

The Scottish Episcopal Church Greymfriars Kirkcudbright

**Minutes of the Annual General meeting
Held on Sunday 20th November 2016 in Greymfriars Church at 12 noon.**

The meeting opened with a prayer given by the Revd. Stephen Hazlett, the Rector who chaired the meeting.

- 1 **Apologies for absence:** were received from: Peter Catchpole, John and Louise Boyd, Neil & Janet Dyson, Dianne Christie, Elizabeth Balfour-Kinnear, Freddie Bremble, George Buchanan, William Evans, Steph and Mike Moore, and Jose Bird.
- 2 **Minutes of the AGM of 15th November 2015:** these were agreed and signed by the Chairman. The minutes were proposed by Tom Jones and seconded by Bob Reddaway.
- 3 **Matters arising:** there were none.
- 4 **Update by the Rector:** report attached.
- 5 **Reports:**
 - a. Lay representative: report attached. The Rector thanked Tom for all that he does.
 - b. Property: report attached. (GO) Grant Oliver asked when the Quinquennial report would be ready from the Diocese as it was 18 months ago and no account had been rendered. (ND) Nigel Davies assured the meeting that it would come and he would chase it up. The Rector thanked Nigel Davies for his efforts on our behalf.
 - c. Greymfriars House: report attached. (JB) John Boyd had sent his apologies but had workmen currently working on refurbishing the downstairs lavatory. One question from the Treasurer had we now had an estimate of costs? If possible could it be covered on our Insurance? The Rector thanked John Boyd and SCVS for looking after the house.
 - d. Churches Together: report attached: Mrs Blackadder said she had nothing more to add. The Rector would like to thank the Revd. Roland Parker and Mrs Blackadder and was most grateful for their hard work
 - e. Protection of Vulnerable Groups: report attached. (GS) had nothing to add to report for the AGM, she had received the Congregational Safeguarding checklist and the booklets on Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults and Children. They could be viewed in the porch. The Rector at this point said he wishes to have a weekly Sunday school for any children who may come including Mrs Shaw's and his own grandchildren. The Revd. John Martin said that there was an excellent source in Mrs Laura Shaw, but that she would only take this on if other children apart from her own were to attend and not on a weekly basis, others would be needed to help.

6 Treasurers Report:

- a) Mr. Oliver referred to the accounts (attached) pointing out that he was now no longer responsible for the accounts for both parishes, and that he was grateful to Mike Ashmore for taking on St Mary's as their Treasurer. The accounts now show joint share of expenses etc. The treasurer presented the budget for FY2016/17 (attached). It forecasts a deficit which will be met by a Diocesan grant. (GO) would like to record our gratitude to the Bishop and Diocese for so doing. He was most grateful to both Bishop Gordon Mursell and the Revd. John Martin for not charging for all the hard work they had done over the past two years. There were no questions.
- b) **Appointment of Independent Examiner:** The Treasurer asked that the meeting agree the appointment of SCVS; *proposed by* Nigel Davies and *seconded by* Bishop Gordon Mursell.

7 Election of Officers:

The following were elected:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
Lay Representative	Mr. Tom Jones	Mrs. P. Oliver	Mrs. G. Shaw
Alternative Lay Representative	Mrs. S Davies	Mrs. V Dania	Mrs. B. Hawkesford
Treasurer	Mr. G Oliver	Mrs. C. Inge	Mr. E Grimwood
Secretary	Mrs. G Shaw	Mr G. Oliver	Mr. R Reddaway
New Vestry Member	Mr R. Reddaway	Mr G. Oliver	Mrs. G Shaw
Vestry Members	Mr. N Dyson Mr. J Boyd	Mrs. S Davies	
Dates of Vestry meetings 2017	19/1: 9/3: 11/5: 14/9: 9/11/2017	Joint Choral Evensong 5pm 30/6	AGM Sunday 26 th November 2017

8 A.O.C.B:

- a) Winter Wonderland on Saturday 3rd December; set up will be from 12.30pm in the Parish Hall on Friday 2nd December. Vivian Dania reported that all was in hand, Inner Wheel ladies were again helping in the kitchen. Help would be required on the day. Sue Davies is hosting last afternoon for craft for WW on Wednesday 1st December at 2.30pm.
- b) Gift Sunday 4th December: once again unwrapped Christmas gifts for children are needed for Social Services to distribute.
- c) Davies are hosting a bring/share supper at Belmont on Wednesday 7th December at 6.30pm.
- d) Revd. Stephen and Hazel Hazlett an Epiphany party for the entire congregation on Thursday 5th January 2017 from 7pm.
- e) Missions to Seafarers: Mrs. S Elliott asked that lady knitters continue to support this worthy cause. Mrs Shaw confirmed that during her year as President of the Inner Wheel it was one of her chosen charities and many ladies of the IW were knitting scarves, hats and mitts.
- f) Christmas Collections: will be sent to the Bethany Trust this year.

- g) Rachel Inglis said that she had received communication for the Chaplaincy of the University of Edinburgh asking that we all light a candle in our windows tonight at 5pm for Aleppo and Syria.

There being no other business the meeting closed with the Grace.

NOTE:

Members present at the AGM on 20th November 2016:-

Doreen Blackadder
Alec Blackadder
Vivien Dania
Tom Jones
Sylvia Elliott
Nigel Davies
Sheila Catchpole
Revd. John Martin

Mary Jones
Eric Grimwood
Judy Parker
Rachel Inglis
Bishop Gordon Mursell
Susan Davies
Patricia Oliver
Mrs Vanessa Martin

Gwen Shaw
Barbara Budd
Revd. Roland Parker
Barbara Hawkesworth
Bob Reddaway
Grant Oliver
Christine Inge