

## VESTRY REPORT

### Vestry May 2021

- Nicki informed Vestry that the new photocopier is now in place and the old one has gone.
- We have received a letter of thanks from Holy Trinity Church.
- We received a letter from the Youth Group of St Cuthbert's asking the church and its members to pledge to divest of investments with companies that do not support the environment. Nicki is investigating the possibility and consequences of this.
- Martin had distributed the 7-month accounts (and budget) up until 31 March 2021, via email, and reported that the accounts remain in line with expectations.
- Patricia, Philip and Wendy proposed several charities for the church to support this year. Vestry voted that £1000 be given to each of the following: Local charity- Tiphereth; National charity- Scottish Association for Mental Health; International charity- Vaccination Aid Covid-19 Appeal.
- Several church members received a spam email from a church member. This was investigated and found to be due to the member's email account being hacked and the spam email was sent to all on their mailing list and was not due a leak from the church Database.
- The work on the Rectory roof has been completed and the work on then Church roof is ongoing.
- Security door cameras for the Church have been installed.
- Reports on the Organ acoustic audit and the Heating audit for the Big Project in the church are pending. Once Vestry has these reports, congregation consultation will follow.
- Nicki gave thanks to Martin for his wisdom while serving as Rector's Warden and is grateful that he will stay on as Treasurer.
- Martin has stood down as Rectors Warden and Judith Mackintosh has agreed to take on the role with immediate effect.
- Everybody who has not booked in advance to attend a service will be turned away.
- Current Covid-19 restrictions allow a soloist to sing in church but not a choir. Donald is willing to sing for us at one service a month. Humming by the congregation is not to be allowed.
- Nicki would like to have a service to mark the deaths of Church members that occurred during the time of the Covid-19 Pandemic. She will wait until we are allowed singing and can invite the family members.
- Caroline provided a written report via email on her work with the young people. Going forward they are excited to be able to meet in person for Sunday school. The Youth Group has been meeting online and they are particularly interested in looking at environmental issues. They also led a beautiful Compline service.
- Caroline herself has been attending several conferences and courses to support and inform her work at St Cuthbert's.

*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)*