

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

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 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); Gwen Shaw (GS); Barbara Hawkesford (BH); Drostie Tame (DT); Dr Mike Moore (MM); and James Burkitt (JB). The Rector welcomed very warmly our four new members of the Vestry.
- 2 **Apologies for absence:** Grant Oliver, Bob Reddaway, Nigel and Sue Davies.
- 3 **Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017:** these were agreed and signed by the Rector.
- 4 **Matters arising:** The only matter arising not covered by the agenda was a thank you and cheque for £30 had not yet been sent to thank Father William McFadden for the use of the Catholic Church Hall for the Games Night in November organized by John Boyd. **Agreed** The Secretary (GS) would send a letter of thanks.
- 5 **Reports:**
  - a. Lay representative: Barbara Hawkesford (BH) confirmed that she would be going to her first meeting as Lay Representative on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January. She is delighted to be undertaking this important role that had been so ably managed by Tom Jones assisted by Sue Davies over many years. The subject of the talk would be Theological Training and the shortage of clergy.
  - b. *Treasurer:* Grant Oliver (GO) the Treasurer had circulated his report prior to the meeting and in it he outlined his reasons for resigning as Treasurer on 25<sup>th</sup> January due to his worsening health. Grant has provided unbroken and unstinting help in this and many other undertakings for over thirty years. We shall take the opportunity to thank him formally at a future occasion. He had approached Anthony Bird to take the post of Treasurer and Steph Moore to undertake the Gift Aid procedure. (GO) would assist wherever possible. **Proposed** by Barbara Hawkesford (BH) and seconded by Dr Mike Moore (MM) to appoint Anthony Bird (AB) until he can be formally appointed at the AGM in November. **Agreed** also to appoint Steph Moore as an additional signatory subject to acceptance.

- c. *Property*: Nigel Davies (ND) had circulated his report on the Church, and Rectory prior to the meeting and John Boyd (JB) had said that there was nothing to report for Greyfriars House. Although (JB) was no longer a member of the Vestry he had agreed to oversee Greyfriars House if the Vestry were agreed. The Rector thought we should give (JB) the Honorary title of Assistant Property Convenor in order for him to remain in this post.
- d. *Churches Together*: a report had been received from Doreen Blackadder and had been circulated. (SH) wanted us to note that on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January St Andrew & St Cuthbert's RC Church would host an Ecumenical Service at 3pm** for the World Day of Prayer. Led ecumenically by the local clergy and lay readers. It was noted how much (DB) does for the Churches Together and also for our own church quietly going about undertaking numerous tasks. The Rector wanted this to be noted and our thanks passed on to Doreen Blackadder.
- e. *Protection of Vulnerable Adults & Children*: Gwen Shaw (GS) had sent off a PVG form in order that Rosemary Main could assist (DT) at Sunday School; she had previously been a play group teacher. (GS) had been in touch with Anne Jones to provide training for (DT) herself and Rosemary Main. The Rector asked her to do this and also for Judy Samways of St Mary's to be included. **Action** Gwen Shaw.
- f. *Sunday School*: (DT) read her report and said how much she had enjoyed the past year. *Report attached.*

## 6 Other Matters:

- a) *Bishop's Visit*: (SH) confirmed that the Bishop would stay overnight with Hazel and him before taking the services in both churches. This would be followed by a bring/share lunch with participation for St Mary's congregation. The Secretary would organize wine/juice/water wine glasses/napkins. Numbers attending from St Mary's would be provided by Laura Durling. The possibility of a presentation being made to (GO) at the lunch was discussed. **Action GS to find a suitable gift.**
- b) *Church Services*: Easter Services: 10am Maundy Service in Greyfriars and 7pm in St Mary's. Good Friday: The Walk of Witness at 10am and a joint Evening Service at 6pm with Father William McFadden and Revd. John Collard in the Parish Church. The Rector will preach. Jazz Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June and the concert in Greyfriars on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June. (BH) remarked how beautiful some of the prayers were on our Prayer Tree. Suggestion that the Prayers could be included in the Intercessions occasionally.

- c) Other concerts and fund-raising ideas: the Rector asked that Vestry members brought forward some ideas to the next meeting. **Action ALL**
- 7 **Winter Wonderland:** (SH) thanked Vivien Dania and those who had contributed to making the day such a success. Thanks too to Robin and Rose Shields Father Christmas and his elf and to the ladies of the Inner Wheel for the refreshments. **The 2018 date is Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December.**
- 8 **Art & Craft Trail 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018:** (GS) outlined her idea of including the Sunday school children and the Kirkcudbright, Gatehouse, Twynholm and Borgue Primaries in Childrens activities over the weekend and flower arrangements by the schools based on famous Scottish women and men. A sub-committee would be formed to coordinate arrangements of (GS) (DT) Rosemary Main (RM) and Katherine Summers. (GS) thought that Laura Shaw might be willing to help too. **Action GS**
- 9 **Correspondence:** a thank you letter had been received from Kirstin Clendinning of the Children, Young People & Lifelong Learning department for our donations to children from our Gift Sunday in December.
- 10 **A .O.C.B:**
- Salt/grit should be purchased for the entry to the church
  - Gwen Shaw had been in correspondence with Hayes & Finch regarding purchasing another Altar cloth.
  - The Hymnal Music Centre for when there isn't an organist is currently with GS. However Grant Oliver had pointed out that the cables appeared to be missing. GS to check with Nigel Davies and to see if he will keep it with him. Training should be given to anyone else who will help. **Action GS ND.**
  - (DT) mentioned an Alzheimer's group; further information to come.
  - Fair Trade week beginning on 26<sup>th</sup> February.
  - Joint Vestry/Choral Service: agreed to be at St Mary's on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June; meeting at 5pm; Service at 6pm and reception/refreshments at 7pm. TBC by the Vestry Secretaries
- 11 **Prayer:** the meeting concluded with the Grace at 8.40pm.