

VIDEO – Appeal by the Moderator for the return of ‘significant’ Church jewellery

✘ It was at the beginning of this month that police in Edinburgh first put out an appeal for help in finding jewellery owned by the Church of Scotland which had gone missing, along with the bag that they were in, from a luggage trolley early in the morning at Edinburgh Airport on 5 April 2013.

Now, a couple of weeks later, there is still no trace of the ring and the cross and The Edinburgh Reporter met with The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland who is appealing for any help in finding the missing items.

The Rt Rev Albert Bogle is the current Moderator and he said:- “There is a reward of about a four figure sum if the jewellery is returned in good condition. There will be no questions asked if the person who has these items just hands them in to a police station or here in George Street. Perhaps the person who has them has just not realised what they have picked up.

“The cross is a very nice piece of jewellery and is unique. Its value is not in the metal, but in the item itself. It has a nice little chain on it and there are fishes on it, as well as the St Andrew’s Cross. There is a Scottish theme with that item. We really do want to get it back.”

✘ These are two unique items – a gold ring and a cross pendant – related to the office of the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. The bag itself is notable as it has Peruvian style embroidery on it, and the ring with an amethyst stone has the St Andrew’s Cross, a

burning bush and the motto 'Nec Tamen Consumeatur'.

The Moderator had been on a trip supporting Christian Aid in their mission to highlight the conditions of miners in South Africa.

Anyone with any information should contact Police Scotland on 101, or the charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.