



The Scottish
Episcopal Church



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS
SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2023
ST MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

1.	CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME & PRAYERS The Rector opened the AGM with a prayer then thanked and welcomed all who attended.
2.	AGM 2022 MINUTES Taken as read with no amendments or corrections required.
3.	RECTOR'S REPORT 2023: REVEREND MARK-AARON TISDALE Firstly, I wish to thank you all for your continued attendance at worship and participation in our numerous social engagements throughout the past 12 months; I am also very grateful for your continued support of my ministry amongst you, and our surrounding community. Secondly, a most heartfelt thanks goes out to Enid Young, for her years of dedication to her and our Vestry, as she stepped down from her post mid-year; I am very grateful that she continues to lead the Flower Arrangers with complete dedication and skill. To wit, the Vestry welcomed Jean McGuinness, filling the vacancy; Jean has many years of Scottish Episcopal Church Vestry experience (in the Kingdom of Fife), which will be invaluable to hitting the ground running. We are still in need of another Vestry member to round out our committee, however. Likewise, with many years of faithful service as our Treasurer, Graeme Stirling is to be heartedly thanked; we need a Deputy Treasurer for this coming year, however, to assist Graeme and to be an understudy, as to enable Graeme to step back with assurance in a secure financial future for St. Mary's. Additionally, you will no doubt recall the recent major work of our Solar Panel and Battery Storage Installation; a tremendous effort went into the process - planning & research, proposal, contractor liaising etc, for which we are very grateful to our Property Convener, David Rowe. Moreover, I commend to you his annual report, which is quite comprehensive for a volunteer officer; Mazel Tov! Once again, we've been humbly and excellently served by our Vestry Secretary & de facto Communications Officer, Fiona Walthall, this past 12 months; she has not only served the Vestry in minute-taking but has also maintained the email distribution system and acted as Editor in Chief of our monthly Newsletter, for which we are also grateful.

Separately, we have renewed our front Services' Sign to update contact & worship details, whilst also physically raising the whole sign 8 inches for improved visibility; thanks to Dave Rowe for that work, too!

Also, we received a new sound system: speakers and 3 microphones to better enhance worship etc.

Regarding Worship, we have introduced a Worship Committee, on which sits our Music Director, (Prof. Dr.) Iain Stewart, our three Licenced Lay Worship Leaders - Ruth Toy, Graeme Stirling & Lis Thoms, our two Lay Readers - Sue Rowe and Elaine Hammersley and me; a recent addition has been our new Placement Student, Enza Gibson.

Enza has joined St. Mary's on a 2-year placement, while she continues her studies as an Ordinand of the Province, on schedule to become a Deacon in Holy Orders, c. 2025AD. It cannot be overlooked just how brilliantly we are served by our Worship Team, who assist in most worship services; thanks also go to our Lection Readers, our Intercessors, our Welcomers and our Sacristy Team, including Anne Aitken et al who launder and press our linen cloths... We cannot worship in a clean environment without Margaret & Barbara; THANK YOU!

The St. Mary's Worship tempo is now: Wednesdays at 1030 for Holy Communion; every Sunday at 0830 for a BCP Eucharist and at 1100 for a 2022 Eucharist; & monthly at 1700 for Evensong. Additionally, we are considering offering Taizé-style services, soon.

Regarding Training, 3 talks were given, in late spring; 1 on a journey of a lifetime to South Georgia and Antarctica by Lawrence Williams, 2 about the Pilgrimage to Santiago, Spain with me and Lis Thoms and 3 was both a talk and a discussion on mortality called Grave Talk. Then, throughout the summer, 2 successive courses were delivered, to which 7-9 members of St. Mary's and St. Paul's attended. A subsequent course was delivered on Old Testament Women in Jesus' Genealogy according to St. Matthew, in the lead up to Advent 2023.

Regarding Ministry, we've constituted a Ministry Team - Rector, Readers and now Placement Student, which meets to consider and pray for the Spiritual Life of our Church Community and how best to serve it and you. This also includes our Ministry to Ballumbie Court Care Home, where Ruth, Enza and I attend twice a month for Holy Communion and prayer time. Throughout the year, I have conducted 5 funerals, including 1 via our Ballumbie Court ministry; there have neither been any Holy Baptisms nor weddings. However, upon Dean Fay's retirement, the Diocese asked me to oversee the Pastoral Ministry of St. Ninian's in that vacancy; to date, I have conducted 4 Baptisms for that charge.

Your Rector is a member of the Chaplaincy Team of Grove Academy, a member of the Broughty Ferry Church Group, has renewed his Mothers' Union (MU) membership, was elected to the Diocesan Council and has recently been appointed as the Padre (Chaplain) for 1232 (Dundee) Air Training Corps (ATC) Squadron.

Penultimately, last winter, we were invited to stay open for a few hours each week in the UK-wide Warm/Cosy Spaces scheme; since we already worship on Wednesdays, and have a wee natter and refreshments afterwards, it was logical to volunteer for Wednesdays, which we did from November 2022 through March 2023. We've offered to do the same this winter, as a result, St. Mary's has increased in membership by at least 2 or 3, have knitted and freely given away over 40 angels last Advent, over 80+ egg cosies

this past Lent, have knitted for display over 400 purple and red poppies, several to many hats have been knitted and delivered for the Mission to Seafarers, and helped with parachutes for our summer charity fundraiser, the Teddy bear Parachute Drop, at which many members attended and assisted! Thank you!

Regarding Mission, now that we've created both the Ministry and Worship Teams, I am keen to see us develop and grow both a Social Committee and a Mission Committee, this coming year. This past year, our community has met socially for a Winter Gathering at The Rectory, a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, a Summer Soiree at The Rectory, a Harvest Lunch and a Convivial 'Pub Lunch' arranged by Fiona, among other events. We have raised money for Aberlour, the Firefighters' Charity, the MU, and recently a successful Shoebox Appeal, not to mention collected and donated goods and funds to the local Foodbank. I am eager that Committees begin to gather for planning, prayer, and overseeing the execution of Social & Mission Plans for 2023/4 and beyond, then submitting their own reports this time, next year. Please consider volunteering for one or either of these committees, or at least praying for their empowerment and success.

There may well be things I've overlooked. However, there are a few more highlights to mention in this report; via very generous & kind donations, St. Mary's was gifted quite a few things, this past year...

- A new microwave/grill for the kitchen.
- 10 new Holy Bibles to assist our Bible Studies & Worship in memory of Alice Allan (RIP).
- A renewed Provincial Sign courtesy of Dundee Plant.
- 60 new hymnals: 50 lyrics versions, 6 melody versions & 4 large-print versions in memory of Sandy Turriff (RIP).
- 1 new Organists' Hymnal in 2 volumes.

Finally, as our membership continues to grow, please continue to support me, your Vestry, the Worship Team and each other in our efforts to further the Kingdom of God on our frontlines.

M-A is that as the congregation grows, children will lead a service.

A new initiative was launched; the Teddy bear parachute drop with M-A contacting the Balmossie Fire Service Watch Commander and hope for a Teddy Bear picnic in St Mary's The Fire Officers were keen to maintain links for future parachute drops.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023: GRAEME STIRLING

Our regular income can be split over a few categories: -

Type of Income	Percentage of total income		Percentage of total	
	2023		2022	
Congregational Giving	£24,137	28%	£28,052	34%
Rent from halls and Church	£34,248	40%	£29,512	35%
Investment income	£13,970	17%	£ 11,888	14%
Donations and gifts	£ 10,207	12%	£ 9,312	11%
All other smaller categories	£ 2,292	3%	£ 4,562	6%

Total	£84,854	100%	£83,326	100%
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From these figures you can see that the rent from the halls and the Church is now greater than that from us.

Expenditure: our big saving last year was in Stipend as we had no Rector for almost the whole year.

The majority of our expenses are very similar from year to year. The biggest variable is almost always in connection with the fabric. Repairs and maintenance (more detail in the Building Manager’s Report) are charged against the Fabric Fund, but insurance of the church was £6,387 (2022 it was £6,414) and Heating and lighting was £11,893 (2022 it was £8,956).

Finally, our **investments** increased in value by £7,393 in the year to 31 August 2023 (2022 there was a decrease of £87,170). We must always remember that investment values can decrease as well as increase

5. PROPERTY CONVENOR’S REPORT 2023: DAVE ROWE

CHURCH AND NURSERY

Internally there have been no significant items of work carried within the church during the last year, but behind the scenes it has been a busy 12 months.

Leading up to and over the Christmas holiday period and through to the beginning of the New Year there was considerable disruption to the heating system, however a combination of the Gas supply authority and our local heating engineer and local electrician finally resolved all the issues.

Every five years there is a requirement, imposed by the church authorities, to appoint an architect to carry out a thorough survey of all our property and report on actions that need attending to. This quinquennial survey has revealed no major problems but has recommended some redecoration to areas on the lower floor, continuous monitoring of external stonework and requires an electrical check to be updated. This latter item is currently being dealt with.

At the AGM last year this report proposed the possible installation of Solar panels to contribute to the Scottish Episcopal Church’s aim to become carbon neutral. Planning Approval was granted by Dundee City Council and Listed Building Consent in a Conservation Area to allow the installation of 36 solar panels on the South facing sloping roof with inverter and a battery capacity of 17 kWt. This was finally commissioned on 28 September 2023. A more detailed report on the performance of the system will be available for the AGM next year and the summer 6 months will undoubtedly see the best performance. Historically our electricity consumption averages somewhere between 20 and 25 kWt per day. There were some days, recently, in the middle of October when the panels had produced over 60 kWt in the day, so very promising. Our source of heating now and for the foreseeable future is gas fired boilers, and it has always been the vestry’s policy to maintain at least a back-ground level of heat to protect the structure, and then boost the temperature during hours of occupancy. The building has three separate zones to allow for a reasonably controlled environment for 1. the church, 2. the vestry area and 3. the nursery. We should expect a reduction in our overall electricity bills and

subsequently earn a return from any surplus energy sent back to the grid but during the last year the price of gas per unit has more than doubled.

Ecclesiastical Insurance Company, our building insurance company carried out a routine inspection and re-valuation survey during the summer and requested some additional safeguarding work be carried out, much of which related to the solar panel installation. This has been carried out and the required completion documentation has been returned to them.

There has been no significant work within the Nursery area during the year, but the nursery has funded and carried out some work to refurbish the rear external play area decking and the Care Commission then required them to replace a boundary fence between the garden and the drop to the railway line behind the church. The nursery is in the process of installing a more secure door entry system on their existing outside door and then they intend to remodel a toilet area into a more suitable baby nappy changing room. The church has been happy to agree to this work and has not been asked to contribute to any of these costs.

Contracts are in place for regular Specialist Fire Alarm testing, and fire extinguisher checking and roof and gutter clearing to take place. The organ builder makes regular visits for maintenance and re-tuning as required. The garden area and the Garden of Remembrance continue to be cared for by volunteers.

RECTORY

Since the last AGM report there has been no significant work carried out at the Rectory. The built-in Fridge/Freezer has been replaced, with a like or like replacement. Significant extra roof insulation has been added and an Energy Performance Certificate was produced to satisfy the Diocesan requirement of Rectories meeting a minimum standard of a rating of C.

A paving contractor has been approached to improve the stepped access to the front door and to refix loose slabs on some steps but has not made an appearance at the time of preparing this report.

POST REPORT COMMENT

Although strictly beyond the reporting period of this report there is currently an ongoing issue with water ingress at the East elevation of the chapel in the South Aisle. The end of October 23 through until the middle of November 23 has seen some unprecedented wet weather predominately from the East. It appears that some of the stonework is waterlogged, and damage has occurred to the decorated plaster internal face of the wall above the altar.

The architect has visited twice to eliminate an overflowing valley gutter as the cause and has recommended a stone specialist based in St. Andrews who is due to visit to advise the vestry on the situation.

6. SAFEGUARDING REPORT 2023: DEREK RITCHIE, PVG CO-ORDINATOR

GENERAL SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION.

The PVG (Protection of Vulnerable Groups) Co-ordinator is appointed to take responsibility on behalf of the vestry to ensure that the work of the Church is carried out in accordance with the law and the SEC's policies Code of Good Practice on the protection of children and vulnerable adults. Vulnerable adults mean an adult who by reason of

intellectual disability, mental illness or other impairment, age or other circumstances, has reduced capacity, whether permanently or temporarily, to protect themselves from abuse.

This requires that anyone volunteering or appointed to 'regulated work' with children and/or vulnerable adults within St Mary's have their details submitted to Disclosure Scotland for relevant criminal conviction checks. Regulated work is when as part of an individual's duties they carry out regular welfare support to others with particular needs.

Those who carry out regulated work are clergy members, lay readers and pastoral visiting team, all who have completed PVG registration.

At St Mary's we adhere to the SEC 'Code of Good Practice' which requires that: -

1. The following are displayed in our church. These can be found on the notice board at the back of the church.

- The SEC policies for the protection of children and vulnerable adults
- The name and contact details for St Mary's PVG Coordinator, the Diocesan Protection Officer presently Reverend Denise Herbert, the Provincial Safeguarding Officer for Children and Vulnerable Adults, presently John Wylie and Assistant Provincial Safeguarding Officer Daphne Audsley.
- A Childline Poster.
- A Silverline Poster.

2. Safeguarding is included on the agenda of all vestry meetings where any safeguarding issues are discussed. Vestry members are kept informed of any updates relating to safeguarding advice and protocol.

3. The annual safeguarding report and annual safeguarding return checklist is submitted to the Provincial Safeguarding Officer via our Diocesan Protection Officer.

4. A list of all who carry our regulated work or are in a position of trust within St Mary's is kept; those with positions of trust are presently Eucharist Assistants, worship leaders, organist and key holders.

2023 UPDATE

2023 saw the return of normal activities with the removal of all restrictions that had resulted from Covid.

During the year Donald Urquhart our Provincial Safeguarding Officer retired, and John Wylie has now been appointed to the position. He has arranged to meet with the Diocesan PVG Co-ordinators here at St. Mary's on 24 February 2024, which will be combined with update training.

SEC has been carrying out an update on all those carrying out regulated on the PVG register. This has allowed me to review our own list of those carrying out regulated work at St Mary's. All are willing to continue in their roles and in addition we have welcomed Lis Thoms who has taken up the role of Worship Leader.

Other activities requiring regulated work throughout the year have included: -
Cosy Space initiative: in order to support vulnerable people during the 'Cost of Living Crisis', St Mary's along with other churches in Broughty Ferry has opened its doors to provide a 'Cosy Space' with company and refreshments 1 day per week over the winter

months. This has been very successful and because of this in St Mary's a knitting group evolved (Knit and Natter) which continued to meet over the summer months. Amongst many items many poppies were knitted which were displayed outside the church during Remembrance Week.

Pastoral Visiting: as mentioned previously all current members of the Pastoral Visiting Team are happy to be available to carry out pastoral visits if required though demand at present has been low.

Book Bug: this is an activity to encourage young children to love books. Following Covid restrictions resulting in suspension of this activity there are plans to restart though for various reasons this is still to happen on a regular basis.

We all have an individual duty of care to provide a safe and protected environment for those who worship here and to report any concerns we have about the vulnerable amongst us. Good safeguarding is part of how we value and include people and treat them with respect. It is integral to the whole mission of the Church.

Any concerns should be reported to the PVG Coordinator or clergy but if neither is available or the issue is more serious nature then the police or social work department should be contacted. The Diocesan Protection Officer and Provincial Safeguarding Officers can be contacted for support and advice also.

Further guidance and support on safeguarding can be found on the SEC website including various information resources. These are also available through the PVG Coordinator.

7. MOTHER'S UNION REPORT 2023: ROSEMARY STIRLING, BRANCH LEADER

We now number 5 "able" members who continue to support one another and our 1 remaining housebound member, shown by caring phone calls, letters and visits. Sadly, two members have died very recently – Nancy Bone, who was 91 and a loyal member for 56 years and Joan Thomson aged 97 and a member for 20 years.

Margaret Christison who lives in Arbroath doesn't keep in very good health which prevents her from getting out and about. She keeps busy knitting hats for Seamen. On separate occasions, 2 of our members visited a member from St Andrews Diocese who was in Ninewells after a bad fall.

Our Rector renewed his M.U. membership when he moved to Broughty Ferry from Peterborough.

Christine Berry (escorted by her son, John) joined the "Reclaim the night" march and rally during the 16 Days of Activism (25 Nov -10 Dec). Others from St. Pauls' S.E. Cathedral in Dundee also attended.

At St. Mary's, special prayers, a sermon and the distribution of bookmarks and other information took place on 1 of the Sundays during 16 Days of Activism. We have plans to mark the 16 Days next Sunday at St Mary's.

Anne Aitken, Christine Berry, Marion Reilly and Rosemary Stirling had lunch together prior to a visit to the Plastics Exhibition at Dundee's V&A Museum. It was interesting to hear how plastic emerged as the "wonder" material in the early 1900's but has been

responsible for irreversible pollution of our oceans, rivers, etc. Despite this it is still used where no substitute has been found.

In December 2022, we donated £100 to the “Big Give”, which was doubled to £200 and used to promote M.U. projects at home and abroad. £25 was given to prison “work” along with donations of pants, socks, towels etc, for women about to be released from prison.

Members took part in and encouraged others to attend the World Day of Prayer held in St James Church of Scotland in Broughty Ferry.

A retiring collection from St Mary’s congregation on Mothering Sunday enabled us to send £200 to Mary Sumner House. Another £32 was donated by a couple of M.U. members.

Four members attended the Lady Day Service in St John’s, Perth when Isabelle Pottinger gave an excellent presentation, highlighting how Domestic Violence affects the children of perpetrators as well as their “partner”.

Four of us were delighted to attend, at least, the lunch in Blairgowrie on Mary Sumner Day after having been delayed en route by a bad puncture. We were sorry to have missed the special service in St Catherine’s taken by Rev Kim.

Money from Mary Sumner House was used for a scheme called AFIA (Away From It All) which enabled us to send a single Mum and her 7 children (ages ranging from 17 years to 6 months) for a 4 day stay in a caravan park in Arbroath. They had a most enjoyable time and were extremely grateful to M.U.

Recently Christine supported the Kilt Walk (the Dundee Wee Wander) by accompanying participants from St Andrews Diocese from Broughty Ferry Castle to Stannersgate.

Rosemary continues to keep in touch with M.U. branches in Bundaberg, Queensland and Watsonia in Melbourne.

Sarah Gammell, our Diocesan President, keeps us well informed about any other matters arising throughout the year and Diocesan member, Elizabeth Benton, does a great job compiling our e-newsletters.

Lastly, as the only M.U. branch in Brechin, we really appreciate being able to attend services and meetings held in St Andrews Diocese and for the support and friendship we receive.

8.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VESTRY 2023: GRAEME STIRLING

This report covers the whole of the financial year to 31 August 2023 – the first full year of our new Rector.

- We have been fortunate to be able to let the Dundee Symphony Orchestra (DSO) use the church for their Monday evening rehearsals, for which they have paid a competitive rent. Over the year, the Bookhouse in the Ferry, for a fee, has used the Church for talks by various authors which has proved popular.
- We were blessed with a talented organist, Robert Duguid, who enjoyed his voluntary work and we the congregation really enjoyed singing to his playing. However, Robert and his wife, Jill, made the difficult decision to move nearer their families in England. St Mary’s have been very fortunate to have a new member of

the congregation who just happens to be an accomplished organist. Professor Iain Stewart has settled into his new life as organist and musical director.

- Fiona Walthall, Vestry Secretary, has continued to mastermind the St Mary's Newsletter which is a much anticipated and appreciated monthly publication.
- We have joined with other churches in Broughty Ferry to offer the Warm / Cosy Spaces scheme. As we hold a service on Wednesday mornings, it seemed sensible to offer this facility on a Wednesday. Those who attend have started knitting items like poppies, angels, egg cosies and hats for the Mission to Seafarers.
- During Remembrance week, for the first time, St Mary's displayed a poppy display covering the front railings of the church.
- The Rector has introduced several changes to life at St Mary's – Evensong has now been revived on the first Sunday in the month; a worship team helps with various aspects of the services; £1,010 was raised for 2 charities – Aberlour Trust and a Fireman's charity- the event was a Teddy Bear's Parachute Drop held at Balmossie Fire Station. A retiring collection for The Mothers' Union Make a Mother's Day on Mothering Sunday was £200.
- Several social gatherings have taken place for the whole congregation – a Winter Gathering at The Rectory; a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper; a Summer Garden Party at the Rectory; a Harvest Lunch and a Convivial 'Pub Lunch'.
- The Broughty Ferry Churches Group (BFCG) has been trying to organise various joint events, e.g., the 'hot cross bun give away' which took place on Good Friday and was well received by the good folk in the Ferry. During gala Week in July, St Mary's hosted the Songs of Praise event which attracted over 80 enthusiastic singers. A coffee table sized book has been produced to mark 50 years since the Group was formed.
- During the year, we were well served by readers, intercessors, welcomers, the little singing group known as St Mary's Singers, the coffee and tea ladies, flower arrangers, those who have kept the church clean and to Dave Rowe for keeping the fabric of the church and the rectory in good running order.
- Grateful and appreciative thanks go to our hard-working gardener and assistants who keep the Garden of Remembrance tidy and in good order.

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity address: St Mary's Church, 164, Queens Street, Broughty Ferry, Dundee DD5 1AJ

Scottish Charity number: SC001750

Charity trustees:	Members of The Vestry
Reverend Mark-Aaron Tisdale	Rector
Mrs Elaine Hammersley	Lay Representative
Mrs Jean McGuinness	co-opted May 2023
Mr David Rowe	Property Convenor

Mrs Susan Rowe	Lay Reader
Mr Graeme Stirling	Treasurer
Mrs Enza Gibson	Ordinand
Mrs Fiona Walthall	Secretary
Mrs Enid Young	Resigned May 2023

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9. LAY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT 2023: ELAINE HAMMERSLEY

The meeting began with a Eucharist presided over by Bishop Andrew.

SESSION 1:

1. The preliminary business and governance were followed by a motion “that this Synod confirm the further amended Cathedral statutes as tabled.” This motion was approved by a vote taken in all the houses.
2. The Synod was asked to receive the Annual Report and Accounts of the Diocese of Brechin for the financial year 2021-22. These were presented by the Diocesan Treasurer, Bob Main during which he gave a detailed overview of the state of finances of the Diocese and concluded that the Diocese is in a healthy shape. However, Bishop Andrew advised all present not to be complacent. The Synod accepted the accounts.

SESSION 2:

3. Revised Diocesan Strategy 2023 – A Healthy Diocese

Bishop Andrew led a presentation on ‘Healthy Churches, Healthy Environment and Healthy Leaders’. In 2019, the Synod approved the churches working together in cluster, transitional ministry and support as a focus for Mission and Ministry. Covid interfered with some of these activities, as we were unable to meet in person for so

long. Four years on, the Diocese is being asked to use its resources at allow all churches and leaders to be healthy in their own context.

Three new categories were proposed:

- a) **Healthy Churches:** summarised as Ministry and Mission support for **All** charges with the aim of all church communities to be supported in their Ministry and Mission to be healthy. This would involve financial and governance support, spiritual support and encouragement, supporting children and young people, youth work and exploring other agencies and the role they could have, e.g., Place for Hope, Go Health, Church Army. Obviously, there will be budget implications.
- b) **Healthy Environment:** continuing support to the SEC commitment to achieving Net Zero buy 2030. It is not clear what the financial impact will be on the Diocese or the churches, but the importance of this work makes it vital that it forms part of the strategy for the next few years. There followed small groups discussion on what it is to be a healthy church. A vote was taken, and the strategy was approved by the Synod.

SESSION 3:

- c) Budget and Quota for 2024. Bob Main presented the Diocesan budget for the financial year from December 2023 to end November 2024. The quota will remain unchanged for the next financial year. The budget was unanimously approved by the Synod.
- d) Elections and Appointments: following the resignation of the Mike Duncan, Dr Jaap Jacobs was appointed the post of Diocesan Secretary, there being no other nomination. Reverend (now Canon) Jim Benton-Evans was appointed by the House of Clergy to the post of Diocesan Synod Cleark, there being no other nomination.

Thanks were given to Mike Duncan for his service as Diocesan Secretary for many years.

The date for the next Synod is Saturday 2 March 2024.

10. ELECTION OF VESTRY MEMBERS AND OFFICE BEARERS 2023

- The Treasurer and Secretary remain in post for a further 1 year.

- **VESTRY 2023-2024**

Reverend Mark-Aaron Tisdale (Rector and Chair)

Mr Graeme Stirling (Treasurer)

Mrs Elaine Hammersley (Lay Representative)

Mr Dave Rowe (Property Convenor)

	<p>Mrs Sue Rowe ((Lay Reader) Mrs Louise Speid (Co-opted) Mrs Fiona Walthall (Secretary)</p>
11.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOOKHOUSE: MEET THE AUTHOR There have been a number of ‘meet the author’ events held within St Mary’s • BROUGHTY FERRY GALA WEEK: SONGS OF PRAISE It was St Mary’s turn to host this annual event which proved to be a great success with many attendees admiring the church and commenting favourably on the big sing programme. Some 98 people attended from all denominations. • M-A thanked Professor Ian Stewart for ably providing musical accompaniment for the Sunday worship.
12.	<p>RECTOR’S CLOSING REMARKS AND PRAYERS</p> <p>The Rector closed meeting voicing the Grace with the congregation.</p>