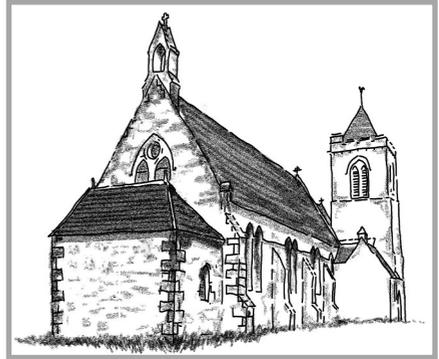


Holy Trinity Dunoon

Vestry News

The Vestry met on Thursdays 14th June and 16th August for regular meetings, and had a special meeting on Sunday 5th August which Bishop Kevin chaired. This news-sheet is a short summary to share some headline news from those meetings and update you on the vacancy.

August 2018



Who are your vestry?

Colin Sibley (Chair during Vacancy)

Di Tennent (Lay Representative)

Maureen McKellar (Secretary & Treasurer)

Dinkie McEwen (People's Warden)

Val Taylor (Rector's Warden)

Elected members (in alphabetical order):

Louisa Holley

Christine McIntosh

Charlie Smith-Tennent

Michael Smith-Tennent

HT Mission News

“Mission Seed” Grant

Further to the Congregational Meeting giving lots of ideas, the Vestry decided to spend the £2,000 grant from the Diocese on taking water to the Gathering Area at the back of church. Two members of Vestry are seeking a quote for the work.

Land Project

The Vestry decided that the Land Project was at a stage we could leave it until we had in place a new Rector to help take it forward.

Rectory

In a vacancy a charge is encouraged to inspect the Rectory and ensure it is suitable for a new incumbent. Fortunately a Quinquennial Inspection had just been carried out. Representatives from both Vestries inspected the Rectory with the Quinquennial Report and have made a list of urgent work to be

done.

Starter Packs Plus

The Vestry decided that there would be a collection at Harvest for Starter Packs Plus and the Foodbank. This would be a financial contribution to help to buy materials for people setting up home in entry level social housing. Dinkie McEwen is the HT rep on the committee.

Foodbank

The Foodbank box is in church again, with updated lists of what is needed. You can also deliver items to Dunoon Baptist Church (see below).

Children & Young People

The Vestry are very keen to ensure that the children and young people feel welcome in Church during the vacancy. To that end a couple of Vestry members will

Dunoon and Cowal Foodbank

Drop off food at the Dunoon Baptist Church on Fridays between 12 and 3pm. If you need help contact Social Work, H.E.L.P. etc.

HT Finance Report

The Vestry looks at the financial position each meeting. The end of the Church's Financial year approaches and it is important we try and maintain what we have achieved to date.

During the vacancy we do not pay stipend but we do pay expenses for visiting clergy and we make repairs to the Rectory as well as our day to day running costs.

Remember Easyfundraising gives us money for nothing

when you order goods online through the site. Ask if you need information on how to do this.

We also need to support fundraising events and perhaps raise some extra money with a £50 challenge.



HT Events

Harvest Supper

This is in the High Kirk Hall on Friday 28th September at 7.00pm. Tickets are £7.50. Donations for raffle please. Sign up sheets for numbers, including guests. Bring your own bottle.

Whist Drive

This will be held with Afternoon Tea in the High Kirk Hall on Saturday 20th October at 2.00pm.

Russian Concert

This will be in Holy Trinity on Thursday 8th November at 7.00pm. Tickets will cost £10.00. A mini bus will run from the car-park at the end of Kilbride Road.

Christmas Fair

This is on Saturday 17th November in the High Kirk Hall. Baking, raffle prizes, jewellery, bric-a-brac all needed.

Vacancy News

What has Happened

Bishop Kevin is looking after us during the vacancy. He has appointed Father Simon Mackenzie at Christ Church Lochgilphead to be our interim Priest.

Bishop Kevin met our Vestry on Sunday 5th August and is meeting St Paul's Vestry on Sunday 2nd September.

Colin Sibley is Vestry Chair while we have no Rector.

Next Steps

Both Vestries will update profiles and share with their congregations.

We will also think about what we are looking for in a Rector, separately and together.

We will draft an advertisement.

Bishop Involvement

The Bishop will be asked to approve all the material and once acceptable will give his permission for us to advertise in the Church Times and on the Scottish Episcopal Church social media platforms.

Hopefully we will receive a number of applications and from those, the Vestries together with the Bishop will shortlist candidates for interview.

We are hopeful that all this will happen before the year end and, with God's help, we will have someone in place (after 3 months notice) in the first quarter of 2019.

Meanwhile the Lay Team, with the help of the Bishop, will do their best to maintain worship on Sundays and Thursdays.

If you wish to discuss any of the news or issues raised in this bulletin, please contact:

Maureen (mpmckellar@btinternet.com), or speak to any of the Vestry members listed on the front page of this newsletter.