

Vestry October 2019

- We are going to learn a new Mass setting on November 21st.
- Consideration was given to the adjustments needed to cater for wheelchair users and it was confirmed that we will purchase a portable font so that wheelchair users can use the area at the font and not be displaced on a baptism day.
- The accounts were discussed and approved by Vestry and congratulations were given to Robin Holmes for his expertise.
- The budget was presented and also approved by the vestry.
- Online banking is up and running. This will only be used for salaries and anyone who can only be paid on-line. Cheques will continue to be used for security.
- Russell, Jean and Vivien were thanked for their contribution to the life of St Cuthbert's while on Vestry.
- Papers and reports for the AGM are to be available on Sunday 10th, two clear Sundays before the AGM.
- There was a presentation at synod last week about the importance of all vestry members attending training for Safeguarding. Dates for the next training sessions were recorded.
- The Bob's received The St. Cuthbert's Award last week to thank them for their commitment over the years. Our new property committee includes Martin, Nicki, Joan, Ross and Iain. They are currently tasked with changes to the exterior notice boards and essential repairs itemised in the last Quinquennial report.
- Student - Dr. Lesley Penny (2nd year Ordinand) will join us on the 24th November and has a 50-hour contract taking her up to Easter. She is from Balerno and is coming to us to learn more about traditional worship.
- Bishop Bob's talk – there were 37 people present and it went down well. He has offered to do them every other month. The next talk is on the 11 December is 'The Christ of St. Matthew'.
- Rolf and Nicki met the heads of Braidburn and Colinton schools last week and Bonaly today. They are to offer a shared chaplaincy to the schools.
- Military – Nicki involved with the service of Remembrance at Redford on 11th November, which also includes local schools and care homes.
- 2021 is the year of Pilgrimage and Patricia and Nicki have been talking about a pilgrimage to Rome. Further details in 2020.
- It has been agreed to increase our giving charitable donation to £5000 with the additional £2000 to be used for charities working in our area / parish. It was agreed that we will give £1000 a year for 3 years to Soul Food. Vestry is looking at local charities in Westerhailes for a charity to receive the other £1000.
- Wendy met with the coordinator working with refugees. On Saturday 16th May 2020 we aim to host an afternoon event. 40 Syrian families to be invited and also local families. Easter collection to be used to help finance this.

The full minutes are available in the folder at the back of the Church. An electronic version can be requested by email, contact: julia.roberts01@btinternet.com

