

Many of you will already be aware of the major changes planned for the national Church of Scotland, and will realise the implications this may have for us here at Drumoak-Durris Church.

To summarise: -

- All current Presbytery Plans have been suspended, and the General Assembly has instructed all Presbyteries to begin work on a new Presbytery Mission Plan for approval by the General Trustees no later than 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.
- Presbytery of Kincardine & Deeside will join with others to form a new larger Presbytery of the North East and Northern Isles.
- Presbytery of Kincardine & Deeside will have to reduce the number of Full Time Ministers from the current 16.8 to 10.5.
- The General Trustees have instructed that only essential or urgent repair work on church buildings can take place.
- The General Trustees have stopped all work on the Drumoak Church Refurbishment Project for the time being.
- The General Assembly has ruled there can be no new calls for vacancies within parishes.
- The General Trustees have indicated Congregations will need to work towards Linkages and Unions of neighbouring churches.
- The General Trustees have forecast the closure and sale of many of church buildings.

## **DRUMOAK-DURRIS CHURCH WILL BE AFFECTED BY THESE ACTIONS**

Further information is available on the Church of Scotland website - [The Church of Scotland](https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/)

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### **General Assembly 2021: Special Supplement**

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