

# The Scottish Episcopal Church

## Greyfriars Kirkcudbright

**Minutes of the Annual General meeting**  
**Held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in Greyfriars Church at 12 noon.**

The meeting opened with a prayer given by the Revd. Stephen Hazlett, the Rector who chaired the meeting.

- 1 **Apologies for absence:** were received from: Josie Bird, Wendy Milliken, Alec Blackadder, James and Brenda Burkitt, Tom and Mary Jones, Peggy Lloyd, John Wilkinson, Rupert Shaw, George and Laura Shaw.
- 2 **Minutes of the AGM of 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017:** these were agreed and signed by the Chairman. The minutes were proposed by Nigel Davies and seconded by Bob Reddaway.
- 3 **Matters arising:** there were none.
- 4 **The Rector's reports:**
  - a) Annual Report; the Rector had said he was remiss not to have noted in his report that we are a Fair Trade Church and town. He wished to thank in particular those that helped with the smooth running of Greyfriars: the Acting Treasurer, Secretary, Property Convenor, Rachel Inglis for the Website, the retired clergy and organists and Vivien Dania for Winter Wonderland and all who contributed their help and energy in any form.
  - b) Description of charge for the Diocese; the Rector had included this and it was noted it was the only one that had to be précised as there was so much happening in our church. It was good to know that we were a thriving community.
- 5 **Reports:**
  - a. Lay representative: report attached. In addition Barbara Hawkesford said how much she had enjoyed taking part in all the meetings and she was praised for her role in making them a success. The Rector thanked Sue Davies for her role as Lay Representative over a number of years and congratulated her on how she had always represented Greyfriars when required.
  - b. Property: report attached. The Rector thanked Nigel Davies for his efforts on our behalf keeping all in good repair. There were a number of things to be done, the Sacristy sink, Richard Glass was looking at the damp in the Rectory with an expert; and the boiler had not been functioning properly. A point was raised about LED lighting and the Vestry would look at this when next they meet.
  - c. Greyfriars House: reported on the previous document. (JB) John Boyd raised that the proposed increase from £5 to £10 an hour might be too much for some of the groups who use it. Suggestion that a sliding scale may be better. Vestry will look at this again and discuss feasibility. Noted that new windows were to be installed in January and the front door painted within the next month,

further painting will take place in the spring. The Rector thanked (ND); (JB) and SCVS for looking after the house.

- d. Churches Together: report attached: Mrs Blackadder said she had nothing more to add except to thank Mrs Vivien Dania for her help over the last two years but she was now standing down. The Rector thanked them and was most grateful for their hard work.
- e. Protection of Vulnerable Groups: report attached. (GS) had nothing to add to report for the AGM, she had outlined the requirements for this duty but the Rector reminded everyone that it was all our responsibilities too. Formal training took place in April for Rosemarie Main, Drostie Tame, Judy Samways of St Mary's and herself.
- f. Sunday School: report attached. The Rector thanked Drostie and Rosemarie for all their hard work and noted what a help it had been to two vulnerable little girls. Drostie wanted particular thanks to be given to Laura Shaw for all her great help over Art & Craft and the Christmas Tree Festival. It was noted that a Father Christmas would be needed for the Joint Childrens party on 15<sup>th</sup> December and a member of Rotary would be asked to undertake this. The Rector informed the meeting that our Sunday school had been chosen to feature on the Glasgow diocesan Christmas Tree which was a great achievement. The Rector takes assemblies in four schools and encourages children to come to our Sunday school if they can.

## 6 Acting Treasurers Report:

- a) Anthony Bird paid tribute to Colonel Grant Oliver and said his were difficult shoes to step into. He was happy for anyone else who wished to take on this role to say so. There had been a refund from EDF and he had now looked at cheaper alternatives for gas/electric for the Church. He was asked if this applied to Greyfriars House; as it didn't this would also be looked at also. The treasurer presented the budget for FY18/19 (attached). There were a couple of questions: noted that there was a drop in money from Tax recovered and also no item mentioning the Link magazine and the donations received for it. (AB) agreed that he had no answer to the Tax, but would look into it and would have a separate heading within the budget in future for the Link.
- b) **Appointment of Independent Examiner:** The Treasurer asked that the meeting agree the appointment of SCVS.

All of the reports in item 5 and the accounts in 6 a) and b) were agreed: proposed by Bishop Gordon Mursell and seconded by Robert Reddaway.

## 7 Election of Officers:

The following were elected:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Second</u>
Lay Representative	Mrs. B. Hawkesford	Mrs. G. Shaw	Mrs Steph Moore
Alternative Lay Representative	Mrs. D. Blackadder	Mrs. S. Davies	Mrs. V. Dania
Treasurer	Mr. A. Bird	Mr R. Reddaway	Mrs B. Hawkesford
Secretary	Mrs. G Shaw	Mr R. Reddaway	Dr. M. Moore
New Vestry Member	Mr J. Boyd	Mrs. G Shaw	Mr N. Davies

New Vestry Member	Mr R. Rushing	Mrs B. Hawkesford	Mr. L. Forbes
Property Convenor	Mr. N. Davies (ex-officio)		
Vestry Members	Mrs B. Hawkesford, Mr R. Reddaway Dr M Moore	Noted that J. Burkitt had resigned from the Vestry	
Dates of Vestry meetings 2019	17/1: 7/3: 9/5: 12/9: 14/11/2019	Joint Meeting/social with St Mary's on Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April in Greyfriars.	AGM Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2019

**8 A.O.C.B:**

- a) Gift Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: once again unwrapped Christmas gifts for children are needed for the Rector to distribute to either Social Services or the Salvation Army.
- b) Davies are hosting a bring/share supper at Belmont on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.
- c) Winter Wonderland 8<sup>th</sup> December: bottles required for the bottle stall to John Boyd.
- d) Christmas Collections: following the Primus's letter we will again send the collections for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to the Aberlour Scotland's Children's Charity this year.

There being no other business the meeting closed with the Grace.

**NOTE:**

Members present at the AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018:-

Doreen Blackadder	Bishop Gordon Mursell	Bina Caulfield
Barbara Hawkesford	Judy Parker	Hazel Hazlett
Vivien Dania	Drostie Tame	Stephen Hazlett
Rosemarie Main	Gwen Shaw	Louise Boyd
Sylvia Elliott	Robert Reddaway	John Boyd
Sheila Catchpole	Susan Davies	Rachel Inglis
Dr Mike Moore	Nigel Davies	Randal Rushing
Steph Moore	Anthony Bird	

The secretary will be away from 10<sup>th</sup> December until 30<sup>th</sup> December. Rachel Inglis will do the Pew sheets in her absence. SCVS will be closed from 12 noon on 20<sup>th</sup> December until Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.