

The Scottish Episcopal Church

Greyfriars Kirkcudbright

Minutes of the Annual General meeting
Held on Sunday 26th November 2017 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, Rachel Inglis, John and Louise Boyd, Val and Ken McIntosh, Freddie Bremble, Eric Grimwood, Wendy Milliken, Bishop Gordon Mursell and Alec Blackadder.
- 2 **Minutes of the AGM of 20th November 2016:** 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 **Update by the Rector:** The Rector read his report and it is attached.
- 5 **Reports:**
 - a. Lay representative: report attached. In addition Tom Jones informed the meeting that the Vice Convenor for our area was now the Rector. The Rector thanked Tom for his many years of service as Lay Representative and congratulated him on how he had always represented Greyfriars.
 - b. Property: report attached. The Rector thanked Nigel Davies for his efforts on our behalf keeping all in good repair.
 - c. Greyfriars House: report attached. (JB) John Boyd had sent his apologies as he had an accident on his bicycle and was unable to attend. The Rector wished him a speedy recovery and thanked John Boyd and SCVS for looking after the house.
 - d. Churches Together: report attached: Mrs Blackadder said she had nothing more to add. The Rector would like to thank Mrs Blackadder and Mrs Vivien Dania 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 reminded everyone that it was all our responsibilities too. The Sunday school had begun in April and both she and Drostie Tame were PVG cleared but had not undertaken any formal training. When the Vestry meets in January the idea of including children's activities and flower arrangements based on famous people for the Art & Craft Trail would be explored.
 - f. Website Greyfriars and St Mary's: report attached. The Rector thanked Rachel Inglis for all her hard work and excellent presentation on the Home page and Greyfriars section of our revamped website and Ken Smythe's input into the design and construction. The Secretary reminded members of the church to let Rachel Inglis have items of interest to include in her weekly update.

All reports were agreed: proposed by Barbara Hawkesford and seconded by Doreen Blackadder.

6 Treasurers Report:

- a) Colonel Oliver referred to his regimental tie as it was the 100th anniversary of his regiment's battle, which is why their colours were known as "*Mud, Blood to the Green Fields Beyond*". He then presented the accounts (attached) showing the joint share of expenses etc. The treasurer presented the budget for FY2017/18 (attached). There were no questions. The Rector confirmed that any fees from his acting as Interim Priest for funerals/baptisms/weddings that would be paid from Castle Douglas and Dalbeattie would be paid into the Joint Account for St Mary's and Greyfriars.
- b) **Appointment of Independent Examiner:** The Treasurer asked that the meeting agree the appointment of SCVS; *proposed by* Elizabeth Balfour-Kinnear and *seconded by* Tom Jones.

7 Election of Officers:

The following were elected:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
Lay Representative	Mrs. B. Hawkesford	Mrs. G. Shaw	Mrs E. Balfour-Kinnear
Alternative Lay Representative	Mrs. S Davies	Mr. N. Davies	Mrs. V. Dania
Property Convenor	Mr. N. Davies	Mr T. Jones	Mrs. G. Shaw
Treasurer	Mr. G Oliver	Mr N. Davies	Mrs H. Hazlett
Secretary	Mrs. G Shaw	Mr N. Dyson	Mrs V. Dania
New Vestry Member	Dr M. Moore	Mrs H. Hazlett	Mrs. G Shaw
New Vestry Member	Ms D. Tame	Mrs G. Shaw	Mr T. Jones
New Vestry Member	Mr J. Burkitt	Mrs G. Shaw	Mr N. Davies
Vestry Members	Mrs B. Hawkesford, Mr R. Reddaway Mr N. Davies, Mrs. S Davies		
Dates of Vestry meetings 2018	25/1: 8/3: 10/5: 13/9: 8/11/2018	Joint Choral Evensong 5pm 29/6 at St Mary's	AGM Sunday 25 th November 2018

8 A.O.C.B:

- a) Grant Oliver gave a very eloquent Vote of Appreciation to the Rector for his past 14 months in post. His pastoral gifts, great humanity and energy and his wealth of experience and great gifts of communication had brought a new purpose and direction to us all.
- b) Gift Sunday 3rd December: once again unwrapped Christmas gifts for children are needed for Social Services to distribute.
- c) Davies are hosting a bring/share supper at Belmont on Wednesday 6th December at 6.30pm.
- d) Christmas Collections: will be sent 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 26th November 2017:-

Doreen Blackadder
Barbara Hawkesford
Vivien Dania
Tom Jones
Sylvia Elliott
Nigel Davies
Sheila Catchpole
Revd. John Martin
Dr Mike Moore
Rosemarie Main

Mary Jones
Sylvia Elliot
Judy Parker
Drostie Tame
Maria Fogarty
Susan Davies
Mike Fogarty
Vanessa Martin
Steph Moore
John Wilkinson

Gwen Shaw
Barbara Budd
James Burkitt
Brenda Burkitt
Robert Reddaway
Grant Oliver
Hazel Hazlett
Stephen Hazlett
Elizabeth Balfour-Kinnear