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**MINUTES OF ST MARY'S VESTRY MEETING
THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 1600
IN THE RECTORY**

1.	RECTOR'S WELCOME & PRAYERS M-A offered an opening prayer and welcomed all who attended.	ACTION
2.	PRESENT & APOLOGIES Mark-Aaron Tisdale (M-A) (Chair), Graeme Stirling (GS), Sue Rowe (SR), Dave Rowe (DR), Jean McGuinness (JMcG), Elaine Hammersley (EH) Fiona Walthall (FW) (Secretary). APOLOGIES Enza Gibson (EG)	ALL
3.	ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 2023 Proposed: EH Seconded: JMcG	ALL
4.	RECTOR'S REPORT  Rector's Report 3 Feb24.docx <ul style="list-style-type: none">• M-A had approach the Speid family if they'd like to join the Welcomers team which they have accepted.• After 2023's General Synod, several documents were published, including a Vestry Code of Conduct and Property Convenors Responsibilities by the Provincial Buildings Committee of Minor Works under Canon 35• M-A stated that once verified and ratified, Vestry Minutes are to be made available to the congregation for reasons of transparency.• M-A will ask the Safeguarding Officer about safeguarding training for vestry members and will invite DkR to a meeting.• The Diocesan Safeguarding Group is meeting in St Mary's on Sat 24 Feb.• JMcG enquired about St Mary's website and mentioned that a company in Edinburgh creates websites for churches at a cost of £300. She'll send the link to M-A.• GS mentioned that Global Edit had created the present St Mary's website at a cost of £200.	M-A
5.	TREASURER'S REPORT  TrFeb24.doc GS had no further comment to make on his report.	GS

6.	<p>H&S AND BUILDING MANAGER'S REPORT</p>  <p>Buildings Manager report for February 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DR mentioned that he'd spoken with GS about the installation of a smart meter from which St Mary's could earn 'extra funds' from the solar panels. • M-A mentioned that 2 members of the congregation had emailed him about applying to 'The Repair Shop', to repair the processional cross. The insurance company will pay for a new cross to the tune of £20,000. • M-A also stated that he had painted the safe with 'smart water' and discovered 3 home communion sets. 	DR
7.	<p>SECRETARY'S REPORT</p>  <p>Secretary Report 010224.docx</p>	FW
8.	<p>JEAN MCGUINNESS' REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COSY WEDNESDAYS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This will close locally on Wed 27 Mar. ○ There have been a few in number but attendees mainly from St Mary's, although there have been some who have come in out of curiosity. • KNIT & NATTER GROUP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There may be a dozen present at any one time. ○ Knitting projects include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Remembrance poppies for the outdoor display screen. ▪ Angels prior to Christmas which were blessed by +Andrew before being dispensed in the 'Ferry. ▪ Trauma teddies sent to the Fire Service. ▪ Easter chicks to be dispensed in the 'Ferry on Wed 27 Mar. ▪ Donkey and camels have been started for Christmas. ○ Charities: some ideas will be posed after the Spring Fayre. 	JMcG
9.	<p>SAFEGUARDING REPORT</p> <p>In an email to FW, DkR stated there were no matters or issues of concern.</p>	DKR
10.	<p>DIOCESAN SYNOD SATURDAY 2 MARCH 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M-A received an email from the Bishop's Personal assistant, Elliot Scharfe to request that St Mary's is the venue for the Diocesan Spring Synod once again which will take place on Sat 2 Mar 24 commencing with registration at 0930. • All arrangements were in hand. 	ALL
12.	<p>ST MARY'S EASTER SERVICES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During Holy week, M-A plans to conduct a Taizé style service on Mon, Tue and Wed, during which there will be no sermon and communion but lots of music in the form of Taizé chants and lots of candlelight. • Footsteps of Jesus and Stations of the Cross will also be during Holy week. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SR and EH will lead the Good Friday service and on Mothering Sunday 10 Mar. 	
13.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TREASURER'S REPLACEMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M-A stated that there was no advancement for an understudy to GS. M-A stated that he was now responsible for the monthly rota. Good news was the Miss Catherine Anderson Smith's estates had finally been settled with a final £2000 payment. GS mentioned that he wouldn't be able to attend the Spring Craft Fayre due to Christian Aid Week. DR enquired about the progress of the signatories. GS stated that he's had to visit the bank to restart the process. INVENTORIES DR stated that this was still an outstanding item. PROPOSED ST MARY'S SPRING CRAFT FAYRE FW has created a flyer and booking form for the above event and hopes that everyone in St Mary's will support this venture. CHANGE MARCH'S MEETING DATE FW suggested Thu 21 Mar to avoid clashing with Maundy Thu which falls on 28 Mar. However, it was felt Mar was busy with Holy Week and Easter services that it was best to remove the Mar date but retain other dates, Therefore, the next meeting will take place on Thu 11 Apr 24. POLICIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Mary's orders FSC paper to comply with net zero and recycling. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OVERUSE OF PAPER M-A stated that he has managed to reduce the usage of paper by 50%. LETTINGS POLICY Th creation of this policy needs addressing immediately. SOCIAL COMMITTEE With the prospect of several social events beginning to occur on the calendar, it was felt now was the time to institute a social committee. FW has volunteered to approach some of the members to ask them to join the team. CHANGE OF 1100 SERVICE TIME As the meeting time was ending, this item will be discussed in depth later. 	<p>M-A</p> <p>DR</p> <p>FW</p> <p>FW</p> <p>FW</p>
14.	RECTOR'S CLOSING GRACE	M-A
15.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2024	



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