

St. Magnus Vestry Meeting

On Tuesday 6th June 2017

In Church Hall At 7pm

Those present;

Rev. Neil Brice (Chair)

Rachel Brice, Ann Longmuir, Rodney Jamieson, Ingri Johnson, Niall O'Rourke, Trudy Ratter, Joy Whitelaw, Carol Wishart, Marghie West

Apologies;

Stephen Leask, Allan Wishart

Opening prayers

Matters arising;

Notice board. Outside board - A Sign writer to be asked for quote to rewrite the outside board.

Inside board - designs to be considered.

Stewards, readers, servers - meeting on 11th June 2017 after Eucharist, for those unable to attend in February.

Two questions to be discussed. How do we make people welcome? How do we evacuate in an emergency? There will be an evacuation drill in the future.

Esther has been given permission from the Bishop to help with communion.

Neil and Rachel gave their thanks to the vestry for the monthly housing allowance.

The new battery candles are on their way.

The minutes were then approved

Agenda;

1 Treasurer

As of this meeting no rent has been received from Shetland Property Lets for 14 Greenfield Place. Enquires are to be made. **Action Neil**

The Treasurer is concerned that heating costs for the Church are high.

The Hall had a hot water leak through a period of probably a fortnight, which meant continuous heating of the water.

Neil is to ask a plumber if it is possible to move the Church heating controls to the vestry from the cellar.

The Treasurer gave a report on the state of the Church finances. Ann was asked if another column could be added to her treasurer's report to aid further understanding.

There was a discussion about paying back the existing loan and requesting a new loan for the work to be done on the Rectory. It was proposed by Rachel, seconded by Joy, that the cost of necessary work should be researched before any action on a loan is taken.

2 Lay Reps

13th July 2017 is the date when it will be known if there are sufficient suitable candidates to short list for selection of a new Bishop.

3 Fund raising;

Ann has been asked if she would kindly organise a Gift Day Leslie will be supplying blue envelopes to go with a letter from Neil. It was agreed Open Day/Gift Day should be on the weekend of the 16/17 September 2017 combined with this year's Harvest Festival.

Ingri will be hoisting an idea meeting for fund raising on 13th June 2017 in the hall.

Come and sing will be on 17th July 2017 when those attending will need a packed lunch.

4 Worship;

The walk of Faith on Good Friday was very well attended by about 70 people from several church groups, as was the Service in St. Magnus from 1 -3pm. The hot cross buns were also appreciated.

The Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday 17th September 2017

The Prayer Bear Day, which took place in the Gilbertson Park and organised by Rachel Baker of the Salvation Army on behalf of the Untied Churches of Shetland was also well attended.

This year's Parish Day is in the planning stages and will take place in Papa Stour.

People like St. Magnus Church and say so. St. Magnus is known as an "Open Church" welcoming all.

Music and Choir;

Neil has spoken with both Peter and Ann. Some weeks there will be a choir, but if there are not enough voices available those present will sit in the congregation. There may also be unaccompanied occasions.

We were all reminded that, all should focus on the primary reasons for being a Church - Worship, prayer and encouragement of each other.

St. Magnus has been blessed with Cyril's piano and organ playing over the years. For this we owe Cyril Baker a wealth of blessings with our thanks.

Cyril and Pat have donated their piano to St. Magnus Church. Trudy is to write a letter of thanks. **Action Trudy**

The organ has broken down again. The part is to be posted to "Allen Organs" to be assessed

5 Sunday School;

Three boys made their first communion on Sunday 3 June 2017. Aiden, Dougie and Murray

Henna Cundill met with the Sunday School Teachers and preached on the Sunday. This has been helpful for everyone.

6 PVG

Donald Urquhart, Provincial PVG Officer provided updated training of 24 May. Nine people from St Magnus, and St Colman, attended and it was excellent. It is expected that further training for those unable to attend will be available by a local trainer.

More helpful information is to be placed at the back of the Church and in the Hall to signpost voluntary help available for anyone in need.

7 Fabric;

Rectory

Information is to be obtained from the Architect, on the jobs needed to be carried out.

Hall and Kitchen

Rachel showed us a plan which has given as much space and storage as possible, as well as conforming with Health and Safety regulations.

When complete, the plans will be available for the congregation to make comments.

The cost of the kitchen is not yet available. The units and other items within the kitchen could cost about £3.000. However labour costs are unknown.

Church Tower

There is still water seeping through the wall. The roof needs repairing and a special paint applied to the outside walls.

Neil is to ask who will be able to do the work. **Action Neil.**

Maintenance Plan

Joy explained it has been delayed owing to personal reasons. Please let her or Neil know if you know of any work to be carried out, or work that has been completed

The PAT test has been done. Four items did not come up to standard and were discarded.

All certificates were issued. Total cost £142.80

The maintenance plan will be ready for the next meeting.

AOCB;

The Lerwick Guides and Brownies will be using St. Magnus Hall from August 2017 on Mondays and Thursdays. This is a long term booking. Initially they will be bringing boxes with their equipment, but it was suggested that the alcove with the child gate could be made into a cupboard for further storage.

The meeting was closed with prayers.

Next meeting on Tuesday 1st August 2017 at 7pm