

EASTER ANNUAL GENERAL VESTRY MEETING

SUNDAY 21ST APRIL 2024

Present: Rev Isy, Christine Jones, Erin Hill, Harry Donnelly, Lorna Brown, Roger Martin June Johnston, Donna Moore, Gareth Moore, Maggie Watson, Dawn Hart, Catherine Evans, Austin Smyth, Harry Knott, Michelle Anthony, Ian Toale, Drew Hughes, Eileen Hughes, Emily Robinson, Joan Robinson, Winnie Hart, Sam Steele, Hazel Donnelly, Colin Montgomery, Rev Chris Bennett

Apologies: Doreen Faulkner, Danna Cochrane, Jim Newberry, Sandra Gourley, Leslie Gourley.

Rev Isy welcomed everyone and the meeting opened with a Bible Reading read by Rev Isy Ephesians Ch 5 verses 10-18 and a prayer.

Minutes of last Easter General Vestry (26th March 2023) were agreed and signed.

Proposed: Dawn Hart Seconded: June Johnston

Rev Isy's Report

Rev Isy outlined the Parish Activities which have happened over the past 12 months and also the events planned for this year.

Rev Chris Bennett joined us almost a year ago as our Community Chaplain, and is now involved in the Church Ministry and Worship and also the 70th Anniversary preparations for our church.

Parish Activities

Bible Study - Romans, there is Prayer Time on Thursday nights with the Prayer Team. Parents and Tots meet on a Tuesday and this is going well. The Knitting Group meet and most of their knitting goes to the Baby Basics crib in the church for onward distribution. To 'Baby Basics'. Sew Good Friends meet every other Wednesday evening.. The Bowling Club on a Monday night is going well and now has approximately 21 members. The Cadets meet every Tuesday in Parish Hall and this also is going well. LIFT meets every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month on which is going well.

Events

There have been Lunches and Dinners and the King's Coronation Celebration in the Parish Centre with David Brannagh-Curry was well attended. There was the Stellar voices and the Big Event (with allo allo in November) which was supported by other churches in Greenisland who took part. The KALOS project was started and is ongoing. The Old School Surgery have continued using our Parish Centre for the Flu/Covid Vaccinations this year. Carol Singing again took place at Knockagh Rise before Christmas and School Assemblies for the 2 local Primary Schools continued. There was also an Alpha course in Greenisland Golf Club

supported by members of Greenisland churches. There was a Vigil service for Turkey & Syria earthquakes.

During Lent & Easter week 2023 there were 'Flippin pancakes' for the young people of the community in Parish Centre, The Bible Study group took service during Holy Week. There was an Agape meal on Maundy Thursday and on Good Friday there was a Community Walk with the Cross during the day and a Tenebrae Service in the evening. Easter Sunrise at Knockagh Monument (with breakfast hosted by Greenisland Baptist Church) and a Joint Pentecost Service on 28th May.

There was a dedication of windows in memory of Adele Martin on 22nd October 2023.

Adult Baptism of Emma Campbell and Children Dedications of: Albert Jones, Myrtle Iris Vint and Christian Samuel Jones.

Funerals - Mrs McComb (13th June) Martha Kernoghan (19th October) Kenneth Fenner (20th November) Denise Thompson (8th December) and Bob Huffan (15th December).

Christmas 2023 - There was a Community Carol Service, Christingle Service in Church, Carols by Candlelight, the Nativity Service (Nativity in a suitcase) with midnight Holy Communion on Christmas Eve, a Celebration Service on Christmas Day and a New Year's Eve Service in church.

Rev Isy then moved onto the 70th Anniversary Year of Greenisland Parish

There has been a Journey through the Bible Series for the Children's Talk in church, United Services have been planned and also Flippin Pancakes happened again on Pancake Tuesday this year. The Bible Study group during Lent were studying West Side Story and are now studying the Book of Job.

There was a Baptism of Blaco Thea Wynter.

Funerals so far this year: Marie Field (2nd Feb), Andrew Robinson (22nd March) and Jim Guy (19th April).

Also an ALPHA Course has begun in Parish Centre on 10th April for 10 weeks.

LOOKING FORWARD

On 25th April the church will be hosting a Fashion Show (proceeds to NI Hospice) and models wearing MONSOON clothes.

Pentecost Service this year will be on Sunday 19th May in Greenisland Methodist Church.

There will be another Community week this year in the Summer for the Young People of Greenisland.

70th Anniversary Celebration Service and Dinner - Sunday 1st September at 3pm when the Primate of Ireland Very Rev John McDowell will be preaching and also past clergy of Greenisland Parish along with others who have been involved over the years in the Ministry of our Parish have been invited.

Rev Isy ended her report by thanking everyone in the Parish for their support and encouragement during the year and that there is a growth in membership of the church. She also mentioned special thanks to both the Church Wardens (Roger and Lorna) and the Glebe Wardens (Harry and Gareth). For those involved with the Young People of the Church (Ann and Dawn). For Maggie and her catering team. For Erin as Treasurer and for Christine as Vestry Secretary. To Hilary Dunlop for the flowers in church and finally to Harry Knott for his faithful years as Auditor of our Church and others for 50 years who is now stepping down from this role from today. Roger Martin presented Harry with a Gift from the Select Vestry of the Parish and a card in recognition of all his hard work in auditing the accounts of our church over the years.

Roger then gave a personal word of thanks to Rev Isy on behalf of the congregation.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Erin then went through the Annual Accounts (a copy of which was given to each person attending EGV). Overall receipts are up and 2 Grants had been received during the year - one for the KALOS project and the other for Community Dinners from Mid & East Antrim Council. She also said that we only have another 4 more years to pay off the Connor Diocese Creditor repayment.

Lorna then thanked Erin for all her hard work as Treasurer on behalf of the church and Harry Knott thanked her for all her hard work on Accounts.

Easter Vestry reports were unanimously accepted by all attending (all said Aye and there were no Nays)

Proposed: Donna Moore

Seconded June Johnston

Nominations were taken for 2024/25 Select Vestry as follows:

NAME	PROPOSED	SECONDED
Rector's Church Warden Roger Martin		
Rector's Glebe Warden Harry Donnelly		
People's Church Warden Lorna Brown	Maggie Watson	Catherine Evans
People's Glebe Warden Gareth Moore	Maggie Watson	Donna Moore
Erin Hill	Christine Jones	Dawn Hart
Christine Jones	Dawn Hart	Maggie Watson
Doreen Faulkner	Harry Donnelly	Erin Hill
Maggie Watson	Dawn Hart	June Johnston
Dawn Hart	Emily Robinson	Maggie Watson
Catherine Evans	Erin Hill	Lorna Brown

Danna Cochrane	Erin Hill	Donna Moore
Jim Newberry	Roger Martin	Harry Donnelly
Austin Smyth	Erin Hill	June Johnston
June Johnston	Maggie Watson	Eileen Hughes
Donna Moore	Gareth Moore	Maggie Watson
Ian Toale	Lorna Brown	Winnie Hart
Emily Robinson	Catherine Evans	Dawn Hart
Ann Hunter	Catherine Evans	Dawn Hart
Colin Montgomery	Roger Martin	Harry Donnelly

At the follow-up Select Vestry meeting Rev Isy welcomed all those who have been elected onto Vestry.

Erin Hill was elected as Honorary Treasurer

Proposed Catherine Evans Seconded: Roger Martin

Christine Jones was elected as Honorary Secretary

Proposed: Harry Donnelly Seconded: Catherine Evans

First Vestry Meeting of 2024 Select Vestry will be held on

Thursday 16th May at 7pm in McCappin Room.