

# Former Moderator awarded honorary degree

In Aberdeen last Friday Very Rev John Chalmers who is Principal Clerk to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland was awarded an honorary doctorate.

☒ Dr Chalmers is due to retire next year after the 2017 General Assembly. The former parish minister at Palmerston Place Church has worked in a variety of roles at the Church's offices on George Street and has been Principal Clerk since 2010.

His year as Moderator during 2014-15 coincided with the Scottish Independence Referendum. His role was a conciliatory one, bringing both sides together on the Sunday after the referendum for a service of unity.