

The Scottish Episcopal Church
Greyfriars
Kirkcudbright

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17th May 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); Nigel Davies (ND); Sue Davies (SD); Dr Mike Moore (MM); Drostie Tame (DT) and Robert Reddaway (RR). The Rector welcomed everyone.
- 2 **Apologies for absence:** There were none.
- 3 **Minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2018:** these were agreed and signed by the Rector.
- 4 **Matters arising:** There were no matters arising.
- 5 **Reports:**
 - a. Lay representative: Barbara Hawkesford (BH) distributed her report at the meeting and was congratulated on its content. The only matter that had been of considerable shock was the Bishop's announcement that he will retire on 18th October his birthday. He will be very much missed and we pray for a good appointment following this.
 - b. *Treasurer:* Anthony Bird (AB) the Treasurer distributed his report at the meeting. He confirmed the various accounts and how all was working well and he now felt he knew more about the workings of the accounts. The Rector raised on his own behalf if there was any way we could help St Mary's with their shortfall of funding of their replacement windows. The work will end up costing about £8k more. **Action:** Bob Reddaway proposed that we make a contribution of £5k to assist them. A show of hands confirmed full vestry support.
 - c. *Property:* Nigel Davies (ND) had circulated his report on the Church, and Rectory and Greyfriars House prior to the meeting. (ND) confirmed that he would need help from the Rector and Vestry Secretary to complete the Property Register. **Actions:** Diary date agreed at 11am on Wednesday 30th May.
 - d. *Churches Together:* A report had been circulated prior to the meeting from Doreen Blackadder. The Rector confirmed that 20th May Service for Pentecost would be a joint service and will be held in the Parish Church.

- e. *Protection of Vulnerable Adults & Children: Gwen Shaw (GS)* confirmed that PVG training had taken place at her house on Monday 9th April with Anne Jones; for Drostie Tame, herself, Rosemarie Main and Judy Samways. They had all felt it was a useful morning and that it had helped with clarifying certain actions that might be required. A DVD had since been sent for them to view which might be of interest also to other members of the Vestry.
- f. *Sunday School: (DT)* gave a verbal report the February Sunday with the Bishop had been well attended and he had been so good with the children ten had attended; March four had attended and Easter Day had included an Easter Egg hunt eight children had attended. (DT) informed us that Eva May Thompson (age7) one of the regular children had lost her Mummy Susan McKendry. The Funeral service will be on Thursday 24th May and will be at St Cuthbert's & St Andrews at 10am. The Rector will take part and the 10am Holy Communion in Greyfriars will unfortunately have to be cancelled. **Action:** (GS) to add to the Pew sheet for Sunday distribution at the Parish church. Drostie went on to inform the meeting of her own change in circumstances with her cousin's daughter Sienna coming to live with her.

6 Other Matters:

- a) *Festival of Light 5th – 14th October 2018:* Vivien Dania had contacted us about taking part in this proposed festival. **Agreed:** *we would by holding a small concert suggested by David Preston and lighting the church outside. Further actions when more known.*
- b) *Jazz Festival booking for Friday 15th June:* the Rector informed the meeting that a personal cheque for £50 had been received from Derek Smith for a donation towards the use of the church.

7 Correspondence:

- a) *Provincial Safeguarding Audit:* date to be completed 18th May: The Rector confirmed that he would undertake this as he had completed St Mary's.
- b) *GDPR (The General Data Protection Regulation);* The Rector confirmed that any records kept for finance/admin/pastoral purposes were kept safely and not shared with any third party. (GS) also confirmed this was so, a note would be included on the pew sheet/website/ consent forms could be arranged if required.
- c) *Scotland Churches Trust- Doors Open Days 2018.* Agreed that the church would be open when sufficient volunteers could assist, but that a key was readily available at other times.
- d) *James Burkitt* had resigned from the Vestry; he had been unwell after a minor stroke, but he would still assist with church duties when he can.

8 **Art & Craft Trail 3rd – 6th August 2018:** A planning meeting for the childrens' activities had still to take place and (GS) would arrange that and a separate meeting for the flower arrangements on the theme of Famous Scottish Women the title for the weekend is "***Stories from the Sea***":
Action GS

9 **A .O.C.B:**

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- Joint meeting with St Mary's on **Friday 29th June**. 5pm meeting in St Cuthbert's Church Hall; Evensong in St Mary's at 6pm and bring/share supper in St Cuthbert's at approx. 7pm.
- There was no other business to discuss.
- The date for the next **Vestry meeting** will be on Thursday 13th September at 7pm.

10 **Prayer:** the meeting concluded with the Grace at 8.40pm.