

VESTRY REPORT

Vestry July 2021

- The matter of investing church money in companies that supports the environment is on the agenda of Synod and Diocesan Synod. Nicki and Vestry will follow this with interest.
- Vestry approved the financial support for Nicki and Lesley (curate) to attend the Clergy Conference in Pitlochry in November.
- Martin had distributed the 9-month accounts (and budget) up until 31 May 2021, via email, and reported that the accounts remain in line with the budget.
- A £95,000 legacy from Miss Colin Murray has been received with a further final payment being made once tax and lawyer's fees have been determined.
- The bill for the repairs to the Church and Rectory roof is now in.
- Iain provided vestry with a spreadsheet summarising the work completed, required, planned and in progress with cost estimates.
- The roof on the rectory entrance is rotting and needs repair.
- The church lightning conductor is faulty. The treasurer has approved its replacement.
- The siting of the Defibrillator is ongoing and Vestry requested that it temporarily be made available for use inside the church/Hall. Martin and Iain will agree on a place where it can be available.
- Vestry had been sent a sequence of drawings from Tod & Taylor Architects by email, showing a proposed development project for the Church spaces and were asked to comment. The comments were generally positive and the congregation is to be asked for their vision for how the church may be used in the future before presenting these plans to the congregation.
- The latest provincial Synod decided that Clergy should have two days off per week. Nicki intends to take Thursday afternoon, Friday and a half-day on Saturday. She is struggling to get in her holidays this year with only half taken so far.
- Announcements from the First Minister in August are likely to bring changes to the restrictions due to COVID. We are likely to act on these changes from September. We may try to transmit the Sunday service live and Nicki is to get more information from Haddington Church about using a camera (cost around £2200). We would need Canon 35 for the installation of a camera. This is because we cannot transmit live film on to YouTube, as you need 1000 subscribers to do this.
- Lesley is being ordained on 26th September and joins us as Curate on the 10th October.
- Caroline provided a written report via email on her work with the young people. Caroline continues her work both on-line, maintaining contact and communication with our young people and also at Sunday school in person when this has been possible.
- The Diocese has set up a buddy system and Nicki has been asked to support John Vincent at St Martin's, Dalry. Martin suggested from past

history that she would need to be in touch to give support at least once a month.

- Thinking forward to the AGM, it was determined on length of office, that it is Patricia and Wendy that are due to stand down as Vestry members this year and that we would then have a possible four vacancies to fill.
- With COP26 being held in Glasgow in November and the aim for zero carbon by 2030, Julia and Bev have agreed to research information available and what is involved in Eco-Congregation membership.
- There are four weddings booked, 18th, 25th, 26th September and 6th November.

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