

**The Scottish Episcopal Church**  
**Greyfriars**  
**Kirkcudbright**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018 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); Sue Davies (SD); Dr Mike Moore (MM); and Robert Reddaway (RR). The Rector welcomed everyone.
- 2 **Apologies for absence:** were received from Nigel Davies and Drostie Tame.
- 3 **Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018:** these were agreed and signed by the Rector.
- 4 **Matters arising:** The only matter arising was under 5a) of the minutes. The Rector informed the meeting that he was on the selection board for the new Bishop and that our church featured on the front page. An appointment is unlikely to take place until early 2019;
- 5 **Reports:**
  - a. Lay representative: Barbara Hawkesford (BH) had distributed her report prior to the meeting meeting and was congratulated on its content.
  - b. *Treasurer:* Anthony Bird (AB) the Treasurer also had distributed his report prior to the meeting. He outlined the various headings and said that ref; the Sunday School account in a non- accessible NS&l; he sought agreement that this can be closed and the money transferred to the Bank of Scotland a/c and accounted for under a separate heading. The Rector raised that St Mary's now had five signatories for Cheques within their congregation. Currently at Greyfriars it was only the Secretary and Treasurer we should think about inviting one other person as a fallback in eithers absence.
  - c. *Property:* Nigel Davies (ND) had circulated his report prior to the meeting and had confirmed that he had returned the keys for Greyfriars House to John Boyd. The Property Register has still to be completed. (GS) asked that we now pay some attention to painting the outside wooden windows and the door with some urgency. She had approached a couple of painters, but no estimates had been received yet. She would discuss this with John Boyd. Also the garden needed cutting back and (AB)

agreed he would undertake this. Discussion also took place about asking for two quotes from other builders when work needed to be undertaken to introduce some competition to the process and (BR) confirmed his concerns over the aesthetics of the current plastic windows.

- d. *Churches Together*: A report had been circulated prior to the meeting from Doreen Blackadder. The Rector said that the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Tongland Abbey had been a success and was well attended;
- 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*: in the absence of (DT) the Rector confirmed that he was happy with our progress and the support given to two vulnerable children. He did not envisage that we would change to 'Messy Church'.

## 6 Other Matters:

- a) *Joint Vestry meetings*: it was agreed that in future these would be held in spring and autumn and not necessarily include a service; perhaps to fit in with the dates for Candelmas and Michaelmas. This proposal will be put to St Mary's at their next meeting.
- b) *Service of Thanksgiving & Re-dedication of Windows* on 18<sup>th</sup> September: this will be the penultimate service for the Bishop.
- c) *Harvest Festival & Sunday School 7<sup>th</sup> October*: agreed we will go ahead with our plans but will attend the Harvest lunch on 30<sup>th</sup> September. To facilitate this NO coffee will be available on 30<sup>th</sup> at Greyfriars. A bale of hay will be needed Wendy Milligan may be able to source one. **Action** WM to be asked by SH.
- d) *Catherine Nardiello*: very little information has been received; GS was tasked with finding out if a piano would be brought in and a donation of £60 would be required the organisers must make their own arrangements. (AB) agreed to steward if required.
- e) *Festival of Light 5<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> October*: agreed that it was now too late to include this; David Preston would be asked if he could put together this programme of Cecil Coles music as a commemoration in the early evening of 11<sup>th</sup> November; a fitting memorial for the end of the First World War. Donations would be given to the Royal British Legion for the Poppy appeal. (GS) mentioned the source from the Learning & Discipleship team to help the Sunday school teachers at Remembrance tide and for Harvest. The link is <http://learning-discipleship.org/festivals.html>  
A good source of information.

## 7 Correspondence:

- a) *Bishop Gregor's retirement/donations*: a notice had been put into the pew sheet and on the noticeboard for anyone wanting to make an individual donation. **Agreed** that the Treasurer will send £100 form Greyfriars congregation.
- b) *S.C.V.S.* a progress report had been received and circulated prior to the meeting. Also today in Dumfries & Galloway News and anonymous donor had given them £10k to enable them to carry on in the meantime. Agreed that we would increase our annual contribution to them for management fees to £400 forthwith. The charge for users of GH will increase from 1/9/2019 to £10 and hour from the current £5. This will give ample notice of the change. A discussion on charges for our own building took place and agreed that we will NOT pay for the use of our own building for meetings/Sunday school in the future.

8 **Winter Wonderland Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018**: (GS) had received an email from Vivien Dania which she read out. It was agreed that we wished to continue with this fund raiser and it was now part of Kirkcudbright's annual events. In light of Vivien's concerns with cost of toys, the Rector will source them in Sunderland. (SD) said she would hold the first planning meeting for crafts on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 10am at her house.

9 **Art & Craft Trail 2018**: (GS) said there had been nearly 800 visitors over the four days but that donations had not met expenditure. Very few people had offered to steward also. There were too many venues to visit and it was agreed that in 2019 we would open at 11am on Friday, Saturday only and the afternoon of Sunday. There would be a maximum of one day for childrens' activities and live music would be performed as comment had been made about the lack of it this time

10 **A.O.C.B:**

- (GS) had purchased a First Aid box and this was now in the Rectors office.
- Sue Davies said she will retire as Alt Lay Representative and Vestry member at the AGM.
- The Treasurer asked that a box for donations might be used rather than baskets.
- Revd. Canon Christopher Keatley to be instituted as Rector of St Ninian's & Christ Church on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. The Rector will preach.
- There was no other business to discuss.
- The date for the next **Vestry meeting** will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.

10 **Prayer**: the meeting concluded with the Grace at 9pm.