

## **PASTORAL CARE TEAM REMIT**

**Purpose:** To reflect God's care and compassion in the care and support of our membership and community.

Jesus cared about all people but especially those in need of healing or help, those who were lonely or felt ostracised and he said that God blesses those who mourn. He has commanded us to serve God by showing we care when he said, *"I am giving you a new commandment: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should love one another. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."* John 14:34-35

### **Structure**

The Pastoral Care Team is convened by the Minister. Volunteers and Elders who have offered to visit are distributed into three pastoral teams, with a team leader. Each person on a team is allocated people to visit around three times a year and to keep in touch at other times where appropriate as to their needs. We aim is to create an open and caring ethos where the pastoral carers on each team can support one another.

### **Needs based Strategy**

The Congregation must be asked to inform the Kirk Office of people in need of pastoral support as this does not always get relayed and in the age of Data Protection Hospitals no longer share information about church members who are in hospital.

### **The Pastoral Team Visitors Role**

- To share important pastoral concerns with the minister and Session Clerk
- To notify the Kirk Office of anyone who would benefit from Kirk flowers
- Meeting up as a larger group to support one another and share confidential concerns
- To attend meetings for occasional training and discussion
- To identify other people who may feel called to the pastoral ministry of Currie whether to support people through bereavement, to visit hospitals and care homes or to support people dealing with Dementia
- To pray for the people they visit and for others on the Prayer Covenant

### **Other Areas of Pastoral Oversight**

- Baptism Welcomer: and a Baptism follow-up visitor (2 people)
- Assisting with Home Communion arrangements (2 people)
- Oversight of CD Ministry (1 person)
- Oversight of Prayer Covenant (1 person)