan with a new venue to be sought for Friockheim and Kinnell upon resolution of its congregational buildings. The hall suite currently used and occupied by Arbroath: Old and Abbey shall be the Mission Centre of the united charge.

Services shall be conducted in Arbroath: St Andrew's, Arbroath: West Kirk, Arbroath: St Vigeans, Carmyllie, Friockheim and Kinnell and Inverkeilor and Lunan each Sunday at times to be decided by the Ministers and Kirk Session, subject to the approval of Presbytery.

4. **Other Buildings and Land:** The church and hall at present used by the congregation of Arbirlot shall be sold subject to the titles on which they are held, along with Glebe, subject to the approval of the Presbytery and, if necessary, the General Trustees or the General Assembly.
5. **Territorial Responsibility:** The bounds to be served by the united charge shall be designated as the bounds of the parishes of Arbroath and District Church of Scotland and Arbirlot Church of Scotland, or as the Presbytery shall determine.
6. **Kirk Session:** The elders of both Kirk Sessions shall form with the ministers in the Team Ministry the Kirk Session of the united charge. One minister shall be deemed to be the Moderator of the Kirk Session. At its first meeting, the Kirk Session shall consider the numerical size and composition of the united Kirk Session and also whether use might be made of fixed term appointments.
7. **Congregational Management:** The temporal affairs of the united congregation shall be administered by the Kirk Session in terms of the Unitary Constitution, the Delegation of Assembly being authorised to issue the appropriate Deed of Constitution to the said congregation.
8. **Ministers:** The ministry in Arbroath & District Church of Scotland shall be supplied by a Team Ministry with the roles, responsibilities and other relevant provisions applying to the Team Ministry being as set out in the accompanying Basis of Team Ministry.
The Rev Peter Phillips and the Rev Christine Hay, currently team ministers of Arbroath and District Church of Scotland, together with a third minister to be called (subject to the terms of the Vacancy Procedure Act VIII 2003) following the demission of the minister of the former charge of Arbroath: St Andrew's under a Basis of Reviewable Charge. All subsequent vacancies within the Team Ministry will also be under a basis of Reviewable Charge.

9. **Additional Posts:** The approved 2022 Angus Presbytery Mission Plan appoints a Children and Families Worker to the parish to be 0.5 funded nationally and 0.5 locally.
10. **Manse:** The manses of the congregations of Arbroath: St Andrew's, Arbroath: West Kirk and Colliston, Friockheim and Kinnell and Inverkeilor and Lunan shall be the manses of the united charge.

The manses of the congregations of Arbroath: Old & Abbey, Arbroath: St Vigeans and Arbirlot, shall be sold, let or otherwise disposed of, subject to the titles on which they are held, and subject to the approval of the Presbytery and, if necessary, of the General Trustees or the General Assembly. The free proceeds of any such sales or lets shall: (a) if falling within the scope of Act VII 1995, be credited to the benefit of the congregation in the Consolidated Fabric Fund; or (b) if not falling within the scope of the said Act, be held and applied for fabric purposes in connection with the properties of the congregation.

11. **Ministerial Support:** All ministerial stipends of the charge shall be paid in accordance with the terms of the National Stipend Scheme.
12. **Power to Readjust:** While the articles and terms shall form the Basis of Union for the eight congregations now uniting, the united charge shall be free, like other congregations, to adjust arrangements under the authority of Presbytery as need may arise.