THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

PRESBYTERY OF LOTHIAN

INTIMATION

(to be read on Sunday 30 August 2020 in whatever ways seems most appropriate in the circumstances)

Notice is hereby given that the Revd Brian C Hilsley, minister of the charge of Aberlady *with* Gullane, has requested leave to demit his charge on 7 December and to retire.

The Vacancy Procedure Committee of the Presbytery of Lothian has agreed (i) to release Mr Hilsley, (ii) to declare that a vacancy will exist in the charge of Aberlady *with* Gullane on his departure, and (iii) to appoint the Revd Ruth D Halley to serve as interim moderator in the forthcoming vacancy.

This action will proceed unless at least four persons, who are either communicant members of this congregation or full members of Presbytery, together or separately submit to the Presbytery Clerk a request for this proposal to be considered at the next meeting of the Presbytery. Any such request must set out the relevant reasons.

You should submit any such request in writing to the Presbytery Clerk, Mr John McCulloch, whose address appears below, by 2359 hrs on Sunday 6 September.

If four valid requests are received, the foregoing proposed course of action will be suspended and the approval of Presbytery will be required. The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery, at which such requests would be considered, will, it is expected, take place on Thursday 24 September.

by order of Presbytery

John D McCulloch

Presbytery Clerk

(20 Tipperwell Way, PENICUIK, EH26 8QP)