

## **Union between St Columba's and Hillhead Churches**

At the meeting of Glasgow Presbytery on 10 May 22, the proposed Union between St Columba's Church and Hillhead Church was approved. We expect a Service of Union to be held soon and will make the details of this known as soon as we are able. This follows the unanimous recommendation of union from the Kirk Sessions of both churches and thereafter the overwhelming majority vote in favour of union from both congregations.

One of the reasons for this union is the wider exercise that is taking place across Glasgow Presbytery, and indeed across the denomination, to reduce the number of charges and associated ministry posts so that they more closely match the number of available ministers. To that end, every church in Glasgow Presbytery has been asked to team up with one or more other churches to form a small group of two or more churches, so that ministry staff might be allocated to these small groups of churches in the upcoming Presbytery Mission Plan. The Kirk Sessions at St Columba's and at Hillhead, mindful of the now upcoming union between the two churches, have asked Glasgow Presbytery to consider St Columba's and Hillhead churches as one such group.

We continue to pray for God to lead us and guide us in these days of change as we 'fix our eyes on Jesus' (Hebrews 12:2).