

## **EPACTS AGM**

East Perthshire Action of Churches Together in Scotland (EPACTS) held their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 20 April when the activities over the last year were outlined by the Convenor, Rev Harry Mowbray. These included a week's exhibition in May 2016 supporting the national 'Trypraying' initiative, the successful ceilidh programme held last summer for the benefit of berry pickers from overseas, a proposed calendar for 2018 based on a series of Bible verses illustrated by contributed photographs of East Perthshire.

The Songs of Praise event previously held in the Wellmeadow was moved to St Catharine's Centre, George Street, Blairgowrie because of the weather. An enthusiastic turnout suggested that an indoor venue be used every year.

The office bearers were re-elected: Rev Harry Mowbray as Convenor, Alastair Macdonald as Treasurer and John Wilson as Secretary and Vice-Convenor.

## **EPACTS Committee Meeting**

The Committee are looking forward to hearing a talk by Katie Allstaff of Christians against Poverty (CAP) at the next meeting arranged for 1 June 2017. CAP have a remarkable track record in counselling people with financial problems and working with them to budget and resolve debts. CAP are planning to extend their activities to Blairgowrie area and will describe their plans at the June meeting. Committee meetings are of interest to the local churches and members are invited to attend.

The retreat held annually is from 1-4 May 2017 and is located in Millport on the Island of Cumbrae.

A charity shop will be open in Coupar Angus from 14 to 20 May 2017 on behalf of Christian Aid.

The annual Songs of Praise event referred to above is arranged for 6 August 2017 at 3pm in St Catharine's Centre and is open to all.

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