

The Scottish Episcopal Church
Greyfriars
Kirkcudbright

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th March 2019 at 7pm in Greyfriars House.

- 1 **The opening prayer** was given by the Revd. Stephen Hazlett. Present at the meeting were: The Rector (SH); Anthony Bird (AB) Gwen Shaw (GS); Barbara Hawkesford (BH); Randale Rushing (RR); John Boyd (JB); Dr Mike Moore (MM); and Nigel Davies (ND). The Rector welcomed everyone.
- 2 **Apologies for absence:** Doreen Blackadder and Robert Reddaway.
- 3 **Minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2019:** these were agreed and proposed by Nigel Davies and seconded by Anthony Bird and were duly signed by the Rector.
- 4 **Matters arising:** The only matters arising from the minutes was that (JB) under AOCB had meant that the Rector should arrange for the Academy pupils to visit the Church. JB would be in attendance when the date was agreed. (AB) noted that the Investment portfolio was best left as it is currently due to uncertainties in the market.
- 5 **Reports:**
 - a. *Lay representative:* Barbara Hawkesford (BH) read her report at the meeting. (since circulated) (BH) wanted it to be noted that she felt honoured to have been involved in the new Bishop's appointment process and we pray for a good result.
 - b. *Treasurer:* Anthony Bird (AB) the Treasurer had distributed his reports prior to the meeting. He had found Bob Burgon Treasurer at the Diocese extremely helpful with questions asked. His own HMRC code had now been received. The Investment Committee information received had still to have the survey completed. (GS) would recirculate it. **Action Anthony Bird.**
 - c. *Property:* Nigel Davies (ND) had circulated his report prior to the meeting. The Property Register has still to be completed and he hopes to complete this once all the pictures are included that Alec Blackadder had taken. GS Constructions (Borgue) Ltd had begun the installation of the new upstairs windows. (JB) noted that a faulty radiator had been fixed and the plumber had been asked to repair the tap in the kitchen. After discussion it was agreed that the guttering would be fixed by Campbell's as per their quote.

- d. *Churches Together:* In Doreen Blackadder absence the Rector updated the meeting in regard to the Holy Week and Easter services arranged at all the churches from (DB) list circulated to (GS). A poster had been designed for Greyfriars by Laura Shaw and the Rector thanked her for such a beautifully designed poster. He was happy to note that there would be a happy occasion by his conducting a wedding in St Mary's of Neil and Jill Hoyle's daughter in August. **Action:** (GS) to circulate the poster and to send it to the Galloway News.
- e. *Protection of Vulnerable Adults & Children:* Gwen Shaw (GS) confirmed that she had nothing to report so had not written a report.
- f. *Sunday School:* The Rector confirmed that Drostie Tame had resigned from Sunday School. It was with regret that she did so but could no longer commit to this with caring for Sienna. The Rector and the Vestry thanked Drostie for all the good work she had put into this in the past and that the children would miss her greatly. He was pleased to report that Rosemarie Main would continue in her role and that Stephanie Moore would replace Drostie. The idea will be in future to split the children into two age appropriate groups. The PVG forms had been received and once completed would be sent off for clearance. (AB) asked if we were planning anything for children at Easter i.e. Easter Egg hunt, he would like to invite his neighbours to bring their children. Agreed that we would invite the children of the Sunday school to Mothering **Sunday on 31st March** and to **Easter Sunday on 21st April**. **Action: Gwen Shaw Rosemarie Main and Steph Moore.**

6 Other Matters

- a) *The Bishop's Appointment:* the Rector confirmed that the shortlist of three candidates had been distributed in church and that the final interviews will take place on 17th March
- b) *Bishop's Lent appeal:* agreed that we would support M.A.C.S (Malawi Association for Christian Support) who are asking for funds to complete their appeal for a new hospital block for St Luke's Hospital in Malosa. Lent Appeal money boxes are in the church and when all monies are in the Treasurer will give money from church funds to make a good donation. St Mary's are also supporting the appeal. **Action ALL.**
- c) *Lent Talks & Lunches:* the Rector confirmed that there were still no dates/venue for first lent talks. The second would start on 13th March at David Preston's house. Greyfriars would be organizing the Lent lunches at 12noon on **22nd and 29th March**. Helpers will be required.

- d) Eco-Congregations- involvement of Greyfriars & St Mary's and registration: www.ecocongregationscotland.org T: 0131 240 2274. Revd. David Coleman is new Chaplain. E: chaplain@ecocongregationscotland.org. A good first meeting was held in Greyfriars House and an established group planned to take things forward. Agreed we would register our church and do all we can to eliminate waste. The Rector suggested that Revd. David Coleman is invited to come and talk to us on Rogation Sunday.
Action Rector & Rachel Inglis.

7 Joint meeting of Greyfriars and St Mary's Vestries Thursday 25th April at 7pm

Agreed that Greyfriars secretary would prepare an agenda with the Rector. We would then have a bring/share supper with wine/soft drinks after the meeting. The papers would be distributed to both vestries.

8 Correspondence:

- a) Holy Land Pilgrimage 4th – 14th November 2019. An email had been received from Canon John Higgins to say he and his wife are arranging this. Interest may be registered at canon-higgins@hotmail.com or by phoning 01576 300796.
- b) The Rector asked if we had further news regarding the donation to the church after Colonel Grant Oliver's funeral. (GS) said that Patricia was having a chest made by a joiner to a drawing Bob Reddaway had made for us to store items in the transept. No further news has been received and RR would be asked to update us on his return from Florida. **Action Bob Reddaway**
- c) Scottish Organists Training Scheme: an email had been received about this which takes place in Carlisle. The Rector will pass details onto Susan Smythe as there is someone at St Mary's who might be interested.

10 A.O.C.B:

- Art & Craft Trail 2nd – 5th August 2019- Fantastic Creatures: (GS) had emailed Vivien Dania with the following details for the brochure. *Church open this year from 11am – 3pm Friday 2nd, Saturday 3rd. Sunday 4th afternoon 1pm – 3pm and closed on Monday 5th. Childrens' activities on Friday 2nd 11am – 2pm. Beautiful flower arrangements to view and musical entertainment.*
- The Rector conducted bi-monthly services in Merse House, Senwick House and Fleet Valley Nursing Home.
- (MM) said he had heard from a lady who rented Greyfriars House for crafts that she was not happy with the increase in fees. A brief discussion was held but in light of expenditure on the building maintenance this increase as agreed was unavoidable.

- *KBT Churches Together and Stewartry Food Bank*: (AB) had been approached about the possibility of them paying us for the use of the room at GH then us submitting an invoice to show movement on their books. **All agreed** that the status quo would stay in that we do not charge them for the use of the room. Suggested if there is surplus money in their account that greater contributions could be made to needy people.
- The date for the next **Vestry meeting** is **Thursday 9th May 2019** at 7pm.

11 **Closing Prayer**: the meeting concluded with the Grace at 8.35pm.