

EASTER ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

**SUNDAY 6TH APRIL 2025 IN JUBILEE HALL, STATION ROAD,
GREENISLAND**

Present: Rev Isy, Rev Chris Bennett, Christine Jones, Erin Hill, Roger Martin, Lorna Brown, Catherine Evans, Dawn Hart, Emily Robinson, Michelle Anthony, Ann Hunter, Maggi Watson, Danna Cochrane, Heather Boyd, Donna and Gareth Moore, Colin Montgomery, Joan Montgomery, Chris and Mairead Neill, Kenny Baxter, Drew and Eileen Hughes.

Apologies: Doreen Faulkner, Harry Donnelly, Ian Toale, Hilary and Lindsay Dunlop, Sam Steele, June Johnston, Joan Robinson

Rev Isy welcomed everyone and the meeting opened with a Bible Reading which everyone said together: Matthew Ch 16 verse 18.

Minutes of last year's Easter Annual Vestry were agreed and signed by Rev Isy;

Proposed: Dawn Hart

Seconded: Lorna Brown

RECTOR'S REPORT

Report from Rev Isy about church and shop update for 2024/25

No progress on Insurance claim. Boards have now been erected over all the stained glass windows of church costing £11,000 (high cost due to scaffolding etc) Shop will be opening shortly and Rev Isy asked Roger to update Easter Vestry on shop opening progress to date: All electrics, sewage connections made, shelving in and suppliers contacted – the opening of shop will be very soon as soon as NIE connect the electricity supply to the shop.

Rev Isy said in the past year there are now 3 members of staff.

Rev Chris – Community Chaplain

Lorna Brown – Family and children Outreach worker

Dawn Hart – Caretaking duties.

Lorna said she is building up Tea and Tots (Parent and toddler club) at moment and it is going very well. There are at present up to 30 children meeting each week and she plans to have activities for both the adults present as well as the children in the future. She has also been contacting those families who have had their children baptised in past 5 years and following up with visits and building up the Sunday School with itinerary being more structured.

Rev Chris as Community Chaplain reflected on past year's dramatic events due to the fire. He said the one thing coming out was the strength of Greenisland Community. He has also been visiting round parishioners.

Rev Isy thanked the 3 members for all their support to her in the past year. She told Easter Vestry that the 3 boys who had caused the fire damage were now under the supervision for their Community Service of both Lorna and Rev Chris and they are under the Judicial Review for their Community Service.

All Church Activities are going ahead and going well.

Rev Isy said various events had occurred during the past 12 months, the main one being the recent Day Retreat which she said had been a huge success to allow people to reflect on all that has happened and it is planned to hold another one during the next 12 months. Other events were the fundraising concert by David Brannagh-Curry, Christingle service, Pancake Tuesday and Messy Church. Rev Isy thanked both Sandra and Jane and the choir for their support to her and the church during the past year. Baby Basics collections are also still ongoing.

Fundraising

It is planned for another Fundraising Event around Christmas - this time for the team planning to go to India in January 2026 and this will again be by David Brannagh Curry. This fundraising would be used to buy beds, decorate etc the orphanage the team (approx. 11 members so far) would be working in.

FINANCE REPORT

Erin outlined the Financial Summary for 2024 which all members of Easter Vestry were handed. Erin reported that no report on shop finances but that the church funds have been greatly increased by GoFund me and the Restoration Fund. There was one amendment to the Financial Report - under Receipts and Expenses Listing - Expenses for Rector should read for Community Chaplain.

Rev Isy thanked Erin for her hard work and also Colin for lodging the Sunday morning collection in Bank each week. She also thanked Roger for his Gift Aid work and as Director of the shop

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Rev Isy informed Easter Vestry that the Auditors of the church accounts are UHY Hacker Young and Fitch - the audited accounts have not arrived yet and are still to come.

Selection of 2025/26 Select Vestry members then took place.

Select Vestry member	Proposed	Seconded
Roger Martin Rector's Church Warden		

Lorna Brown People's Church Warden	Proposed: Dawn Hart	Seconded: Catherine Evans
Harry Donnelly Rector's Glebe Warden		
Gareth Moore People's Glebe Warden	Donna Moore	Heather Boyd
Christine Jones	Lorna Brown	Erin Hill
Catherine Evans	Donna Moore	Ann Hunter
Erin Hill	Christine Jones	Ann Hunter
Doreen Faulkner	Lorna Brown	Ann Hunter
Danna Cochrane	Heather Boyd	Maggi Watson
Emily Robinson	Dawn Hart	Donna Moore
Colin Montgomery	Donna Moore	Roger Martin
Maggi Watson	Danna Cochrane	Dawn Hart
Dawn Hart	Emily Robinson	Catherine Evans
Donna Moore	Gareth Moore	Lorna Brown
Ian Toale	Roger Martin	Colin Montgomery
Ann Hunter	Lorna Brown	Maggi Watson
Rev Chris Bennett		
Michelle Anthony	Ann Hunter	Donna Moore
Kenny Baxter	Lorna Brown	Dawn Hart
Drew Hughes	Roger Martin	Ann Hunter

Erin Hill elected as Hon Treasurer

Proposed: Colin Montgomery

Seconded: Christine Jones

Christine Jones elected as Hon Secretary

Proposed: Colin Montgomery

Seconded: Erin Hill

All above named are now on the Select Vestry for 2025/26.

Proposed: Donna Moore

Seconded: Colin Montgomery

Rev Isy closed the meeting by thanking the new Select Vestry members and by the saying of the Grace and it was agreed that the first Select Vestry meeting of new Vestry would be held on **THURSDAY 22ND MAY** in Methodist Church at 7pm.