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ABERDOUR'S CHURCH, NAME CHANGED TO St. DROSTANS

PRESBYTERY APPROVAL

The Presbytery of Deer, meeting at Maud yesterday, agreed to a request by the kirk session of Aberdour that their church should be known in future by the name of St. Drostan's.

In the absence of the Rev. J.H. Williams, Fraserburgh West, The Rev. Dr R S. Kemp, Deer was moderator.

Speaking in support of the session's request, the Rev. A. Adams, who was inducted to the charge of Aberdour some months ago said all knew the interesting historical situation. He thought the church had no reason to hide its bushel under a bush, and the use of tradition ought to be made. To call the church after the name of St. Drostan would help them on.

In a reply to a question by the Rev. W. McHardy, Boddam, as to St. Drostan's connection with Aberdour, Mr Adams said he had found copies of minutes for the year 1604 with references to St. Drostan.

The Rev Dr. M. Welsh Neilson, principal clerk, they knew for a fact that St. Drostan was the patron saint of Aberdour, and he thought his name ought to be preserved in the way suggested.

The Presbytery unanimously agreed to the Aberdour kirk session's request and Mr Adams remarked that while legally it would remain Aberdour Church they would be satisfied if the churches called it St. Drostan's.