

PRESBYTERY OF ORKNEY

Equipping and Encouraging for Christ

BASIS OF REVIEWABLE CHARGE



Stronsay Church of Scotland (SC006572)

By decision of the Presbytery of Orkney permission is granted to the congregation of Stronsay Moncur Memorial Parish Church of Scotland (SC006572) to call a minister on a Basis of Reviewable Charge in terms of Act VII 2003, section 12 (2) (a), and that on the following conditions:

1. The Presbytery shall review the appointment five years from the date of induction of the minister or at the point at which the next Presbytery Plan is adopted. The Presbytery intend to do further planning and the flexibility of a reviewable charge will assist any process of future adjustment.
2. At the review the Presbytery shall consider with the Kirk Session and the inducted minister:
 - a) whether the life of the congregation justifies a continuation of 50% of the minister's time in the light of other demands in the Presbytery and recognising that the percentage can be revised upwards or downwards;
 - b) realistic options for future ministry in the parish as envisaged in the Presbytery plan.
3. Following such review, the Presbytery shall take a further decision on the future arrangements for ministry to the congregation and parish of Stronsay to enable the Presbytery plan as amended to be implemented.

Background:

1. The charge became vacant on the demission of Rev Jennifer Graham.
2. The charge was sisted along with all other vacancies in Orkney Presbytery to allow preparation of a new presbytery plan that will reflect the anticipated reduction in the number of Ministers of Word and Sacrament.
3. At the presbytery meeting on 4th March 2020 the vacancy was unsisted on the basis that it should be a 50% charge and that it should become a reviewable charge in order that this basis is kept under review in the light of the changing needs of the Presbytery. This is subject to concurrence from Presbytery Planning Task Group.