

## **St Mary's Parish Church – General Easter Vestry**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

### **Hall for All**

#### **In attendance:**

M Littlewood	E Freeburn	L Hosford
J Baines (Treas)	P McCullough	J Rice
M Baines	G Moorehead	S Johnston
P McCullough (Sec)	Rev S McDonald (Chair)	J McConnell

#### **Apologies:**

J Patterson

#### **Chairman's Remarks:**

Rev McDonald welcomed everyone and commenced the meeting with prayer. Rev McDonald thanked Jim Baines for his magnificent work over several decades as Treasurer of the Parish. All were in agreement.

S Johnston advised that due to work pressures he would be unable to continue as a Vestry member. Rev McDonald thanked Scott for his efforts on behalf of the Parish.

Rev McDonald thanked the team who support and maintain the life of the Church and Parish. He pointed out that there will be challenges in the incoming year including seeking new Vestry Members and office-bearers. Rev McDonald commented that during services there will be efforts to raise the profile of the Vestry by 'interviewing' current members to highlight the role and what is entailed.

People's Churchwarden – L Hosford – p. S Johnston s. J Rice

Rector's Churchwarden – D McAlpine

People's Glebewarden – J Rice – p. P McCullough s. G Moorehead

Rector's Glebewarden – D McAlpine

Select Vestry were elected as follows:

P McCullough

J Rice

J McConnell

D Muldrew

L Hosford

D McAlpine

R Hawthorne

M Nummy

G Moorehead

J Patterson

J Baines

E Freeburn

p. P McCullough s. S Johnston

#### **Accounts:**

- Parish ac Income £56779.40, Expenditure £53000
- Rectory ac £88470, St Pats £1976 for their part of rectory half the use, £4322 Expenditure, Closing balance £90446
- Building fund £256 opening and closing
- Centre of Mission Fund opening £ -1084 expenditure £6117 closing £4196.57

All together the bank funds are £143973. This year we received 2 years of gift aid income totalling £8000.

Diocese have now started to contribute to the Centre of Mission. It is hoped to get more with a youth worker doing 20 hrs per week employed. It was noted that there is now 70 children engaged. J Patterson, L McNeill and J McElroy do from 6 to 9pm with the Youth Gym. In future the Centre of Mission accounts will be taken out of St Mary's and St Patricks and will be stand alone from next year.

#### **AOB:**

S Johnston advised on Storm glazing system to replace the occulted perspex £21000 + VAT for lower windows. Then for top windows £24000 + VAT + scaffolding. These do not include the large east window which would have to be surveyed and priced separately. It was agreed that a staged approach would be taken with the lower windows a priority. Action taken would be in line with the renovations to the internal layout. No agreement at this stage to proceed.

It was noted that quinquennial inspection due.

Congratulations to Rev McDonald were offered by all present in relation to his promotion within Dromore Cathedral.

Short Vestry Meeting called for 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm to review finalised accounts.