

**Minutes of Emergency Vestry Meeting held by Zoom Conference
Call
On Friday 8th January 2021**

Participants: John Dymond (Chairman), Margie Stephen, Judith Poulton, John Willis, James Gardner, Alastair Gardner, Mary-Clare Brown, Elizabeth Roads, Susan Forsyth

1. **WELCOME AND PRAYER:** John Dymond thanked all for attending the meeting and asked Margie Stephen to open with a prayer.
2. **MINUTES OF EMERGENCY VESTRY MEETING HELD ON 5TH JANUARY 2021**

Unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. SECRETARY

John Dymond informed the meeting that he had been in contact with Mark Seymour and following his email to us dated 3rd January discussed his position as Secretary of the Vestry. Later in the day and after much discussion Mark Seymour offered his resignation as Secretary with effect from the end of January. John Dymond intimated how sorry he was about this as were other Vestry Members. Mark Seymour had offered to still carry out various practical jobs if needed, which was much appreciated by members of the Vestry.

John Dymond had discussed matters with Elizabeth Roads and who, following the resignation of the Secretary, had very kindly agreed to take up the position until the new Rector was in place if Vestry wished this. Vestry members agreed to this unanimously and thanked her her.

John Dymond agreed to write a letter of thanks to Mark Seymour for all his hard work over many years on behalf of St Marys. John Dymond pointed out that Mark Seymour had given us a great deal of information regarding his duties as secretary which was very much appreciated.

4. SUB GROUP MEETING: A paper had been circulated to Vestry setting out discussions held by the Sub Group i.e. John Dymond, John Willis, Susan Forsyth and James Gardner as to the best way to move forward together with additional papers from Mark Seymour and John Willis.

5. DISCERNMENT

Discussion took place, John Dymond had not yet spoken to the Dean of the Diocese regarding developments. He agreed to do this, and also to establish the exact procedure for the Interviews, ie dates, whether by Zoom etc etc. It was unanimously agreed that the Interview Panel for the new Rector should be revisited now we had a new Chairman and a new vote would be taken with Mary-Clare Brown kindly agreeing to collate the votes. John Dymond asked who would not wish to be on the Interview Panel and Mary-Clare, Judith Poulton, Margie Stephen and Alastair Gardener all intimated their wish not to be considered.

John Willis asked that we clarify who should now contact the applicants for Rector.

6. RECTORY RENOVATION

Discussion took place and reference made to the various papers and spreadsheets made available by Mark Seymour. It was felt this matter was urgent and decisions had to be made about what work could be done with the money available and what fundraising would be needed. It was pointed out that the windows could not be replaced within the present monies available, but could perhaps be done at a later state. It was generally felt that it was important to outline ALL jobs that needed attention ie outside steps, proper insulation to meet the eco requirements going forward, etc. so that a full list was available to work from. It was also felt that we would only fund raise once for this project and that a Rectory Renovation Fund should be set up in future, jointly with St Andrew's, Callander.

Discussion took place about the project management which is at present to be Mark Seymour who is keen to continue to do this. John Dymond had asked Elizabeth Roads to ask Christopher Roads if he would be prepared to take this on and to be the Fabric Convenor for St Marys in place of Jamie Parker. Christopher Roads agreed, if it was the wish of the Vestry. It was unanimously agreed by the Vestry who thanked him

for this. It was agreed that a group was needed of St Mary's and St Andrew's Vestries to deal with this and which should be convened by Christopher.

John Willis pointed out that the Church Room was St Mary's responsibility alone, whereas the Rectory is the joint responsibility of St Mary's and St Andrew's. He felt that St Andrew's would agree for the Church Room to be incorporated in the fundraising project.

Fundraising was discussed and it was unanimously agreed by Vestry to accept Michael Forsyth's kind offer to run the Fundraising Project for the Rectory and Church Room. He would discuss matters with John Dymond, Mark Seymour, Alastair Gardner and Peter Forrester (Callander).

7. Further Tasks - None

8. AOB - None

9. The meeting was closed with The Grace led by Margie Stephen.