

## VESTRY REPORT

### Vestry November 2020

- Vestry agreed that Marie has approval to continue to investigate a new printer. She wants to arrange to see one in action and compare the level of service.
- Joan asked about getting a Curate at the September Vestry. Nicki confirmed that we are to have one but does not yet know who it is to be.
- The Province has notified vestry, that there is to be no increase to the Rector's Stipend. As this usually sets the trend for other employees, Vestry acknowledged this and agreed with some reluctance that we would not increase salaries this year but wish to express how much we value the work done on behalf of the church.
- Martin presented the accounts and reported that there were a number of errors concerning spelling of a name, retirement dates of members of Vestry that will need correcting. Vestry approved the accounts subject to these corrections.
- Angela Watson is exclusively using the Hall. Before the October lockdown some other groups expressed interest and a member of the congregation suggested using a 'Fogging' machine to spray and clean the Hall. On investigation this requires a 6-hour turn around time and we are not pursuing this at present.
- Megan asked if the money we had gained from the Furlough scheme (£3661) could be returned as we could afford to pay this as a church and she did not want us to add to the countries debt for future generations. Vestry is to consider this.
- Nicki has had no luck in finding someone to help with the recordings of services and has continued to make recordings to the best of her technical abilities.
- A Christmas Tree Festival will be funded by £2000 won in the Parish Pixel competition. This will be used to light the gardens. Pentland Men's Shed has offered to make and donate a Nativity corner. A Christmas tree has been donated by The Pantry. Colinton Volunteer Enterprise will sell charity baubles to go on the trees in aid of the charity 'Make 2nds Count'. Businesses will be asked to donate to help with the running costs and surplus money will be donated to 'Make 2nds Count' and 'Oxgangs Community Church to feed the people'. Rolf and The Parish Church will also contribute money. This cannot be an event under the current restrictions but will just be there for people to see and experience.
- Caroline is arranging an Angel Trail using QR codes in village windows and through our website.
- Iain provided vestry with a spreadsheet summarising the work completed, required, planned and in progress with cost estimates.
- We now have canon 35 and Planning Permission for the Church Noticeboards. A member of the congregation has questioned the siting of the noticeboards.
- The roof work is to go for tender.

- The siting of the Defibrillator needs to be reconsidered as Historic Environment Scotland thinks that there are better places to site it.
- It also probably needs Planning Permission (Vestry approved £200 for this).
- We have received a quote of £31,000 for fitting Slim Line Double Glazing and renovating the current wooden frames in the Rectory. It is noted that Nicki has a vested interest in this item. This does not require Listed Building consent but may need Conservation Area consent. The general consensus of Vestry was to ask the Property committee to obtain more information and other quotes.
- Our lighting system is out of date and often needs repairs. The Property committee has obtained plans for a new system but Vestry were concerned about some design aspects of this and costs and have asked the Property Committee to investigate other options
- The architects are looking afresh at the possibility of levelling the floor between the church and hall.

*The full minutes are available from the Vestry Secretary. An electronic version can be requested by email, contact: [julia.roberts01@btinternet.com](mailto:julia.roberts01@btinternet.com)*