Balerno linked with Currie Church of Scotland

This is a short guide to the next administrative steps towards the Union of Balerno Parish Church and Currie Kirk to form Edinburgh: The Kirk of Currie and Balerno.

The Kirk Sessions having voted in favour of the Union at a meeting on August 24th 2026, there will now be Congregational votes.

These will be held after worship on Sunday 18th October at Balerno Church (Service 09.45am) and thereafter at Currie Kirk (Service 11.00am).

They will be overseen by Jane Smart and Ruth Minnican of the Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian Deployment of Resources Committee.

This is a vote for or against the 'Basis of Union and Basis of Reviewable Charge' attached to this note.

Voting is by secret ballot and is made in person.

Paper copies of the voting papers will be given out on the day of the vote.

Communicant members and adherents of each congregation may vote.

Names will be cross-checked with the communion roll and the adherents' roll. Only people whose names are on one of these rolls can vote.

The result of the Balerno ballot will not be shared with the Currie voters until they too have voted.

As stated above, only those actually in attendance may vote.

The minister will introduce the matters at hand and then hand over to Jane and Ruth. They may describe the 'story so far', then the Basis of Union and Basis of Reviewable Charge will be discussed.

There will be space for discussion and for questions to aid understanding.

At this stage, altering the document is not immediately possible. If any changes appear to be required, the vote would be aborted and the consultation process would then begin again.

So, if either congregation votes against the Basis of Union or the Basis of Reviewable Charge, then the Presbytery Deployment committee will need to discuss the situation and re-engage with the congregations.

Summary

Jane Smart and Ruth Minnican will oversee the voting at both Currie Kirk and Balerno Church on Sunday October 18th.

- Balerno Church 9.45am
- Currie Kirk 11.00am

After each services and introductory comments by the minister, the meeting is turned over to the Deployment representatives who open with prayer, followed by:

- opening thoughts
- description of major points or issues
- questions or comments
- votes taken.

The result of the vote is then taken to the Presbytery meeting at 7.00pm on Tuesday 3rd November for consideration.

Citations to attend Presbytery will be read out to the congregations on Sunday 25th October and Sunday 1st November prior to that meeting of Presbytery at Gorgie and Palmerston Place Parish Church, Palmerston Place.

Roy Henderson, Interim Minister October 1st 2026