

Dear All

It is with great sadness that we bring the news that our Church Officer, Cameron Aitken passed away suddenly late on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June at home.

Cameron has been a very faithful and trusted worker here in Sherbrooke Mossspark for the last eight years. He has also been a dearly loved friend to many of us. A lifelong member of Mossspark Parish Church, Cameron came to work at Sherbrooke before the union between the two congregations. I am quite sure he will have been a significant part of the success of the Union in 2018 as he was already known so well, to many of our Mossspark folk. Cameron brought with him a comprehensive knowledge of the pastoral needs of Mossspark. It was therefore of no surprise that Cameron soon started to really get to know the needs of many of the folks in Sherbrooke too.

Cameron was always so willing to help anyone in need, and without a moment's thought, his answer to any call for help, was always positive, or in Cameron's words, "Aye sure, no bother at all." Within his paid employment, Cameron went the extra mile, and beyond that, he was also willing to help others. Cameron was a hive of bustling activity, delivering magazines, giving lifts, dropping in shopping, and the communities of Sherbrooke Mossspark will be all the poorer without him.

When Tom Pollock retired, he wrote in a card to Cameron, "my best beadle I have ever had." Since I have been here, I have found in Cameron, not just an incredible worker, but a good friend too. In our family, Cameron holds a very special place because of his relationship with our two wee dogs, Teddy and Lily. Anytime the dogs went looking for Cameron, you would always hear Cameron greeting them with "Hiya pals," and on my return from Australia, Cameron presented me with a framed photograph of the dogs, a copy of which, sits proudly in his living room at home too. Cameron had been looking forward to his two week holiday this July, planning to take Teddy and Lily with him too. Janis and I have watched with amusement over the last few weeks, Cameron's excitement as he has been emailing Fife Tourist Office to enquire about dog friendly establishments.

Cameron displayed a sacrificial love and devotion to others his whole life. Cameron was also an incredibly private person, and spoke little of his own personal life. However, over the last few years, he has also been supporting and caring for his companion, Rosalind, who will quite simply be lost without him. We hold her in our prayers. Cameron does not have any surviving blood relatives to our knowledge, and we, and his friends have been his family who he has loved dearly.

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