

## VACANCY UPDATE

As I write we are well into the summer season and those who have been fortunate enough to have managed a break may well have encountered many 'No Vacancy' signs before finding a place to stay. Here at Cumbernauld Old we too have put up the 'No Vacancy' sign, and are delighted to do so, as we celebrate the arrival of our new Minister, the Reverend Elspeth McKay. A huge welcome to Elspeth, husband David and son William. After what has seemed like an eternity it is a pleasure, on behalf of the entire congregation, to finally be able to welcome you to Cumbernauld Old.

When I last wrote we were all looking forward to Elspeth's arrival. Although it would be several months before she would be in post, preparations were well underway. Lots of people were excitedly planning for Elspeth and her family's arrival. Grace, our Interim Moderator, was liaising with Falkirk Presbytery on the requirements for Elspeth's Induction Service. The Nominating Committee was planning the post-Induction reception and the Property Committee was getting the Manse ready for occupancy. Much time and effort went into all of this, and thanks to everyone who played a part in these preparations.

It has taken some time to get to where we are and everyone in the congregation is delighted that Elspeth, David and William are at last with us. Many in the congregation and wider community joined Elspeth, her family and friends, Presbytery and invited guests for her Induction Service in the Church on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August and the reception in the Community Hall afterwards. Then on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August Elspeth was preached in at a joint service in the Church by a friend and colleague, the Reverend Ian Dick. Exciting times for Elspeth, her family, and everyone here at Cumbernauld Old and we are all very much looking forward to working together as we write the next chapter in the history of Cumbernauld Old Parish Church.

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Session Clerk