








The Scottish
Episcopal Church



**MINUTES OF ST MARY'S VESTRY MEETING
THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2024 AT 1600
IN THE RECTORY**

1.	RECTOR'S WELCOME & PRAYERS	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).	
3.	ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2024 Proposed: JMcG Seconded: EG	
4.	RECTOR'S REPORT  Rector's Report Apr24 (003).docx <ul style="list-style-type: none">• M-A stated that with her extensive experience in website design and creation, JMcG has written St Mary's new website which has a more business-like feel. A calendar will have links to a specific page.• The Blood Transfusion Service has booked 2 all day sessions within the next few months via DkR. This will be an ideal opportunity to offer a service to the local community as well as raise the public profile of St Mary's.• Balgillo Nursery is open to the idea running a Bookbug style, although the nursery staff will require to be trained in the Makaton format, which they have completed and are keen to have the Bookbug involving the children's parents.• The Bookhouse has 4 sessions with the 31 May a semi-religious theme in which M-A will be the interviewer of the author.• The Book of Remembrance has been updated from 2012-2016 with the names of the deceased and returned by Julia Alphie, calligrapher. As a token of the vestry's gratitude, a letter of thanks together with a £50 M&S token will be sent.• M-A and Çiğil will be absent on holiday from 12–18 Jun. Service cover will be provided by Rev Denise Herbert. A further holiday will be taken in Sep for which cover is required.• In Jul, M-A will be attending a 3 day course in London run by the Church Mission Society which will be funded by the diocese.	M-A
5.	TREASURER'S REPORT  Treasurer's Report 110424.pdf <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GS had no further comments to his report.	GS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DR raised a point about Gift Aid which should ideally be Gift Aid Contributable Contributions. 	
6.	<p>PROPERTY CONVENOR'S REPORT</p>  <p>Buildings Manager report for April 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DR expressed his profound dissatisfaction with the Ecclesiastical Insurers regarding the water ingress to the side chapel elevation. M-A will contact the ISC to lodge a formal complaint to the lack of a satisfactory response to DR's enquiries. The Quinquennial report insisted that the electrical inspection was out of date. This oversight requires rectifying immediately. The fire extinguishers have been tested and passed inspection. 	DR
7.	<p>SECRETARY'S REPORT</p>  <p>Secretary's Report 110424.docx</p> <p>FW had no further comments to add.</p>	FW
8.	<p>SAFEGUARDING REPORT</p> <p>On behalf of the Diocese, St Mary's hosted a safeguarding update meeting in February when we met the new Provincial Safeguarding Officer John Wyllie. Many thanks to all who helped in the organisation of the event.</p> <p>There is nothing else to report.</p>	DkR
9.	<p>FEEDBACK FROM SYNOD SATURDAY 2 MARCH 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LAY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT  <p>REPORT OF BRECHIN DIOCESAN</p> <p>EH had nothing further to report.</p>	EH
10.	<p>JEAN MCGUINNESS' REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COSY WEDNESDAYS These have concluded for this year although very few people did visit and JMcG questioned whether it's worth continuing in its current form during the winter. KNIT & NATTER GROUP All 102 chicks were handed out in the 'Ferry to much gratitude and positive feedback in the run up to Easter. St Mary's is having a table during the Craft Fayre. The group will be posing some knitting and crochet ideas for the autumn and winter. CREATION OF NEW ST MARY'S WEBSITE JMcG stated that the new site will be able to accept payments and donations. She would welcome ideas and suggestions. 	JMcG



11.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TREASURER'S REPLACEMENT<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ DR thought that the former treasurer of St Luke's may like to take up the position in St Mary's as treasurer. • AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS COFFEE MONEY<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ EG enquired in which fund Sunday's coffee morning money is deposited. She was advised that it goes into a general fund, but she felt that a social fund should be created to supply coffee, tea etc.○ M-A proposed that this matter could be an agenda item for a following meeting.○ SR suggested that there should be giving to 3 levels of charity from St Mary's:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Local charity▪ National charity▪ International charity <p style="text-align: center;">THE AGENDA ITEMS BELOW WERE HELD OVER FOR FUTURE MEETINGS DUE TO LACK OF TIME.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• INVENTORIES• POLICIES<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ LETTINGS POLICY○ COMMUNICATIONS POLICY○ RECYCLING POLICY• CHANGE TO 1100 MORNING SERVICE TIME	
12.	RECTOR'S CLOSING GRACE	M-A
13.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 30 MAY 2024	