

**The Scottish Episcopal Church
Greyfriars Kirkcudbright & St Mary's Gatehouse of
Fleet**

**Joint Vestry Meeting on Thursday 26th November at 5pm by
VCC (ZOOM)**

- 1 **The opening prayer** was given by the Revd. Stephen Hazlett. Due to unsatisfactory internet connections John Boyd took the chair. Present at the virtual meeting were: The Rector (SH); Anthony Bird (AB); Gwen Shaw (GS); Doreen Blackadder (DB); John Boyd (JB); Barbara Hawkesford (BH); Robert Reddaway (BR); Peter Bolton (PB); Vivien Millner (VM); Barbara McFarlane (BMcF); Janet Hannay (JH); Beverley Lady Vaux (BV); Dr John Morton (JM): John Boyd welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 **Apologies for absence:** Judy Samways, Mike Ashmore, Pene Richmond, Theresa Hodgson, Randale Rushing and Sally Anne Madeley.
- 3 **Minutes of the last joint meeting held on 24th October 2019:** these were agreed and proposed by Anthony Bird and seconded by Doreen Blackadder.
- 4 **Link Magazine:** After Rachel Inglis edited this successfully for a number of years, we found a successor to her in retired librarian James Burkitt. However, he withdrew due to ill health. Sue Davies and Jane Richardson temporarily edited, but made it clear they would not take on the job after stepping in for one edition. We will make endeavours to reinstate the magazine in some form post-COVID-19 restrictions if a new editor can be found.
- 5 **Joint Financial Matters:** Mike Ashmore (MM) had sent a briefing note to (AB) that currently there were enough funds to meet costs. The joint account had **£7600** currently available and expenses to pay out would be **£7300**. Thus, there is sufficient in the account to get us through to February. One off payments can be made if necessary. The Diocese has confirmed that the half stipend grant will continue.

6 Future Joint Events:

Sadly, all the events planned in both churches this year had been cancelled. The Christmas services all being well, would be held as follows:

- a) *Christmas Eve*: St Ninian's Portpatrick 2pm; St John's Stranraer at 4pm; Greyfriars Midnight Communion at 11.30pm
 - b) *Christmas Day*: St Mary's 9.30am; Greyfriars at 11am
 - c) *Sunday 27th December*: St Mary's 9.30am; Greyfriars at 11am.
- There may be other Christmas events within the current restrictions.

7 A.O.C.B: a) A question was asked on how many were regularly attending both churches; St Mary's approx.: 12 and Greyfriars approx.: 20: b) Bob Reddaway wanted it placed on record, his thanks to Richard Glass for all he had done as property Convenor for St Mary's, but also his great help to him personally since he took over from the late Nigel Davies. Beverley Vaux asked if there was someone who could assist the Rector with zoom. *There was no other business to report.* The date for the next **Joint Vestry meetings** are **Thursday 15th April 2021** at 7pm in St Mary's Church and on **Thursday 14th October 2021** at 7pm in Greyfriars Church. Hopefully without restrictions on us meeting in person with refreshments.

8 Closing Prayer: the meeting concluded with the Grace at 5.20pm

Chairman's signature.....Date.....