

**The Scottish Episcopal Church
Greyfriars
Kirkcudbright**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17th September 2020 at 2pm by Zoom.

- 1 **The opening prayer** was given by the Revd. Stephen Hazlett.
Present at the meeting were: The Rector (SH); Gwen Shaw (GS); Robert Reddaway (RR); Doreen Blackadder (DB); John Boyd (JB); Barbara Hawkesford (BH) and Anthony Bird (AB) who facilitated the meeting. The Rector welcomed everyone.
- 2 **Apologies for absence:** Dr Mike Moore.
- 3 **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th March 2020:** these were agreed and proposed by Anthony Bird and seconded by Bob Reddaway and were duly signed by the Rector.
- 4 There were no matters arising.
- 5 **Financial Report:**
 - a. *Treasurer:* Anthony Bird (AB) the Treasurer had distributed his reports prior to the meeting. Our finances were in good order as the stock market had been performing well. The accounts were now with S.C.V.S. and it was to be noted that Marie Jackson was no longer the Examiner it would be Anne Corson of SCVS and Alan Rumble. Also, the Lent appeal had been the best one supported by our church, mostly due to those contributing giving cheques and cash rather than using the money boxes. The Rector thanked AB for his hard work in keeping all in order.
- 6 **Other Matters & Church Services**
 - a) **Harvest Festival Sunday 4th October:** the church would be decorated by a small team (socially distanced) using seasonal flowers and fruits etc. Though these would not be distributed by the Rector as normal, they would be removed by the donor after the service though flower arrangements would be left in place. The Preacher will be the Revd. Janice Aiton of St John's Dumfries.
 - b) **All Souls/All Saints:** the Rector would note names of the departed to be included in our prayers and on the Pew sheet. Please forward these to him.
 - c) **Remembrance Sunday:** there would be the normal service at the War Memorial, followed by a service of Remembrance in Greyfriars. The Army and Navy will send representatives and with social

distancing our numbers will be less than usual and it will be a said service.

- d) **Greyfriars House booking/cleaning regime:** a number of bookings had been made recently, but with new Government guidelines these had been cancelled for the time being. Fiona McCutchen (Zena) though had been asked to carry out a weekly clean and submit her bills to SCVS.
- e) **Winter Wonderland Saturday 5th December:** the normal format had been cancelled, but an alternative limited idea might be worked on involving less organisation i.e. Father Christmas walking around the town or similar outdoors event subject to guidelines at that time. Possibility of an online bottles stall, but it is not necessary to see this as a fund raiser but a way of keeping Greyfriars Church and WW in the frame. Ideas for an Easter 2021 event would also be looked at.
- f) **Duty rosta, flowers & pew sheet box delivery:** Wendy Milligan had continued recently to still distribute these as usual and would be asked if she could sound out those who might wish to rejoin a Rota of duties within the church and she will liaise with (AB) for future deliveries.
- g) **Link Magazine:** there was currently no Editor since James Burkitt's resignation and the one-off edition produced by Jane Richardson and Sue Davies. It was not a priority at the moment and the Rector is still looking for someone in either church who might take this on.
- h) **Cabinet in memory of Lt Col Grant Oliver:** unfortunately, the Easter date for the dedication was cancelled and at the moment with limited gatherings it is difficult to know when this may be rearranged.

7 **Joint meeting/social of Greyfriars and St Mary's Vestries**

Wednesday 23rd September has been postponed.

- 8 **Correspondence:** several items emails over the last months form SEC have been forwarded to Vestry when received. Sam Kelly had undertaken some decoration for us, and he had been thanked for his generosity. There is nothing else to report.

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

- Galloway Regional council which the Rector chairs and he gave a verbal report.
- The Rector had received an email in that no Quinquennial report had been submitted for some years. (BR) has copies of the last ones received and would look into this.
- Lightning Protection Services had carried out the necessary work and reinstated the equipment just before lockdown.
- Logic have been asked to repair the boiler and this should have its final repair carried out by 8th October. The considerable damp in the boiler room causes the issues.

- (AB) had suggested that a company laptop/ printer be bought jointly between the churches for whoever was the incumbent. It was agreed he would explore this with Mike Ashmore.
- The church steps had been vandalized with white paint and Bob Reddaway said he would look at how this could be removed.

10 **Closing Prayer:** the meeting concluded with the Grace at 3.30pm.

Reminder that the next Vestry meeting is on **Thursday November 12th at 2pm to discuss actions for the AGM on Sunday 22nd November 2020.**