

The Scottish Episcopal Church
Greyfriars
Kirkcudbright

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th September 2021 at 2pm 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); Doreen Blackadder (DB); Barbara Hawkesford (BH); Robert Reddaway (BR); and Peter Bolton (PB). The Rector welcomed everyone.
- 2 **Apologies for absence:** Anthony Bird, John Boyd.
- 3 **Minutes of the meeting held on 6th May 2021 by zoom:** these were agreed and proposed by Bob Reddaway and seconded by Doreen Blackadder and were duly signed by the Rector.
- 4 **Matters arising:** There were no matters arising from the minutes but, Bob Reddaway (BR) raised the issue of people coming without masks and suggested we bought a box of masks and a large hand sanitizer.
Action Gwen Shaw.
- 5 **Financial Report:** as (AB) was absent on holiday, he had circulated the end of year reports previously and they were noted and agreed. The Rector thanked AB for his hard work throughout the year. A couple of questions were raised: PB asked what the weekly donation listing meant and BR confirmed it was weekly giving but not through the envelope scheme: secondly ref security: sometimes the safe was not properly locked and as the collection money was not always banked weekly it was important that all who set up before HC made sure it was. It is stiff and the Rector asked (BR) if he could oil the lock. The Rector also agreed he would hold an informal training session after Sunday church on the Altar layout and system for locking doors and the key safe. Heating would soon become an issue with pricing agreed that BR would check alternative systems. **Action The Rector and Bob Reddaway.**
- 6 **Other reports:**
 - a. *Lay representative:* Barbara Hawkesford (BH) had previously circulated her report. Nicolette Wiseman would be taking over the chair from Stephen. She pointed out that the viewings she had mentioned on YouTube were in fact 1000 and not 5000. Portpatrick and Stranraer would now share a Rector and the recruitment was now underway for there and Challoch and New

Galloway. The Rector thanked Barbara for her comprehensive report.

- b. *Property*: RB stated that there was now a new Property Convenor for Gatehouse Mrs Theresa Hodgson and the new Joint Treasurer Mrs Diana Proudlove. There was little to report some minor repairs and a purchase had been made for the Rectory, but nothing was urgent at the moment. The Rector thanked BR for his close attention and hard work looking after the properties.
- c. *Churches Together*: Doreen Blackadder (DB) had circulated her report prior to the meeting she had omitted to mention that it was 14 parcels and not 12 and that there are three drivers who do Gatehouse, Twynholm and KBY without them it would be impossible to carry out this work. The Rector thanked her for her excellent report.
- d. *Protection of Vulnerable Adults & Children*: Gwen Shaw (GS) confirmed that she had nothing to report again. William Evans had been coming to church intermittently, but he seemed to be well when encountered in the Town.

7 Other Matters & Church Services

- a) *Harvest & Thanksgiving Service on 3rd October*: The Revd Bill Hogg will give the Sermon and read the Gospel. The collection will be taken for The offering will be for **RSABI; supporting people in Scottish Agriculture** and Rupert Shaw would be asked to read the lessons and if he could source a bale of hay/straw for display. The church would be decorated on **Friday 1st October at 10am**.
- b) *Climate Sunday Service on 31st October Jointly held with St Mary's*. Rachel Inglis was assisting the Rector with this service and had asked us to consider as a vestry three points namely; reflect on how to care for creation; make a commitment to action on the environment in our community; tell politicians that we want a cleaner greener future. After some discussion it was felt that as a congregation and church we were already doing what we could with our present circumstances and with many other important choices that had to be made. Our local council have set up good recycling collections and much was already being achieved. The Service will be a service of the word and donations will go to AROCHAuk. We acknowledge Rachel Inglis thoughts and work on this service and the leadership of the local churches in actioning the letter to be drafted and signed by the local clergy. **Action the Rector**.
- c) *AGM on Sunday 21st November after the 11am service*: this date was agreed at last years AGM. The Rector asked that the secretary looked at who might be coming off this year. The normal procedure would be carried out and certain members were reelected on an annual basis.

- d) *All Souls/ All Saints Sunday 31st October*: Normally would be held this day but with the Climate Sunday service the Rector will commemorate these days at the Thursday Holy Communion. A list of those to be remembered would be displayed in the church and people would be invited to add names of loved ones.
- e) *Remembrance Sunday 14th November*: the Rector may be at Gatehouse, but we will hold a service in Greyfriars following the service at the War Memorial. There is unlikely to be an ecumenical lunch this year.
- f) *Winter Wonderland Saturday 4th December*. The Harbour Master has the date in his diary as does Gary who delivers Father Christmas by boat. Mrs Rose Shields has agreed the Inner Wheel ladies will help with teas and Robin Shields will be happy to be Father Christmas. Vivien Dania had already booked the Parish Hall, but due to her illness would be unlikely to take part. A small team of Greyfriars would organise a scaled back day, with limited numbers of stalls as well as Santa's Grotto: our own bake stall, bric/brac; bottles stall and music.
- g) *Link Magazine*: there is still no editor to undertake this, though discussion was held over a simplified version similar to our pew sheet. The website may be a substitute if kept up to date. If Randy Rushing feels he can't continue we might ask if Ken Smythe would undertake updating the Greyfriars section for a monthly fee. **Action The Rector.**

8 **Joint meeting of Greyfriars and St Mary's Vestries Thursday 4th November at 6pm.** This would begin with Evensong and both congregations would be welcome; followed by the joint meeting. St Mary's will provide all the catering and would prepare the agenda and take the minutes.

9 **A.O.C.B:** a) Canon Hazlett and Bishop Mursell are hosting a clergy diocesan pilgrimage day in Greyfriars on Wednesday 20th October from 10.30am beginning with Morning Prayer and ending with Evensong at 3.30pm. anyone can attend, attendees (35/40) will bring their own packed lunch and catering will not be provided. The church will be open throughout the day and stewards will be required. b) it was agreed that the old kneelers could be thrown out and anything else that was considered rubbish.

The date for the next **Vestry meeting** is **Thursday 11th November 2021** at 2pm.

10 **Closing Prayer:** the meeting concluded with the Grace at 3.50pm.