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Christ Church, Lochgilphead

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Project ongoing – three in one for Mid Argyll

In March we had our second meeting with Dean Fostekew to continue looking at the ways in which we might move towards being one congregation in three locations, while at the same time respecting the individuality of each gathering place. One of the recommendations that came out of the meeting was concerned with enhancing our ecumenical contacts alongside the other things we are moving towards.

One such moment came on Low Sunday evening, at All Saints, when the two congregations that use the building welcomed a third denomination for a joint service. Rather than create a format that did not belong to any one of the three denominations, it was decided to use the old church tradition of an agape followed by compline, with hymns drawn from each tradition. Brian, William, Roy, Margaret, Stella and Kenny provided the voices for the liturgy. Each person present came forward to the simple table to help themselves to bread and wine – while we cannot yet hold a joint communion/mass/eucharist, this we can do.

The following Sunday it was the turn of Christ Church to be the venue, for an ecumenical songs of praise, when Jennifer Zilinski, a presbytery partner living in Israel, was the speaker.

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