

The Scottish Episcopal Church Greyfriars Kirkcudbright

**Minutes of the Annual General meeting
Held on Sunday 21st November in Greyfriars Church immediately after the service.**

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: Bishop Gordon Mursell, Revd. & Mrs John Martin, Mrs Jennifer Mitchell, Clem & Ann Gault, Rupert & Murdo Shaw, Mrs Judy Parker, Mrs Susan Rushing, Mrs Deirdre McGill, Mrs Jane & Mr Lindsay Forbes, Mr Alec Blackadder, Mrs Louise Boyd, Mr Andy Courtledge and Mr George and Mrs Laura Shaw.
2. **Minutes of the AGM of 22nd November 2020:** these were agreed and signed by the Chairman. The minutes were proposed by Mr Robert Reddaway and seconded by Mr John Boyd.
3. **Matters arising:** there were none.
4. **The Rector's reports:**
Annual Report: the Rector's report had been copied with all the other reports and were available in the porch of the church. It was a comprehensive and full document covering the past most difficult year for so many due to Covid, but was full of his optimism, enthusiasm, and care for us all, not to mention, his fight back from a serious illness. He thanked all those who had contributed to the life of the church and for the personal support given to him and his family. There were no questions.
5. **Reports:**
 - a. Lay representative: an excellent report covering fully the past year. There were no further comments, and the Rector thanked Barbara and Doreen for their dedicated work in these posts
 - b. Property: The Property Convenor outlined all that had been done in his report and that further work would be undertaken in the Rectory and Church during next year. The Rector thanked Bob Reddaway for undertaking this role so diligently.
 - c. Greyfriars House: (JB) John Boyd's report noted that bookings for the house had now recommenced and that an advertisement had been placed to encourage better use of this facility for the community. The Rector thanked; (JB) and SCVS for looking after the house and John for his tenure on the Vestry now he was stepping down and all his help over many years. The Rector also thanked Catherine Whitehouse (Zena) for cleaning both buildings.
 - d. Kirkcudbright Churches Together: the Food Bank now situated in the Parish Church had been much in demand and thanks must go to all who donate and volunteer. The Rector thanked Mrs Blackadder for all the hard work she and Alec put in and those who helped her. It was pleasing to know that some events running up to Christmas had been arranged now we were returning to more normal times.

- e. Protection of Vulnerable Groups: (GS) report was available and she had nothing to add to the report, other than although she was stepping down as Vestry Secretary she would continue in this role.

All of the reports in item 5 proposed by Bob Reddaway and seconded by Wendy Milliken

6. Treasurers Report:

- a) Anthony Bird went through his report in some detail, there was a move away from people using Gift giving by envelope to bank standing orders, but that with bequests and investments staying stable that we were financially sound: but that as always care must be given to husband our resources and we should not become complacent. The accounts had been looked at and agreed with Robert Burgon the Diocesan Treasurer and SCVS.
- b) **Appointment of Independent Examiner:** The Treasurer asked that the meeting agree the appointment of SCVS.

The accounts in 6 a) and b) were agreed: proposed by Randale Rushing and seconded by Hazel Hazlett.

7. Election of Officers:

The following were elected:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Lay Representative	Mrs Barbara Hawkesford	Mr Anthony Bird	Mr Peter Bolton
Alternative Lay Representative	Mrs. D. Blackadder	Mr Robert Reddaway	Mr Anthony Bird
Treasurer	Mr. A. Bird	Mrs G. Shaw	Lt Colonel Rupert Shaw
Secretary	Mr. Paul Campbell	Mr John Boyd	Ms Barbara Hawkesford
Property Convenor	Mr Robert Reddaway (ex-officio)	Mrs Barbara Hawkesford	Mr John Boyd
Vestry Members	Mrs Susan Davies was duly elected as a member of Vestry Mrs B. Hawkesford, Mrs D Blackadder Mr R Reddaway Mr Peter Bolton Mr Randale Rushing	prop: Mrs Hazel Hazlett	Mrs Doreen Blackadder

Dates of Vestry meetings 2021

13/1: 10/3: 12/5:
8/9: 10/11/2022
The meetings will take place at 2pm in Greyfriars House.

Joint Meeting/
social with St Mary's on
Thursday 26th April
in Greyfriars &
Tuesday 11th
October in St Mary's at 6pm.

AGM Sunday 20th
November 2022

8. **A.O.C.B:** (GS) outlined all that had been arranged for Winter Wonderland in the church on Saturday 4th December, publicity had been given in D & G Life and the D&G weekly news. Doreen and Alec Blackadder had arranged posters and gifts and there would be limited stalls with home baked goods from church members. Request for stalls had been made by outside bodies but this would not be possible this year, Hazel Hazlett would look after managing our stalls. Stewards would be needed to ensure no overcrowding and we would not charge this year it would be Greyfriars contribution for the children of KBT 2- 10 years old. This was organized partly as a tribute to Vivien Dania, for all the years she had devoted to WW with enthusiasm and hard work but, was unable to help this year because of her illness
- a) The Link magazine: it had been agreed as an editor could not be found that we would upgrade our website with more input from Ken Smythe
 - b) Sue Davies asked if we were to hold a Gift Sunday this year; the Rector agreed it would be on Sunday 5th December.
 - c) A presentation to the retiring Honorary Secretary Gwen Shaw concluded the meeting; such kind words of praise and gratitude were delivered, and the Rector thanked GS for all that she had done for Greyfriars, especially during the difficult time of covid. (GS) would remain as PVG coordinator and as Sacristan and when we can return to full communion chalice assistant.

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

NOTE:

Members present at the AGM on 21st November 2021 were: -

Stephen Hazlett	Hazel Hazlett	Sheila Catchpole
Barbara Hawkesford	Anthony Bird	Mary Jones
Rachel Inglis	Gwen Shaw	Robert Reddaway
John Curtis	Susan Davies	Tom Jones
Doreen Blackadder	Randale Rushing	John Boyd
Peter Bolton	Michael Perry	Sandra Walsh
Sylvia Bolton	Rosemarie Perry	Paul Campbell
William Jensen	Wendy Milliken	

