

# Ranfurly United Free Church

## Session Minute Book (covers period from 29<sup>th</sup> January 1915 to 7<sup>th</sup> June 1942)

Transcript of all entries during course of remaining period of WW1 with a selection thereafter relating to memorials.

Ranfurly United Free Church 29 <sup>th</sup> January 1915	At which place and date the Session met, at close of Pre-Communion Service, and was duly constituted – Sederunt, the Rev Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Taylor, Houston, Aitken, Halliday, Gibson & Reid, Ruling Elders.
	The Minute of last meeting was read & approved.
	The Moderator intimated that certificates had been received from J. Reid Binnie and Mrs J. Reid Binnie, Newstead.
	It was arranged that in future the Communion Services would be held on the second Sabbath of February, June and October respectively.
Communion 31 <sup>st</sup> January 1915	Present with the Moderator, Messrs Taylor, Houston, Aitken, Halliday, Gibson, Duff & Reid.
	129 Members & friends sat down at the Lord's Table. Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 8 <sup>th</sup> February 1915	At which place and date the Session met and was constituted with prayer. Sederunt: - the Rev Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Taylor, Houston, Duff, Gibson, Halliday & Reid, Ruling Elders.
	The Minute of last meeting was read & approved.
	Reports from the Session, Missionary Society, Women's Work-Party, Sabbath School, Bible Class and Musical Committee were submitted and approved.
	The Retiring Collections for the ensuing year were arranged.
	Messrs Taylor and Houston were re-appointed members of the Musical Committee.
	Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 9 <sup>th</sup> February 1915	<p>The Annual Business Meeting of the Congregation was held this evening, the following members of Session were present: -</p> <p>The Rev. Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Taylor, Houston, Duff, Gibson &amp; Reid.</p> <p>The Moderator presided &amp; opened the meeting with prayer.</p>
	Reports from the Session, Missionary Society, Women's Work-Party, Sabbath School, Bible Class and Musical Committee were read and adopted.
	The Missionary Society and Musical Committee were re-appointed as formerly.
	It was arranged that in future the Annual Meeting of the Congregation be held in January or early in February.
	<p>The Ecclesiastical business being concluded the Moderator left the chair which was taken by the Preses. of the Congregation and the meeting proceeded to take up the secular business remaining to be considered.</p> <p>Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)</p>

Ranfurly United Free Church 16 <sup>th</sup> February 1915	The Session met to receive the Delegates appointed by the Visitation Committee of the Presbytery.
	Sederunt: - Rev. Adam Wilson, Messrs Fleming, Taylor, Houston, Aitken, Duff, Gibson & Halliday.
	The meeting being opened with prayer the Delegates interviewed the Session & afterwards addressed the Congregation.
	Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 14 <sup>th</sup> March, 1915	At which place and date the Session met and was constituted: - Sederunt: - the Rev Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Taylor, Houston, Aitken, Duff, Gibson, Halliday & Reid, Ruling Elders.
	Mr Thomas Gibson was appointed to represent the Session at the General Assembly.
	The Moderator intimated that the United Intercessory Services would terminate at the end of the month.
	Closed with the Benediction. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 11 <sup>th</sup> April, 1915	At which place and date the Session met and was constituted: - Sederunt: - the Rev Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Taylor, Houston, Aitken, Duff, Gibson, Halliday & Reid, Ruling Elders.
	As Mr Barrett had tendered his resignation as Organist it was arranged in view of the appointment of a successor, that a Committee be formed consisting of the Session, Managers and Members of the Musical Committee and that Messrs Telfer & Kent be asked to join the Committee.
	Closed with the Benediction. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 11 <sup>th</sup> June, 1915	At which place and date the Session met, at close of Pre-Communion Service, and was duly constituted – Sederunt, the Rev Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Gibson, Houston, Aitken & Reid, Ruling Elders.
	The Minutes of last five meetings were read & approved.
	Lily Houston, St. Ronans and Agnes Warnock Haddow, Strowan, were admitted to membership on profession of Faith.
	Mr Fleming was appointed Presbytery and Synod Elder for the current year.
	A letter was read from Mr A.M. Campbell, accepting the position of Organist & Choirmaster on the understanding that he would reside in Bridge of Weir when he had found suitable accommodation and also subject to the following conditions: - (1) The Agreement to terminate on either side by giving one month's notice. (2) The Salary to be at the rate of Forty-Five Pounds (£45) per annum, payable monthly. (3) The Organist to take charge of the Praise at all Church services authorised by the Session and conduct the choir Practice (Senior and Junior). (4) The Organ to be under the charge of the Organist, subject to the regulations of the Organ Committee. (5) The Organist to be allowed four weeks' holidays in the year, during which he is to provide a substitute to the satisfaction of the Musical Committee. A sum of two guineas being granted towards defraying the expenses of the substitute.
Communion 13 <sup>th</sup> June 1915	Present with the Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Houston, Aitken, Halliday, Duff, Gibson & Reid.
	James C Thomson was admitted to membership on profession of Faith.
	130 Members & friends sat down at the Lord's Table. Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 1915	At which place and date the Session met and was constituted: -  Sederunt: - the Rev Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Taylor, Houston, Aitken, Kerr Duff, Gibson & Reid, Ruling Elders.
	It was agreed that the Retiring Collection on the second Sabbath of October be allotted to the Women's Work-Party and that the Retiring Collection on behalf of the Infirmaries be taken in December.
	Closed with the Benediction. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)



Ranfurly United Free Church 8 <sup>th</sup> October. 1915	At which place and date the Session met, at close of Pre-Communion Service, and was duly constituted – Sederunt, the Rev Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Taylor, Houston, Aitken, Kerr Duff, Gibson & Reid, Ruling Elders.
	The Minutes of last two meetings were read & approved.
	The Moderator intimated having received a Certificate from A.M. Campbell.
Communion 10 <sup>th</sup> October, 1915	Present with the Moderator, Messrs Taylor, Houston, Aitken, Kerr Duff, Gibson & Reid.
	Thomas A.C. Land, The Throsk, was admitted to membership on profession of Faith.
	164 Members & friends sat down at the Lord's Table. Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 19 <sup>th</sup> December, 1915	At which place and date the Session met at close of Fore-noon Service, and was constituted – Sederunt, the Rev Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Houston, Aitken, Duff, Gibson, Halliday & Reid, Ruling Elders.
	The Clerk was instructed to convey to Mr Alexander T. Taylor the sympathy of the Session on the death of his uncle, Mr George Taylor, to which the Moderator made reference at the close of the sermon.
	Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 31 <sup>st</sup> January, 1916	At which place and date the Session met and was constituted with prayer. Sederunt: - the Rev Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Houston, Gibson & Reid, Ruling Elders.
	The Minutes of last two meetings were read & approved.
	Reports from the Session, Missionary Society, Women's Work-Party, Sabbath School, Bible Class and Musical Committee were submitted and approved.
	The Retiring Collections for the ensuing year were arranged.
	Messrs Kerr Duff & Houston were appointed members of the Musical Committee.
	The Moderator and Clerk were authorised to sign the Statistical Return of the Congregation.
	Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 1 <sup>st</sup> February 1916	<p>The Annual Business Meeting of the Congregation was held this evening, the following members of Session were present: -</p> <p>The Rev. Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Houston, Kerr Duff, Gibson &amp; Reid.</p> <p>The Moderator presided &amp; opened the meeting with prayer.</p>
	Reports from the Session, Missionary Society, Women's Work-Party, Sabbath School, Bible Class and Musical Committee were read and adopted.
	The Missionary Society and Musical Committee were re-appointed as formerly.
	<p>The Ecclesiastical business being concluded the Moderator left the chair which was taken by the Preses. of the Congregation and the meeting proceeded to take up the secular business remaining to be considered.</p> <p>Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed)</p> <p>Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)</p>

Ranfurly United Free Church 11 <sup>th</sup> February, 1916	At which place and date the Session met, at close of Pre-Communion Service, and was duly constituted – Sederunt, the Rev Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Houston, Aitken, Duff, Gibson, Halliday & Reid, Ruling Elders.
	The Minutes of last two meetings were read & approved.
	Annie G. Caldwell and Madge M. Masson were admitted to membership on profession of Faith.
	The Moderator intimated having received Certificates from the following: - Margaret Hunter, Alameda Jenny Rattray, -do- Mrs Steel, The Quinta Alex. Leckie Cameron, Cintra Robert Haddow Strowan R.T. Caldwell Hazelbank Nelly Masson Benvue Wm Pringle Kirkinner Place Mrs -do- -do- Mrs Campbell 3 St George's Terrace Mrs A.M. Campbell 3 St George's Terrace Mrs Clink The Laurels
Communion 13 <sup>th</sup> February, 1916	Present with the Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Houston, Aitken, Duff, Gibson, Halliday & Reid.
	149 Members & friends sat down at the Lord's Table. Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 7 <sup>th</sup> May, 1916	At which place and date the Session met and was constituted with prayer. Sederunt: - the Rev Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Aitken, Duff, Gibson, Halliday, Houston & Reid, Ruling Elders.
	In view of Mr Duff's appointment as a representative to the General Assembly the Moderator & Clerk were authorised to sign the Commission certifying he was a Ruling Elder of this Congregation.
	Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 7 <sup>th</sup> June, 1916	Which day and place the Session met and was constituted with prayer. Present with the Moderator, Messrs Aitken, Duff, Fleming & Gibson. In the absence of the Session Clerk the Moderator drafted the Minute.
	It was agreed to appoint as representative to the Presbytery for the ensuing year the next elder in rotation upon the Roll who is able to act; the Session Clerk to make arrangements.
	The Moderator reported he had been asked to go to France in September for three months in connection with the work of the Young Men's Christian Association. The Session cordially approved of his going & agreed to give him leave.
	Closed with the Benediction. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 9 <sup>th</sup> June, 1916	Which day and place the Session met, at close of the Preparatory Service, and was constituted with prayer. Present, the Rev Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Houston, Gibson & Aitken, Elders.
	In the absence of the Session Clerk the Moderator drafted the Minute.
	Mr Robert Duncanson, Gartness; Alex M. Muir, Main St.; John Shedden, Co-operative Buildings; James Wright, Ferniecarry; were received into the membership of the Church on Profession of Faith.
	It was agreed to appoint two members of the Congregation to act on the Missionary Council of the Presbytery. Arrangements were made for the Communion.
Communion 11 <sup>th</sup> June, 1916	After Service the Session met. Present with the Moderator, Messrs Aitken, Duff, Fleming, Gibson, Halliday & Houston.
	146 Members & friends sat down at the Lord's Table. Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)



Ranfurly United Free Church 25 <sup>th</sup> June, 1916	At which place and date the Session met and was constituted with prayer. Sederunt: - the Rev. Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Houston, Aitken, Duff, Gibson, Halliday & Reid.
	It was agreed to suggest to the Presbytery that the Rev. D.G. Cadenhead, Paisley, be appointed Interim Moderator during Mr Wilson's absence in France.
	The Clerk reported that Mr Houston had consented to act as Presbytery & Synod Elder for the current year.
	Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 30 <sup>th</sup> August, 1916	At which place and date the Session met and was constituted with prayer. Sederunt: - the Rev. Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Houston, Aitken, Duff, Gibson & Reid, Ruling Elders.
	The minutes of last five meetings were read & approved.
	The Moderator reported having received Certificates from the following: - John McLellan,                      Kirkinner Place Mrs -do-                                      -do- Mrs McKechnie,                      Holmsleigh Captain A. Campbell Balfour,    Rostrevor
	The Moderator intimated that, during his absence in France, the Presbytery had appointed the Rev. D.G. Cadenhead interim Moderator & he had agreed to act.
	Closed with prayer. D.G. Cadenhead, Inter-Mod (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 6 <sup>th</sup> October, 1916	At which place and date the Session met and was duly constituted with prayer.  Sederunt, the Rev D.G. Cadenhead, Interim Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Houston, Gibson, Aitken & Reid, Ruling Elders.
	The minute of last meeting was read & approved.
	The usual arrangements were made for the Communion.
	The Interim Moderator authorized Dr Alexander to close the meeting next Sabbath.
Communion 8 <sup>th</sup> October, 1916	Present with Dr Alexander, Messrs Houston, Gibson, Aitken, Duff & Reid.
	141 Members & friends sat down at the Lord's Table.
	Reference was made to the informal meeting of Office-bearers held on 17 <sup>th</sup> September last when it was agreed, owing to the instructions issued by the Authorities as to restricted lighting, that beginning on Sabbath, 1 <sup>st</sup> October the Evening Service be meantime altered to an Afternoon Service at three o'clock.  Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 28 <sup>th</sup> January, 1917	At which place and date the Session met and was constituted with prayer.  Sederunt: - the Rev. Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Houston, Duff, Gibson, Aitken & Reid, Ruling Elders.
	Reports from the Session, Women's Work-Party, Sabbath School and Musical Committee were submitted & approved.
	The Retiring Collections for the ensuing year were arranged.
	Messrs Kerr Duff & Houston were re-appointed members of the Musical Committee.
	The Moderator and Clerk were authorised to sign the Statistical Return of the Congregation.
	Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 31 <sup>st</sup> January 1917	<p>The Annual Business Meeting of the Congregation was held this evening, the following members of Session being present: -</p> <p>The Rev. Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Houston, Duff, Gibson &amp; Reid.</p> <p>The Moderator presided &amp; opened the meeting with prayer.</p>
	Reports from the Session, Missionary Society, Women's Work-Party, Sabbath School, Bible Class and Musical Committee were read and approved.
	The Missionary Society and Musical Committee were re-appointed as formerly.
	<p>The Ecclesiastical business being concluded the Moderator left the chair which was taken by the Preses. of the Congregation and the meeting proceeded to take up the secular business remaining to be considered.</p> <p>Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed)</p> <p>Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)</p>

Ranfurly United Free Church 9 <sup>th</sup> February, 1917	At which place and date the Session met at close of Pre-Communion Service & was constituted with prayer. Sederunt, the Rev Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Houston, Duff, Aitken & Gibson, Ruling Elders.
	In the absence of the Session Clerk the Moderator was appointed to draft the Minutes.
	Arrangements were made for the Communion.
	The Moderator reported that Certificates had been received from David & Mrs Coltart, Castlefern and Mrs John Shedden, Co-operation [sic] Buildings.
Communion 11 <sup>th</sup> February, 1917	Present with the Moderator, Messrs Houston, Aitken, Duff & Gibson.
	133 Members & friends sat down at the Lord's Table.
	Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 25 <sup>th</sup> March, 1917	At which place and date the Session met and was constituted with prayer.  Sederunt: - the Rev. Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Houston, Gibson & Reid, Ruling Elders.
	The Session agreed to ask the Congregation for an addition to the membership of Session the mode of election to be decided at a subsequent meeting.
	The Moderator intimated that the Presbytery had approved of Ministers volunteering for National Service if consent of their Session was obtained.
	The Session agreed to give consent to the Moderator if called upon.
	Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 22 <sup>nd</sup> April, 1917	<p>At which place and date the Session met and was constituted with prayer.</p> <p>Sederunt: - the Rev. Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Houston, Aitken, Duff, Gibson, Halliday &amp; Reid, Ruling Elders.</p>
	<p>After conversation it was resolved to ask the Congregation to appoint four additional Elders instructions being given to issue voting papers to the members requesting that six be nominated.</p>
	<p>Closed with prayer.</p> <p>Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed)</p> <p>Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)</p>



Ranfurly United Free Church 9 <sup>th</sup> May, 1917	At which place and date the Session met and was duly constituted with prayer.  Sederunt: - the Rev. Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Duff, Gibson & Houston, Ruling Elders
	In the absence of the Clerk Mr Duff was appointed to draft the minute.
	The papers in connection with the Nomination of Elders having been examined and counted it was ascertained that the following had been elected: - Andrew Balfour, Wm C. Jackson, James Candlish, Peter Wright, David Taylor and J. Reid Binnie & it was arranged that they should be called on with reference to their acceptance of office.
	Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 16 <sup>th</sup> May, 1917	At which place and date the Session met and was duly constituted with prayer.  Sederunt: - the Rev. Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Houston, Gibson & Duff, Ruling Elders.
	In the absence of the Clerk Mr Duff was appointed to draft the minute.
	It was intimated that Mr Peter Wright had notified his acceptance of the Office of Eldership, the other five who were elected having declined, the Session resolved to proceed with the Ordination of Mr Wright if he agreed, but if otherwise that intimation be made next Sabbath requesting the Congregation to nominate other four members as Elders.
	Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 27 <sup>th</sup> May, 1917	At which place and date the Session met and was duly constituted with prayer.  Sederunt: - the Rev. Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Duff, Gibson, Halliday & Reid, Ruling Elders.
	The minutes of last eight meetings were read and approved.
	A letter from Mrs Fullarton, the Grange, Bridge of Weir, requesting that a Collection be taken on Sabbath 8 <sup>th</sup> July on behalf of the Scottish Branch British Red Cross Society was submitted & after discussion it was decided that as another collection had previously been arranged for that day it could not be granted but as a collection had been made for the same object last year it was intended to have another on a convenient date.
	Owing to the scarcity of bread at the present time it was agreed to have the bread used at next Communion cut into small cubes.
	Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 3 <sup>rd</sup> June, 1917	At which place and date the Session met and was constituted with prayer.  Present with the Moderator, Messrs Aitken, Duff, Fleming, Gibson & Halliday.
	In the absence of the Clerk the Moderator was appointed to draft the minute.
	The Session adjourned to the Church & there at the Morning Service Mr Peter Wright was ordained to the Eldership.
	After service in the Vestry he signed the formula & was cordially welcomed by the Session.
	Closed with the Benediction. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 8 <sup>th</sup> June, 1917	At which place and date the Session met at close of Pre-Communion Service & was duly constituted with prayer.  Sederunt, the Rev Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Houston, Gibson, Halliday & Duff.
	In the absence of the Clerk Mr Duff was appointed to draft the Minutes.
	Arrangements were made for the Communion.
	The following were admitted to membership on profession of Faith. Elizabeth Walker Caldwell, Duneaton Elizabeth Jamieson Clink, The Laurels Margaret Hunter Fulton, Broxwood Margaret Robertson Sinclair, Windsor Place
	Mr Gibson was appointed Presbytery Elder for the current year.
Communion 10 <sup>th</sup> June, 1917	Present with the Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Houston, Gibson, Halliday, Duff, Aitken & Wright.
	145 Members & Friends sat down at the Lord's Table.
	Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 2 <sup>nd</sup> September, 1917	<p>At which place and date the Session met and was constituted with prayer.</p> <p>Sederunt: - the Rev Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Houston, Aitken, Duff, Gibson, Halliday, Wright and Reid, Ruling Elders.</p>
	<p>Some conversation took place in regard to the hour of holding the Evening Service during the coming Winter and the Moderator, Session Clerk and the Clerk to the Managers were appointed to ascertain as to the regulations to be enforced by the Authorities in regard to Lighting Restrictions and to report to a subsequent meeting.</p>
	<p>Closed with prayer.</p> <p>Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed)</p> <p>Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)</p>

Ranfurly United Free Church 23 <sup>rd</sup> September, 1917	At which place and date the Session met and was duly constituted with prayer.  Sederunt: - the Rev Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Houston, Aitken, Duff, Gibson, Halliday & Reid, Ruling Elders.
	It was arranged that the Moderator should confer with Mr Wright as to the Elders District to be allotted to him.
	The Session unanimously decided to record their thanks to Mr W.M. Fleming for his handsome gift to the Church, of four silver plates for use at the Communion Services & the Clerk was instructed to convey to him their appreciation of his generosity.
	Closed with the benediction. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 12 <sup>th</sup> October, 1917	At which place and date the Session met at close of Pre-Communion Service and was constituted with prayer.  Sederunt: - the Rev Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Houston, Aitken, Duff, Gibson & Reid, Ruling Elders.
	The minutes of last five meetings were read & approved.
	Williamina M. McIntosh, The Neuk, was admitted a member on profession of faith.
	It was intimated that a representative from the local police visited the Church & expressed satisfaction with the arrangements made for lighting during the Winter evening services.
	The Moderator stated that Mr David Coltart had kindly consented to undertake the duties as Superintendent of the Sabbath School and at same time expressed to the retiring Superintendent, Mr W.M. Fleming, the thanks and appreciation of the Session for his untiring zeal, energy & devotion to the work while he held that office.
	It was resolved that a retiring Collection be taken at both Services on Sabbath 23 <sup>rd</sup> December next on behalf of the British Red Cross Society.
Communion 14 <sup>th</sup> October, 1917	Present with the Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Houston, Aitken, Duff, Gibson, Wright & Reid.
	131 Members & Friends sat down at the Lord's Table.
	The Moderator suggested that a letter conveying the heart-felt good wishes of the Session be sent to all the young men connected with the Congregation who are on Active Service, with a recommendation that they might see their way to join the fellowship of our Church, a suitable form being enclosed, which if signed, would admit them to membership. The Session cordially approved and appointed the Moderator & Clerk to draft the letter and enclosure. It was further arranged that a retiring collection be taken at a convenient date in order to send a Christmas present to each of these young men.
	It was unanimously agreed that the Congregation be requested from the pulpit to repeat aloud the Lord's Prayer, in future, at both Morning & Evening services.
	Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)



Ranfurly United Free Church 18 <sup>th</sup> November, 1917	<p>At which place and date the Session met and was duly constituted with prayer.</p> <p>Sederunt: - the Rev Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Houston, Aitken, Duff, Gibson, Wright and Reid, Ruling Elders.</p>
	<p>The Moderator reported, that in response to the letters sent out to the young men connected with the Congregation who are on Active Service, the following had agreed to become members of our Church:</p> <p>Cadet,            John B. Aitken,    Invercarron  Corporal,       Robert A. Smith,   Hillcrest  Cadet,            Hugh Fulton,       Broxwood</p>
	<p>Closed with prayer.</p> <p>Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed)  Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)</p>

Ranfurly United Free Church 30 <sup>th</sup> December, 1917	At which place and date the Session met and was duly constituted with prayer.  Sederunt: - the Rev Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Duff, Gibson, Houston and Reid, Ruling Elders.															
	The Moderator & Clerk were authorized to revise the Roll of Members.															
	<p>The Moderator intimated that since last meeting of Session he had received further replies from our young men on Active Service, and the following had resolved to join the fellowship of the Church:</p> <table><tr><td>Sec Lieut,</td><td>John Fulton,</td><td>Broxwood</td></tr><tr><td>Private</td><td>Alexander Miller</td><td>Langholm</td></tr><tr><td>Private</td><td>John Wright</td><td>Ferniecarry</td></tr><tr><td>Private</td><td>Alexander Thomson</td><td>Ladebankj Terrace</td></tr><tr><td>Private</td><td>Fred Burns</td><td>The Knowe</td></tr></table>	Sec Lieut,	John Fulton,	Broxwood	Private	Alexander Miller	Langholm	Private	John Wright	Ferniecarry	Private	Alexander Thomson	Ladebankj Terrace	Private	Fred Burns	The Knowe
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Ranfurly United Free Church 20 <sup>th</sup> January, 1918	At which place and date the Session met and was duly constituted with prayer.  Sederunt: - the Rev Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Houston, Duff, Gibson & Reid, Ruling Elders.
	The Moderator & Clerk were authorized to sign the Statistical Returns of the Congregation.
	Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 28 <sup>th</sup> January, 1918	At which place and date the Session met and was constituted with prayer.  Sederunt: - the Rev. Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Gibson, Wright & Reid, Ruling Elders.
	Reports from the Session, Women's Work-Party, Sabbath School, Missionary Society and Musical Committee were submitted & approved.
	The minutes of last four meetings were read and approved.
	The Retiring Collections for ensuing year were arranged.
	Messrs Kerr Duff & Houston were re-appointed members of the Musical Committee.
	Mr James W. McGill was appointed the Congregational Delegate to the Paisley Royal Alexandra Infirmary
	Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

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	The Missionary Society and Musical Committee were re-appointed as formerly.
	<p>The Ecclesiastical business being concluded the Moderator left the chair which was taken by the Preses. of the Congregation and the meeting proceeded to take up the secular business remaining to be considered.</p> <p>Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed)</p> <p>Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)</p>

Ranfurly United Free Church 8 <sup>th</sup> February, 1918	At which place and date the Session met at close of Pre-Communion Service and was duly constituted with prayer. Sederunt: - the Rev Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Houston, Duff, Gibson & Reid, Ruling Elders.
	The minutes of last two meetings were read & approved.
	May J.G. Candlish was admitted to membership on profession of faith as also Private J. Hamilton Caldwell who is at present on Active Service.
	The Moderator reported that Certificates had been received from Mrs Smith and Effie Smith and William S & Mrs Carrick.
	Arrangements were made for the Communion.
Communion 10 <sup>th</sup> February, 1918	Present with the Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Houston, Duff, Gibson, Wright & Reid.
	The Moderator intimated that Certificates had been received from Robina Polson, Penrhyn, and Helen Young, Penrhyn.
	137 Members & Friends sat down at the Lord's Table.
	Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 1918	At which place and date the Session met and was constituted with prayer.  Sederunt: - the Rev Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Aitken, Halliday, Gibson, Wright & Duff, Ruling Elders.
	In the absence of the Clerk Mr Duff was appointed to draft the minute.
	Mr Aitken was appointed to represent the Session at the General Assembly.
	Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Adam Reid, Session Clerk (signed)

Ranfurly United Free Church 7 <sup>th</sup> June, 1918	At which place and date the Session met and was duly constituted with prayer.  Sederunt: - the Rev Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Aitken, Duff, Gibson, Halliday & Reid, Ruling Elders.
	The minutes of last two meetings were read & approved.
	Mrs Thomson, 3 Ladeside Terrace, was admitted to membership on Profession of Faith as also Private H. Wesley Steel and Lieutenant James Aitken who are at present on Active Service.
	The Moderator intimated that since last Communion the following had joined from other Churches: - Francis D. & Mrs Brown, Branochlie William Buchanan & Hilda Buchanan, Redhurst Jessie Spence, Dalmahoy Jean Bell Ranfurly Manse Mrs Campbell Westbrae
	A letter was read from Mr David Taylor resigning his office as Secretary & Treasurer of the Missionary Society as he was contemplating removing from Bridge of Weir; after some discussion it was agreed to leave the matter over until next meeting.
Communion 9 <sup>th</sup> June, 1918	Present with the Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Aitken, Duff, Gibson, Halliday, Wright & Reid.
	Robert Campbell, Westbrae was admitted to membership on Profession of Faith.
	126 Members & Friends sat down at the Lord's Table.
	It was arranged that Mr Wilson would call on Mr David Taylor & endeavour to induce him to retain his office in the Missionary Society until he left the district.
	Mr Fleming was appointed Presbytery Elder for the current year.
	Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Campbell Kerr Duff, Session Clerk (signed)



Ranfurly United Free Church 6 <sup>th</sup> October, 1918	<p>The Session met at the close of the forenoon service and was constituted with prayer.</p> <p>Present: - Rev Adam Wilson, Moderator and Messrs Aitken, Fleming, Gibson, Halliday, Houston, Reid &amp; Wright.</p>
	<p>The Moderator reported that Mr Reid, acting on the advice of his medical man, had intimated a desire to be relieved of his duties as session clerk. Mr Reid said he was reluctantly compelled to ask for this relief. The moderator and all the members of Session expressed to Mr Reid their high appreciation of the services he had rendered them, and of the fine spirit he had displayed as session clerk throughout the fifteen years during which he had held the office. They accepted his resignation with deep regret and with the hope that his health would soon be largely restored.</p>
	<p>The Moderator was instructed to ascertain if Mr Duff would be willing to become session clerk. He was appointed also to take the minute of the meeting.</p>
	<p>Closed with prayer.</p> <p>Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed)</p> <p>Campbell Kerr Duff, Session Clerk (signed)</p>

Ranfurly United Free Church 11 <sup>th</sup> October, 1918	<p>The Session met at the close of the pre-communion service and was constituted by prayer.</p> <p>Present with the Moderator, Messrs Aitken, Gibson, Halliday &amp; Houston.</p>
	<p>The Moderator intimated that Certificates of Membership had been handed in by the following:</p> <p>Mr &amp; Mrs R.L. Hector, Sherwood</p> <p>Mr &amp; Mrs James Johnstone and Miss Helen Johnstone, Rocklea</p> <p>Miss Mary McIntosh, Garth</p>
	Miss Margaret Andrew, Claremont Place, was received into the church by profession of faith.
	Arrangements were made for the Communion.
	The Moderator reported that he had seen Mr Duff in connection with the session clerkship, and hoped he would consent to take the office.
	The Moderator was requested to take the minute of meeting.
Sunday, 13 <sup>th</sup> October, 1918	Present with the Moderator, Messrs Aitken, Fleming, Gibson, Halliday, Houston & Reid & Wright.
	145 Members & Friends sat down at the Lord's Table.
	It was agreed that the Moderator should commend to the congregation the special war fund required by the Jewish Mission and ask contributions.
	<p>Closed with the Benediction.</p> <p>Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed)</p> <p>Campbell Kerr Duff, Session Clerk (signed)</p>

Ranfurly United Free Church 27 October, 1918	<p>The Session met at the close of the forenoon service and was constituted with prayer.</p> <p>Present with the Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Reid, Halliday, Houston, Aitken &amp; Duff.</p>
	<p>It was agreed to ask the congregation to contribute towards the special collection desired throughout the church in behalf of the Central Fund.</p>
	<p>The Moderator intimated that the Established Church through Mr Weir had proposed a meeting of representatives of the Office-bearers of the three Presbyterian Congregations of Bridge of Weir to confer as to holding united services on Sunday evenings during the winter with the view of saving coal and light. The Moderator and Mr Duff were appointed to represent the Session, and it was agreed to ask the Managers to appoint one of their number.</p>
	<p>Mr Duff intimated acceptance of the office of Session Clerk.</p>
	<p>Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Campbell Kerr Duff, Session Clerk (signed)</p>

Ranfurly United Free Church 10 <sup>th</sup> November, 1918	<p>The Session met at the close of the forenoon service and was constituted with prayer.</p> <p>Present with the Moderator, Messrs Halliday, Houston, Aitken, Gibson, Wright and Duff. The Managers also attended.</p>
	<p>The proposal for joint services on Sunday evenings was further considered in view of a letter from Freeland's [sic] Session in which they explained that they did not see their way to the united services. The Moderator having explained that the question had been discussed with the representatives of the Established Church from the point of view of church unity and that the suggestion had been made that the Established and our own congregations should proceed with the joint services. It was resolved that while Ranfurly congregation would be ready to join with both the other congregations for the advance of the cause of unity the same end would not be attained if supported by only two of the churches. It was decided to report accordingly to the representatives of the Established Church.</p>
	<p>Closed with prayer.</p> <p>Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Campbell Kerr Duff, Session Clerk (signed)</p>

Ranfurly United Free Church 8 <sup>th</sup> December, 1918	<p>The Session met at the close of the forenoon service and was constituted with prayer.</p> <p>Present with the Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Reid, Aitken, Houston, Halliday, Gibson, Wright and Duff. The Managers were also present.</p>
	<p>It was reported that a suggestion had been made in behalf of Freelands [sic] congregation that occasional joint services on Sunday evenings throughout next year to be held in rotation in the three churches might be considered. The meeting approved of the suggestion, and authorised their representatives to discuss the matter with the representatives of the Established Church and of Freelands Church, and to make whatever arrangements are necessary.</p>
	<p>Closed with prayer. Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed) Campbell Kerr Duff, Session Clerk (signed)</p>

Ranfurly United Free Church 29 <sup>th</sup> December, 1918	<p>The Session met at the close of the forenoon service and was constituted with prayer.</p> <p>Present with the Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Houston, Aitken, Halliday, Gibson and Duff.</p>
	The Moderator reported that it had been arranged to hold joint evening services next year as follows: in the Established Church in January, in Ranfurly Church in April and in Freeland's [sic] Church in October, the last Sunday of the month in each case.
	It was remitted to the Moderator and Clerk to revise the Roll of Members further and to report.
	Reference was made to a letter that Mr W. Neish had sent to the Moderator and the Clerk with regard to the adjustment of church services and to the organisation of other meetings which might better bring the young men returning from active service into close touch with the church. After some conversation it was agreed to consider the subject more fully at another meeting.
	<p>Closed with prayer.</p> <p>Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed)</p> <p>Campbell Kerr Duff, Session Clerk (signed)</p>
	No further references to the war or memorials until:

Ranfurly United Free Church 9 <sup>th</sup> May, 1920	<p>The Session met this day at the close of morning service, and was constituted with prayer.</p> <p>Present with the Rev. Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Reid, Houston, Halliday and Duff.</p>
	<p>The minutes of the last seven meetings were read and approved.</p>
	<p>The Moderator intimated that Messrs W.G. Glendinning, James Johnstone, F.G. Macadam and Dr A.L. Mellanby had agreed to accept the Eldership. The Session resolved to arrange to have the ordination on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May.</p>
	<p>Mr Fleming reported that satisfactory progress was being made with the bronze tablet which had been approved by the Congregation as a War Memorial to be placed in the Church.</p>
	<p>Closed with the Benediction.</p> <p>Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed)</p> <p>Campbell Kerr Duff, Session Clerk (signed)</p>

Ranfurly United Free Church 8 <sup>th</sup> October, 1920	<p>The Session met at the close of pre-communion service, and was constituted with prayer.</p> <p>Present with the Rev. Adam Wilson, Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Gibson, Halliday, Johnstone, Glendinning, Macadam and Duff and Dr Mellanby.</p>
	Miss Marguerite C. Houston, St Ronans, Mr and Mrs William McKendry, Blackhall, and Miss Elizabeth Todd Muir, Main Street, were admitted to membership on profession of faith and Mr and Mrs Robert Andrew, Kirkinner Place, Mr and Mrs Peter Cook, Linnside Terrace and Miss Nan Johnstone, Rocklea by certificate from other churches.
	It was arranged that the mural tablet in the Church in memory of the Sons of the Congregation who fell in the war should be unveiled and dedicated on Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> October.
	Arrangements were made for the Communion.
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 1920	Present the sederunt as above along with Messrs Reid and Houston.
	Miss Janet Erica Kerr Duff, Lismore, was admitted to membership on profession of faith.
	172 Members and Friends sat down at the Communion Table.
	<p>Closed with prayer.</p> <p>Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed)</p> <p>Campbell Kerr Duff, Session Clerk (signed)</p>



Ranfurly United Free Church 19 <sup>th</sup> December, 1920	<p>The Session met at the close of morning service, and was constituted with prayer.</p> <p>Present with the Moderator, Messrs Fleming, Reid, Halliday, Johnstone, Glendinning, Macadam, Duff and Dr Mellanby.</p>
	Miss Jean Fulton, Broxwood, was admitted to membership on profession of faith.
	It was intimated that the Managers proposed to have a vase of flowers placed at the Memorial Tablet in the church and the proposal was approved.
	After some conversation regarding the envelope system of collection for congregational and other church schemes it was resolved to request the Managers to call a meeting of the joint officebearers to consider the question.
	<p>Closed with the Benediction.</p> <p>Adam Wilson, Moderator (signed)</p> <p>Campbell Kerr Duff, Session Clerk (signed)</p>