

## BASIS OF UNION

The congregations of Barry Parish Church of Scotland (SC002545), Carnoustie Church of Scotland (SC015146) and Carnoustie Panbride Church of Scotland (SC004594) shall be united from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2024, and that on the following terms and conditions:

1. **Name:** The name of the united charge shall be **Carnoustie: Trinity Church of Scotland** and charity number SC015146 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 charge shall have three places of worship in the first instance. The places of worship shall be the former congregational buildings of Barry Church, Carnoustie Church and Newton Church. Services shall be conducted in the remaining Church buildings 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 Barry is categorised B pending exploration of its long-term future for mission purposes as part of a future relationship with the Monifieth Churches cluster, and subject to the agreement of the General Trustees; this determination to be made prior to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. The church building at Panbride village and the Philip Hall shall be sold, let or otherwise disposed of subject to the titles on which they are held, subject to the approval of the Presbytery and, if necessary, the General Trustees or the General Assembly. The free proceeds of any such sale or let 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.
5. **Territorial Responsibility:** The bounds to be served by the united charge shall be designated as the bounds of the parishes of Barry, Carnoustie and Carnoustie Panbride, or as the Presbytery shall determine.
6. **Kirk Session:** Elders from all three Kirk Sessions with the two ministers in the team ministry will make up the Kirk Session of the united congregation. 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 shall be served by a team of two ministers of Word and Sacrament. Although a single parish, it shall be considered as two unrestricted charges, to become reviewable charges as each becomes vacant in the future.  
  
The tasks which shall fall to each minister within the Team Ministry shall be determined by the territorial responsibility along with the content of the Mission Narrative contained within the Presbytery Mission Plan, Parish Profile, and Local Church Review.  
  
The Rev Michael Goss, currently minister at Barry I/w Carnoustie, and the Rev Annette Gordon, currently minister at Carnoustie Panbride shall comprise the team ministry of the united charge in terms of Section 8.2 of Act 8, 2021, as amended.
9. **Manse:** The manses of Carnoustie and Carnoustie Panbride shall be the manses of the united charge.
10. **Ministerial Support:** The stipend of the Ministers of the charge shall be paid in accordance with the terms of the National Stipend Scheme.
11. **Power to Readjust:** While the articles and terms shall form the Basis of Union for the three congregations now uniting, the united charge shall be free, like other congregations, to adjust arrangements under the authority of Presbytery as need may arise.