

General Comments with Plan wide application.

Buildings

As a matter of clarification, the date of disposal of category 'B' buildings should be within 5 years of the approval of the Presbytery Mission Plan 31st December 2027, it is anticipated that clearer timescales will be available by 31st December, 2025 allowing for reviews of buildings to be completed and final Presbytery decisions being made. This issue may also be impacted by that of Tenure in some circumstances. (p35)

Adjustment

It is anticipated that a number of congregations who have already held extensive and progressive conversation with partners and who have outline agreement already in place, will move to formal adjustment, be that linkage or union, very quickly after the formal approval and concurrence with this plan. All other congregations are encouraged to engage constructively to facilitate adjustment as soon as possible and it is anticipated and expected that adjustments will be concluded by 31st December 2025, subject to necessary vacancies arising. (p22)

Presbytery Chaplain - Current 0.2 FTE post to be removed from plan.

Current Chaplain post to continue under transitional funding 'till mid-2025 to allow the new Presbytery of Perth the opportunity to consider the wider issues of Chaplaincy within its bounds.

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Area	Congregation name	Planned Adjustment	FTE Alloc.	Current buildings	Building Status	Notes
Carse/Callander						Current FTE 5.33 going to 3
All congregations in the area to form an area grouping. All congregations instructed to continually review the use of buildings.						
	Callander	To unite with Aberfoyle, Balquhiddier and linked initially with Killin and Ardeonaig.	1	Callander Kirk	A	Adjustment expected to be completed by 31/12/25 and classified 'B' buildings released by 31/12/27
				Callander Kirk Halls	A	
				Trossachs Church	B	
	Aberfoyle I/w Port of Menteith	Link with Port of Menteith to be severed, and a union with Callander		Aberfoyle Parish Church	B	
				Aberfoyle Parish Church Hall	B	Aberfoyle to explore closer working links with the local Scottish Episcopal Church and develop a shared ministry in the area and shared buildings options.
	Balquhiddier I/w Killin & Ardeonaig	Union with Callander		Balquhiddier Kirk	A	
	Killin & Ardeonaig I/w Balquhiddier	Link with Balquhiddier to be severed. Initial Linkage with Callander while under review and Balquhiddier's link with Killin and Ardeonaig to be severed.		Killin & Ardeonaig Parish Church	A	
	Buchlyvie I/w Gartmore	Union with Gartmore	0.5	Buchlyvie Parish Church	A	A 0.5 MDS post to work across Buchlyvie, Gartmore, Gargunnoch, Kippen, Norrieston and Port of Menteith. The above group to move to a Team ministry within 3 years with an FTE of 2 from the current plan of 1 + 0.5 + 0.5 MDS
	Gartmore I/w Buchlyvie	Union with Buchlyvie		Gartmore Parish Church	A	
						Adjustment expected to be completed by 31/12/25
	Gargunnoch I/w Kincardine-in-Menteith and Kilmadock	The link with Kilmadock and Kincardine-in-Menteith to be severed and a new link with Kippen and Norrieston and Port of Menteith to be created.	1 + 0.5 MDS	Gargunnoch Parish Church	A	Adjustment expected to be completed by 31/12/25
				Gargunnoch Ross Anderson Rooms	A	
	Kippen I/w Norrieston	Planned adjustment to link also with Gargunnoch and with Port of Menteith		Kippen	A	
	Norrieston I/w Kippen	Planned adjustment to link also with Gargunnoch and with Port of Menteith		Norrieston Parish Church	A	
	Port of Menteith I/w Aberfoyle	The link with Aberfoyle to be severed and a new link with Kippen and Norrieston and Gargunnoch formed		Norrieston Church Hall Port of Menteith Church	A A	

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Strathendrick

Current 4 FTE going to 2 + OLM (across group)

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Killearn	To be linked with Strathblane	1	Killearn Kirk and Hall	A	Adjustment expected to be completed by 31/12/25
Strathblane	To be linked with Killearn		Strathblane Parish Church Strathblane Kirk Rooms	A A	
Balfron I/w Fintry	Linkage with Fintry to move to union prior to linkage with Drymen/Buchanan	1	Balfron Church and Hall	A	Adjustment expected to be completed by 31/12/25 and classified 'B' buildings released by 31/12/27
Buchanan I/w Drymen	Linkage with Drymen to move to union prior to linkage with Balfron/Fintry		Buchanan Parish Church	B	
Drymen I/w Buchanan	Linkage with Buchanan to move to union prior to linkage with Balfron/Fintry		Drymen Church	A	
Fintry I/w Balfron	Linkage with Balfron to move to union prior to linkage with Drymen/Buchanan		Fintry Kirk	B	

Hillfoots

Current 3 FTE going to 2

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Alva	In deferred linkage with Menstrie	1	Alva Parish Church	A	Alva and Menstrie already in deferred linkage, when adjustment is possible this will be progressed, with a future intention to Union
Menstrie	In deferred linkage with Alva		Menstrie Parish Church	A	
Tillicoultry	To form a linkage with Muckhart and Dollar	1	Tillicoultry Parish Church Tillicoultry Parish Church Hall	A A	Adjustment expected to be completed by 31/12/25
Muckhart I/w Dollar I/w Glendevon	To form a linkage with Dollar and Tillicoultry. Glendevon to be dissolved		Muckhart Parish Church	A	
Dollar I/w Muckhart I/w Glendevon	To form a linkage with Muckhart and Tillicoultry. Glendevon to be dissolved		Dollar Parish Church	A	
Glendevon I/w Dollar I/w Muckhart	Linkage with Muckhart to be severed and Glendevon to be dissolved		Dollar East Burnside Hall Glendevon Church	A B	

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Greater Stirling		Current 13 FTE going to 8.5			
All charges and congregations in this area shall initially be part of one of four formal 'Parish Groupings', as provided for in the Presbytery Mission Plan Act 2021. These would comprise firstly Bannockburn Allan, Bannockburn Ladywell, Cowie and Plean, and Fallin; secondly Bridge of Allan and Logie; thirdly Cambusbarron and Stirling North; and fourthly St Mark's, Holy Rude, Viewfield Erskine, Park, St. Ninian's Old. All congregations instructed to continually review the use of buildings.					
Bannockburn Allan I/w Cowie and Plean	Linkage with Cowie and Plean to be severed and a linkage formed with Ladywell	1	Bannockburn Allan Parish Church	A	Adjustment expected to be completed by 31/12/25
Bannockburn Ladywell	Linkage to be formed with Allan		Bannockburn Ladywell	A	
Viewfield Erskine I/w Church of the Holy Rude	To move from linkage to Union with Church of the Holy Rude. New union and St Ninians Old and Park Church to form a team ministry	2	Stirling - Viewfield Erskine Church	B	Adjustment expected to be completed by 31/12/25 and classified 'B' buildings released by 31/12/27
			Stirling - Viewfield Erskine Hall	B	
Church of the Holy Rude I/w Viewfield Erskine	To move from linkage to union with Viewfield Erskine. New union to form a team ministry with St Ninians Old and Park Church		Stirling Church of the Holy Rude	A	
St Ninians Old	To form a team ministry with Viewfield/Holy Rude and Park Church		Stirling St Ninians Old Parish Church	A	
			Stirling St Ninians Old Parish Hall	A	
Park Church	To form a team ministry with Viewfield/Holy Rude and St Ninians Old		Stirling Park Church	A	
			Stirling Park Church Hall	A	
Bridge of Allan	To be linked with Logie	1 + OLM	Bridge of Allan Parish Church	A	OLM to support chaplaincy in the University
Logie	To be linked with Bridge of Allan		Logie Kirk	B	The congregation is given 2 years to bring forward detailed feasibility study for the church.
			Logie Kirk Community Hall	A	Adjustment expected to be completed by 31/12/25 and classified 'B' buildings released by 31/12/27
St Mark's	Recognised Priority Area	1 + MDS	Stirling St Mark's Parish Church	A	MDS to provide support other areas seeking to develop ministry with disadvantaged communities.
			Stirling St Mark's Hall	A	Church complex being currently reviewed.
North Church	To enter linkage with Cambusbarron	1.5	Stirling North Parish Church	A	Adjustment expected to be completed by 31/12/25
			Stirling North Parish Church Halls	A	
Cambusbarron	To enter Linkage with North Church		The Bruce Memorial Cambusbarron Parish Church	A	
			Cambusbarron Church Hall	A	
Plean and Cowie I/w Bannockburn Allan Fallin	Linkage with Allan to be severed and a new linkage formed with Fallin	1	Plean Church	A	Adjustment expected to be completed by 31/12/25 and classified 'B' buildings released by 31/12/27
	A Linkage to be formed with Cowie and Plean		Fallin Parish Church	B	The congregation is given 2 years to bring forward detailed feasibility study for the church.
			Fallin Parish Church Hall	A	

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Dunblane				Current 3.67 FTE going to 2 + OLM	N.B. The
All congregations in the area to form an area grouping. All congregations instructed to continually review the use of buildings.					
Cathedral building is owned and maintained by Historic Environment Scotland and as such no determination on the building needs be made by Presbytery.					
St Blane's I/w Lecropt		1	Dunblane St Blane's Church	A	
			Dunblane St Blane's Church Hall	A	
Lecropt I/w St Blane's			Lecropt Kirk	B	The congregation is give 2 years to bring forward detailed feasibility study for the church and classified 'B' buildings released by 31/12/27
			Lecropt Kirk Hall	A	
Kilmadock I/w Kincardine-in-Menteith I/w Gargunock	Linkage with Gargunock to be severed and to enter a linkage with the Cathedral or become a mission congregation supported by the Cathedral	1 + OLM	Kilmadock Parish Church	A	Adjustment expected to be completed by 31/12/25 and classified 'B' buildings released by 31/12/27
Kincardine-in-Menteith I/w Kilmadock Iw Gargunock	To enter a linkage with the Cathedral or become a mission congregation supported by the Cathedral		Kincardine-in-Menteith Parish Church	B	
Dunblane Cathedral	To link with Kilmadock and Kincardine-in-Menteith or sustain the aforementioned as missional congregations.		Dunblane Cathedral Hall	A	
Greater Alloa				Current 6 FTE going to 4	
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Ludgate	To be united with St Mungo's	1	Alloa: Ludgate Church	B	The congregations of Ludgate and St Mungo's have been given time to undertake local conversations about the church that will become the place of worship post union. If no agreement is reached, the AMBA scores will be used to guide the Presbytery in its decision.
			The Gate, Alloa	n/a	The need for The Gate will be reviewed at the renewal of the current lease.
St Mungo's	To be united with Ludgate	1 MDS	Alloa St Mungo's	B	See comment above at Ludgate re buildings
					The union of Ludgate and St Mungo's provides an opportunity to appoint an MDS post to work across Greater Alloa with a priority to the poor.. Adjustment expected to be completed by 31/12/25 and classified 'B' buildings released by 31/12/27
Tullibody St Serf's		1	Tullibody St Serf's Parish Church	A	
			Tullibody St Serf's Church Hall	A	
Clackmannan	To be linked with Sauchie & Coalsnaughton	1	Clackmannan Parish Church	B	Clackmannan have been given two year to develop a plan for the use of buildings with a view to either focus into the hall or the church. This will be monitored during the review process.
			Clackmannan Church Hall	B	Adjustment expected to be completed by 31/12/25 and classified 'B' buildings released by 31/12/27
			Clackmannan Bruce Memorial Hall	B	
Sauchie & Coalsnaughton	To be linked with Clackmannan		Sauchie & Coalsnaughton Parish Church	A	
			Sauchie & Coalsnaughton Parish Church Hall	A	
Plan total				Current 35 FTE going to 21.5	