

Minutes of a meeting of St Saviours Episcopal Church Vestry, held on Thursday

8 February 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: Rev. Aaron Moffat-Jackman (Chair), Alastair Duncan, Sue Power, Margaret Price, Vicki McDowell, Bill Logie, Alison Logie, James Gardner, Terry Moran

1. Aaron welcomed us then opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Apologies: Graham Barrett, Jean Kelly
3. There was no declaration of Conflict of Interest.
4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 January 2024 were approved, proposed: VMcD, seconded: AL.
5. Vestry membership: Aaron asked that we each identify ourselves and give a brief resume of our roles and responsibilities. It was noted that Sue Power and Alison Logie will stand down at the AGM. Nominations for replacements have been submitted.
6. Worship The Rector outlined that the timing of Sunday worship in St Saviours and St Modocs will continue as is until Easter. He outlined three possible formats for the future: continue with 9.15 and 11am services; alternate the times for each church; continue as at present but once a month have a joint service. If anyone has other ideas they should discuss with the Rector. The JLC will continue to meet approximately twice per year.

Holy Week and Lent The Rector outlined the programme for HW: Imposition of Ashes in St Saviour's on 14 February at 7pm. He will take Compline each Sunday at 6pm in St Modoc's from 18 February: Wednesday of HW, Stations of the Cross in St Saviours in conjunction with the Parish church. Maundy Thursday - Holy communion in the Parish church, Good Friday - 2pm service in St Modocs followed by Hot Cross buns. Sue and Nick will lead a 2pm service with the Parish Church. Easter Saturday - Vigil with lighting of pascal candle by fire at 8.00pm. There is an ecumenical Easter Sunday service at 9am being led by Dan Harper of the Parish Church (possibly near the river): volunteers are requested to help with any catering at that event.

James said that the Young Adult Group will also hold Compline at 7.00pm on Tuesday.

NB. These dates have been revised.

7. JK had previously circulated her report re: PVG and it was noted that the Carpet Bowls issue of a name has been resolved.

- a) Young Church: the Rector is in discussion with the leaders; the format will continue to be open-ended to suit attendance. The 2 week school holiday starts this weekend.
8. Drop In: TM gave a verbal report (from Elaine) about attendance, volunteer numbers and the future of the Drop In after the summer. It was generally agreed that the Drop In has been a useful meeting hub and that it should continue next winter, perhaps once per week. There are sufficient funds to continue the Drop In. The Rector suggested that we promote the Drop In as much as possible through social media and outreach.
9. Young Adults Group: James gave a verbal report outlining the various programme of activities and plans for the future. **ACTION: JG** to submit this in written form.
10. Carpet Bowls: see item 7 above.
11. Treasurer's report BL had previously circulated his report, the balance sheet and forecast: there are no unforeseen issues other than some invoices for the new sanitary ware and heating.
- Snow clearing: at present we will undertake this ourselves within the church boundary with guidance from the Health and Safety officer, Sylvia Broomfield.
- Calendar of charities: JG suggested the Kenmore Trust as a beneficiary. An email will be issued in due course of the list of charities to benefit from the coffee donations. **Action: AD**
12. Lettings: there are no new requests for Hall/Church use.
13. Fun/fundraising: Alison had previously circulated her report. The Bingo night is organised for 23 February. Future events including a Wedding fair and a Murder Mystery event were discussed briefly. Also perhaps having either Bingo or a Beetle drive at the Drop In which would be free of charge or by donation.
14. Property: It was agreed that the garden space at the rear of the Hall be fenced off to allow for Rectory privacy. **ACTION: BL** to ask MC-S to get a quote from the joiner to reinstate the partition fence: Gilchrist Landscaping could also be asked for a quote. The Hall back door bolt is difficult to operate: Alex Glover to be made aware of this.
15. Health & Safety: Sylvia had previously submitted her report. It was noted that the pathway slabs into the church need to be realigned. **ACTION: Rector and Alex** to assess what needs to be done.
16. PVG: JK had previously submitted her report.
17. Data protection: nothing to report.
18. Communication: the Pewsheets will be managed by the Rector and Margaret Price. Items for inclusion can be sent to a specific email "Pewsheets @....."

Hymn Boards: as our own boards have been lost, we will try and source two more. **ACTION: JG.**

19. 5-year plan: the Rector has a template from the Diocese so that we can start to produce this. We will need to revisit our “vision” and also identify resources for implementation.
20. Environmental Action Plan: the Rector is to liaise with the Dean in this regard. JG said that the Diocese has been putting together a resource package for this. We are an Eco- congregation and will make use of any available toolkits to assist with any audits that are required.
21. Date of next meeting: Thursday 14 March at 7.30pm
22. The Rector closed the meeting with the Grace.