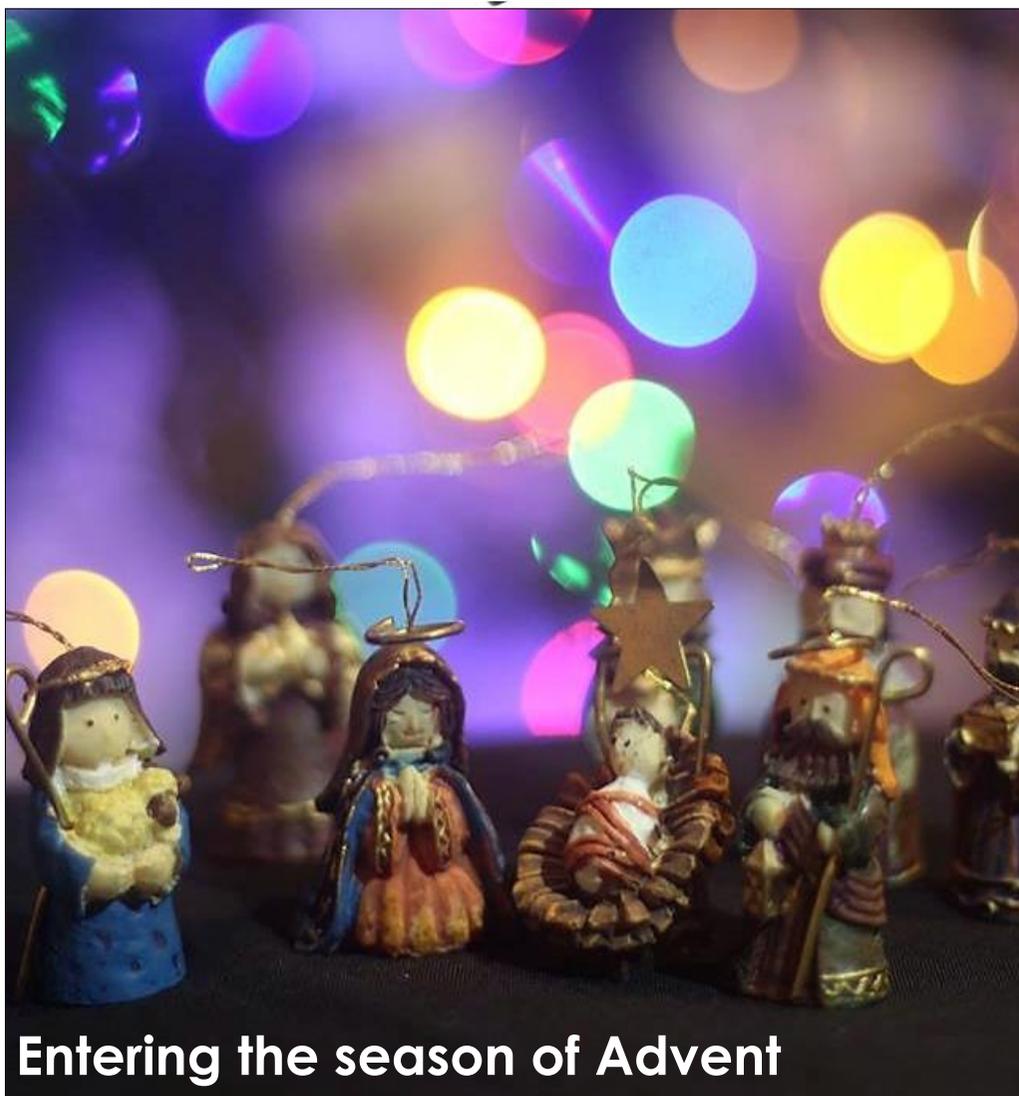


FOCUS

On St. Andrew's Cathedral

December 2017-January 2018



Entering the season of Advent

The Provost Ponders

By The Very Rev'd Dr Isaac Poobalan

God so loved the world that he GAVE his only begotten Son!

Dear Friend,

In case you had not noticed, the much-anticipated month of November 2017 had come and gone. On Sunday this weekend we will be singing, 'Lo he comes with clouds descending' to mark the beginning of the most blessed and holy season of Advent leading on to the Festival of Nativity and Epiphany and culminating in the Candlemas. Somehow the childlike joy and excitement is restored during this season that the shortening of daylight gives way to the lengthening of the light of the Christ child in our souls. Yes, much has happened in November that we hardly noticed it passing, yet the impact of its events are there to stay with us.

On Sunday the 5th of November, the Cathedral was filled with the joy of one Michael Curry, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, USA. Canon Dr Charles Robertson

was installed as our Cathedral Canon at the Festal Choral Evensong. This act of worship reaffirmed our historic relationship established on the 14th of November 1784 in the Consecration of Samuel Seabury as the First Bishop of the Independent United States of America. It was a joy to reaffirm our bonds of affection and love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Even before the excitement of the visitation of our cousins in Christ settled, the Episcopal Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church met in our Cathedral on Thursday the 9th of November to elect our next bishop. There has been a long time of waiting because the Preparatory Committee that comprised of elected member of the Diocesan Synod and members of the Provincial Electoral College met twice to short list candidates and found none suitable from a total of 13 nominations. Therefore, the processed moved forward to the Episcopal Synod making the choice. At 3.15pm on Thursday the 9th of November 2017, the Primus

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Mark Strange declared the result of the election, as the Revd Canon Anne Dyer. St Andrew's yet again became a place of making history when Canon Anne Dyer was elected as the Bishop of the Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney. When the Diocesan Synod met to form the Electoral Synod, I made a comment that we should be careful what we ask for in our prayers, because we will receive precisely that. It seems, the Diocese has been praying for someone who will lead us in our next phase of our journey and our prayers have been answered.

Canon Dyer visited the Cathedral on Friday the 17th of November. The Cathedral Wardens, Claire Woods and Mark Edwards along with Andrew Morrisson met Anne over lunch to look at the service of Consecration and Installation. This will take place at 1pm on Thursday the 1st of March 2018 in our Cathedral. During her short visit, few of the Cathedral people met Anne and rejoiced in her appointment. We do

not have a woman as our next bishop as some people regard, she is a priest in the Anglican Communion and a disciple of Jesus, of the highest order. Canon Dyer began her journey as a student of Chemistry at Oxford, a contemporary of Claire Woods, and after working for Unilever as Systems Analyst, she went to Kings College London to read Theology. She was ordained Deacon in 1987 and Priest in 1994 and served in the Diocese of Rochester before moving up to Durham to be the Warden (Principal) of Cramer Hall where she trained a number of people for ministry in the Church of England and beyond. She is married to the Revd Roger Dyer and they have a daughter Millie.

During her brief visit, it became clearly evident that Anne is God's answer to the prayers of the diocese. Her warmth is radiant, her love of God is evident and her sense of humour – I will leave it to your hearty laughter when you encounter it.

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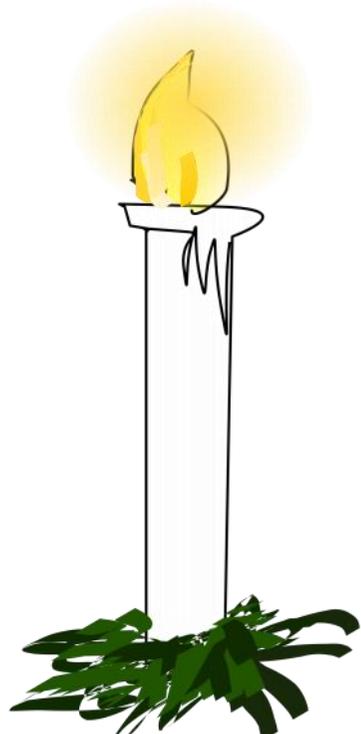
Seldom we are content with God's answer to our prayers. People prayed for a Messiah and God sent the Christ Child, for God so loved the world! The Diocese prayed for a bishop and God gave Anne Dyer. And, because of the character of this diocese, there is some deep sadness among a few clergy and people. There are two reasons. Some people find the gender of our bishop elect, a challenge and others find her theological understanding of marriage a challenge. These are serious challenges and therefore we are called to prayer, yet again, that God will bless and help those who find it difficult to journey forward together.

In our journey forward together, the city centre churches have developed a programme of prayer events throughout Advent. A poster highlighting this is printed somewhere in this Focus. Please make every possible effort to participate in as many occasions as possible. There is

Morning Prayers said every day at 8.30am in one of the five Episcopal churches in Aberdeen. Cathedral's turn is on Tuesdays. Please come and part of this great journey of Advent Adventure this year.

May God bless us with every spiritual blessing of this holy season.

As ever,
Isaac



The Young and the Elderly are One

By F. B. Cal-Anglia

Do you kindly stop and lovingly
Acknowledge and talk to the Elderly
Or simply think oh what a bore
To talk to "Them" is such a chore
Alas an opportunity you let go
While loneliness grasp the Elderly, who
May have had exciting travel and work
Yet now feel low and bereft of worth

The Elderly are persons just like you
Who may be full of memories true
You completely ignore and go on your way
Think them not worthy of anything to say
That in later years you may begin to wonder
Why you did not stay to listen and ponder
For now you feel low and all alone
Where has all the jovial company gone.

You laugh and play when you are young
Never finding time to linger long
To talk or laugh with someone elderly
Simply pass on by so carelessly
Oh the mistakes when you are young
Not helping the weary, the weak the forlorn
In case you are sparing precious moments
With the Elderly eagerly seeking your comments.

O now for someone to talk and share
Instead you find there is no one there
That people show their only inclination
Is talking to someone in their generation
For people pass you by to join a friend
Believing an Elderly person is not their trend
Too late you know what loneliness can be
Now that you once young are one of the Elderly

New St Andrew's Cathedral Children and Young People

By the Provost

Chisoba's Story

Chizoba, one of our cathedral kids took time off school to be at the Ash Wednesday Service at 10am. At the end of the service when all left, Chizoba and her mum Oge stayed back and Chizoba was crying. The Provost wondered what the matter was.

She was upset that the cross on her forehead was no longer visible and she wanted to go back to school and show her friends who she was, sealed by the cross of Christ.

I had the privilege of repeating the sentence, 'Dust you are and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and **BE FAITHFUL TO CHRIST.** Chizoba knew distinctly who she was and what it means.

Many parents at the Cathedral have asked if their children could learn Bible stories every week and then have time to explore it with art work and Godly Play. They want their children to know Godly Plan revealed in the Scriptures and

use Godly Play if necessary. It is this desire to be witnesses to the Good News in Jesus Christ and learn the stories of that Communion of Saints in the Bible that brought about a meeting of key people involved in Children and Young People's Ministry at the Cathedral.

New Developments

Recently, Steph, Lucy, Chioma, Moira and I met in the Cathedral to reflect on some of the challenges faced by Godly Play leaders and to find a way forward to respond to the growing number of children at the Cathedral. The Provost suggested that a clear division of our ministry requirements and designated leadership for each of those section would help us move forward with confidence and clarity.

From Advent 2017 the division of ministry and leadership will be as follows. Stephany Brock will lead the Creative ministry which will focus on quarterly events presented in the Cathedral at our Sung Eucharist. The

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1st of these would be the Mary's Knitting Nativity play on Sunday the 24th of December 2017. This will involve planning and preparation for the events with the children and young people. A programme will run in tandem with Godly Play but with separate time designated and additional rehearsal organised and publicised. For each quarter a full programme will be developed, communicated and followed through. Ideas are to be sent to Steph and to be worked out with her.

Godly Play will be scheduled and run each week. Lucy MacDonald will lead Godly Play. The new system will commence after the end of the current scheduled programme which ends with Epiphany. All Godly Play related comments, suggestions and questions are to be directed to Lucy. No doubt mothers will continue to use their preferred mode of communication. Please make every possible effort to communicate with and support Lucy.

Social events with the Cathedral Children i.e Children's parties are at their best when Christine Flett is involved. Christine will develop and lead all social events with the children and young people. No doubt the usual system of communication and organisation will continue to work. But there is no match to Christine's passion for fun with our children. Please support Christine with your usual enthusiasm.

Creche continues to work well. We are grateful to Moira Middleton for her leadership in this.

Our core ministry through our choir will remain as it is. We pray for God's blessings upon Claire Woods and Andrew Morrison for their wonderful work with our young people. This remains our main source of spiritual care and nurture in Christian faith. Young people in the choir learn the liturgical seasons of the year, the singing of Psalms which the Church inherited from the Jewish faith and a wide range of religious poetry and music which integrates

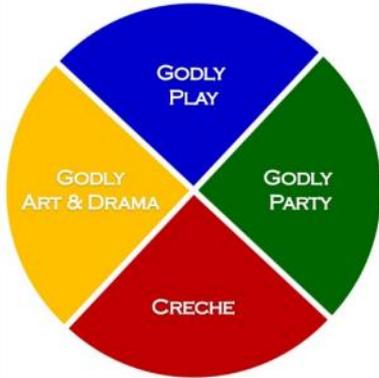
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ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

Serving God without fear
Holy and Righteous
All the days of our lives.

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE



scriptures and Christian spirituality. They are also taught skills in developing order of service which nurtures them in leadership in worship.

Moira will remain the Administrator for the Ministry among the Children and Young People at the Cathedral. Please keep Moira as your main channel of Communications and port of call.

New Logo reflecting the new developments is to be found below. This is a proposal and needs further development with the help of our young people. We shall meet in the New Year to make it more youth friendly!

Challenges ahead

We are mindful that bad habits die hard, there will always be the pull to return to doing the same things that are easy and comfortable to do. We hope to keep things under review constantly so that we do not lose sight of the vision which has led to this new development. Should there be any issues please use the means available now to raise and explore how well to serve our children and young people. Our children's lives are precious in the sight of God and so are they in our ministry with them.

This is providential and a good development. The Children & Young People's ministry team is keen to receive feedback from

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parents and all who care for them. Let us continue in prayer for them ministry among our young people. They are the future of the church. All investments of time and effort in their future are good.

I believe we are ready for the most holy season of Advent, Nativity and Epiphany 2017-18. May God bless us with the riches of the season as we journey with Mary & Joseph, the Shepherds & the Sages, the Angels & the Heavenly Hosts, the Cattle & the Inn Keeper, Anna & Simeon and above all with one another, at home, at work and at play.

Children's Ministry:
Christmas Party 2017

The Children's Party this year will be on Saturday 16th December from 11am to 1.30pm in the JSC. All Cathedral children are invited and names should be given as soon as possible to Christine Flett to ensure we know how many to

cater for.

The JSC will be decorated on Wednesday 13th December at 11.30pm and the gift wrapping will be on Thursday 14th December from 5pm - 7pm. If you can help with either of these please let Christine, Moira or Steph know or just turn up if you can.

Donations of Party food is most welcome and as this is lunchtime and the choir children have a rehearsal at 1.30pm we will be concentrating more on savoury. Christine has a list if you can help. We were also hoping that some of the mums can provide food for the adults who might decide to stay. Possibly chicken, rice or something similar, again let Christine know if you can help.

This is the plan at the moment and depending on what happens with the heating in the JSC might change at the last minute. Please pray that things will go smoothly.

Moira Middleton

Christmas is Coming...

By Moira Middleton

Flowers in December are restricted to the Advent Ring until just before Christmas Eve, when we do the flowers and decorations for Christmas. **EVERYONE CAN JOIN IN!** People who feel unable to put up decorations or arrange flowers can help with lifting, carrying, tidying up, making tea etc. Tall people are especially welcome, as many of us cannot reach the higher places where there are flowers and decorations. These flowers and decorations are then retained until Epiphany to complete the Christmas season.

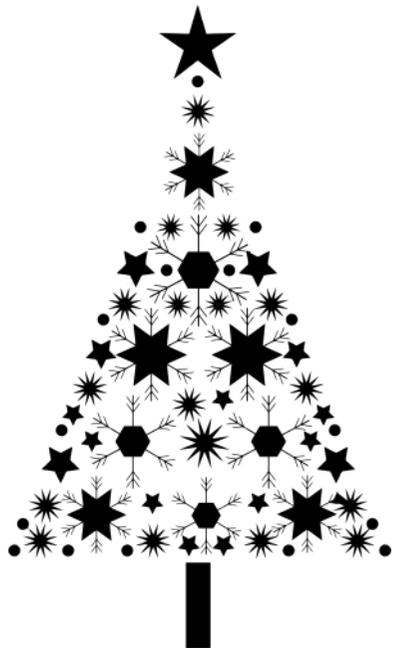
We are looking for donations of all types of Winter greenery eg. Holly, Ivy, Pine, Spruce, Laurel (spotted and plain), Eucalyptus, mistletoe, variegated eunonymus, skimmia, rosemary, snowberry, conifer, cotoneaster, anything with berries and pine cones to name a few. These can be brought along on Friday or Saturday to the Cathedral.

Donations of money towards the decorations are also

welcome and can be put into the Gift Aid envelopes in the pews. Just write **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** on the envelopes.

Decoration Day is Saturday 23rd December from 9 a.m. onwards – just come along and you will be allocated a job. The choir will be rehearsing from 10am so we will have music and the recital will be at 12 noon as usual so time will be tight to get it all done.

If you need any more information get in touch with me.



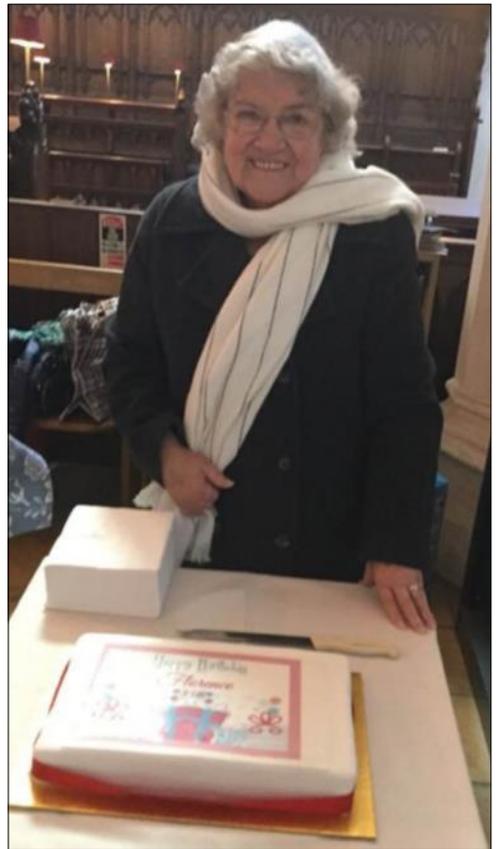
Mothers' Union Update

By Kathy Priestley

Reminder that our Advent service is on Dec 5th, Tuesday at 2pm in the cathedral followed by a festive tea in the JSC. Please try to come to even part of the afternoon and remember children are very, very welcome. Feel free to bring friends too. If anyone would like to contribute to the afternoon tea, please let Florence or me know what you are bringing in advance.

We were invited to send gifts of toiletries as Christmas presents to the women at Peterhead Prison. We sent 18 festive bags of assorted toiletries. We have also just sent several hand knitted hats to the homeless shelter. Thank you to the knitters - please keep going as they would like more.

There is to be a quiet day at St Ninians, King Street, Aberdeen when Rev. Joan Lyon will lead a study on 16 Day of Activism Against Gender Based Violence. Date is 7th December, 10 for 10.30 until 2pm.



Florence with her birthday cake

The annual Mothers Union retreat in Perth is on 10 /12 April 2018.

Our MU AGM is on Tuesday 13 February at 2pm in JSC followed by a bring and buy sale. You will notice that this is the second TUESDAY of the month

Mothers' Union Update

By Kathy Priestley

and we will propose at the AGM that the meetings will be on the second Tuesday of the month for the remainder of 2018.

This will mean that our lent service will be on March 13th. We hope the members going to the pantomime on December 9th followed by tea at the Station Hotel have a very good time. Oh yes they will.

Wishing you all a blessed and happy Christmas and a warm invitation and welcome is extended to everyone to come to any of our meetings.



Chipukizi Wa Yesu Trust

Are you trustworthy?

If so, you may be just the person we need! Trustees are sought for the *Chipukizi Wa Yesu Trust*. The trust oversees missionary work in a fairly remote part of Tanzania, in the Diocese of Ruvuma. It was established here in our diocese in 1997 when the Rev Jeanette Forsyth responded to God's call on her life. Jeanette had been Head Teacher of Strichen School (near Fraserburgh) for many years, but took early retirement when her husband (Jim), who was blind and who shared her musical interest and accomplishment with piano and violin, became ill with cancer and died a few years later.

Inspired by the wonderful singing of a girls' choir that she discovered in a remote part of Tanzania, led by the wife of the then Bishop of Ruvuma, she sought ways of bringing its music to a wider public and raising money, initially towards paying for secondary education of the choir girls. CDs of the choir's singing were made and sold in

Chipukizi Wa Yesu Trust

Scotland and more widely as a means of raising financial support for her missionary work. In Tanzania she set up a corresponding trust that would work towards raising the livelihood of the village people above subsistence level. Among its activities have been the promotion of improved techniques of vegetable growing, tree growing and fishing in Lake Nyasa.

Jeanette is a person of deep spiritual faith, irrepressible enthusiasm, typical Scottish determination, and great energy. Such is her energy that a recent battle with disfiguring facial cancer has been overcome and she now is tackling the difficulties that confronted her on her return to Tanzania after extended absence for surgery, and a protracted process of renewal of her work permit in Tanzania. She returns to her home in Strichen occasionally and participates in Trustees' meetings during such periods.

If you would like to offer

yourself for consideration as a new trustee, or would like more information, please contact Canon Ken Gordon (canonken@btopenworld.com, Tel 01330 810260) or John MacCormack (jadmaccormack@gmail.com Tel 01224 722691)

Informal Summary of Trustees Meeting on 13 November 2017

1. OPENING COMMENTS BY PROVOST

The Provost informed the Trustees that the Rev Canon Anne Dyer has been elected as our new Bishop by the Episcopal Synod that met in the Cathedral on Thursday the 9th November 2017.

2. REVIEW OF ACTIONS AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

Access to the Cathedral via the South Door: The Provost explained that there is a key to this door in the JSC and that it can be unlocked so that the handle on the outside can be turned to open it. This provides the access required with the existing locking mechanism. The Trustees agreed that the existing mechanism should be retained and the door should be unlocked during times of peak usage (initially on Sunday mornings

and Saturdays for the lunchtime recital). The Trustees considered a request from a member of the congregation for a replacement key for the one lost from her handbag several months ago. The Trustees agreed that it was unnecessary to change the lock on the vestry door, but that the lock on the JSC should be changed. The opportunity should be taken to install the same lock on the JSC and old PVA entrances to Seabury House. The number of new keys should be strictly limited and all keyholders should sign for them.

3. APPLICATION FOR PERFORMANCE LICENCE

Andrew Morrisson reported that the cathedral and JSC have failed council inspections required for the renewal of our performance licence. Remedial work has been arranged with an electrician and a joiner to address the issues raised and new inspections have been arranged for 15th November. The remedial electrical work in the JSC will not be performed until the following week, therefore the possibility of a licence for only the cathedral building will be discussed with the council representatives.

4. POSITION OF ORGAN SCHOLAR

Andrew Morrisson reported that Chris Black, a music student at Aberdeen University who is learning the organ, has begun helping with the playing during evening services. He currently plays at St Margaret's on Sunday mornings, but has expressed a wish to relinquish these duties in favour of the cathedral. Andrew will ask him to continue at St Margaret's until the new year, and then move to the cathedral as Organ Scholar.

5. DECISION ON QUOTES FOR JSC BOILER/HEATING

Claire Woods had circulated a table summarising the four quotes for the new JSC gas boiler and overhaul of the JSC central heating system prior to the meeting. The companies that quoted were Sparks Mechanical Services, CAS Duncan, Heat Connection and John Mutch. The Trustees agreed that the workscopes outlined by Heat Connection and John Mutch were suitable and the quotes from both companies were similar. The Trustees asked Claire to find out how quickly each company could complete the work. If the timescales differed significantly, she should accept the quote from the

company with the quicker response time. If not, she should accept the John Mutch quote.

6. SEARCH FOR NEW RECTORY

Andrew Morrisson reported that we had offered £400k for the 19 View Terrace house. This was rejected. We increased the offer to £410k, which was also rejected. We have withdrawn our note of interest on the property. The Provost, Mark Edwards, Claire Woods and Andrew Morrisson also viewed a property in Woodstock Road, but it was unsuitable. The Diocesan Chancellor has informed us that 129 Kings Gate is on the market and might be suitable. 27 Raeden Avenue has also come onto the market and is worth investigating.

7. PVA DILAPIDATIONS

Andrew Morrisson reported that he had instructed Caren McNeil of Peterkins to serve notice on PVA, to deal with the dilapidations under threat of irritancy. She had requested additional information, which he had provided. He had no further communication from her and will follow this up.

8. CDP2020

a. Summary of CDP2020 development team meeting on 8th November

Andrew Morrisson summarised the meeting. The CDP2020 team discussed possible ways of separating an affordable, self-contained package of work from the overall cathedral project and expediting this to give the project some momentum. Three options were discussed:

- A simple re-painting of the Chancel and Suther Chapel (without installing new lighting etc). This has been estimated at £13-16k, with a timescale of 2 weeks by Kynnoch and Robertson. It would involve scaffolding and some of the redecoration would be spoilt later in other works (e.g. the new lighting and renovation of the stonework around the windows).
- The complete renovation of the Chancel area (including lighting and any necessary renovation to the stonework around the windows). This is The Comper Project, which was suggested by the CDP2020 team over the summer and costed as a standalone project by the Architect. The total cost would be £155k.
- Installation of the new toilets in the old Trebles' Vestry. This would necessitate moving the door

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By Claire Morrisson (Provost's Warden), On behalf of the Trustees

between the vestry and the north aisle to the north of its current position. The Architect agreed to generate a 'ball-park' cost for this, and also to investigate adding it to the next HLF funding request, but we have not yet received the estimate.

Andrew agreed to circulate these options to the Trustees, with information on the funds currently available. The Trustees can then consider them and express preferences by e-mail.

b. Fund Raising Progress

Michael Stone reported that the first fund raising group meeting will be held on 15th November. Two members of ACVO will attend. Claire Woods reported that we have received a grant of £1000 towards a new piano for the Song School from the David and June Gordon Memorial Trust. The application was drafted and submitted by Ross Clephan, under the guidance of Claire and Andrew Morrisson. This team are now working on applications to Friends of Cathedral Music.

c. Seabury House Projects

-Electrical: An electrician from 247-365 has confirmed that the space previously used by PVA

cannot be used by us until remedial electrical works are complete and a safety certificate issued. The electrician is currently focusing on remedial work in the cathedral and JSC for EICRs in both buildings. He has also PAT tested all portable equipment in both buildings.

-The mechanism of the direct exit door from the Young People's Space to the fire escape staircase has been freed.

-Refurbishment of Gents and Disabled Toilets in JSC: This work was completed on time and on budget.

9. FORWARD LOOK TO EVENTS DURING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

a. The Trustees agreed to Stephanie Brock's request to move the young people's dramatized nativity story from the 3rd to the 24th of December.

b. The Provost reported that the Tuesday Fellowship Group have requested a midnight service to see in the New Year and a service on New Year's Day. This was agreed.

c. Andrew Morrisson reported that David Whittle at Kemnay has asked whether the choir could

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sing a Carol Service there some-time during Advent. He suggested that the choir sing there on the afternoon/evening of Sunday 10th December, in place of the normal Cathedral Evensong. This was agreed.

10. AOCB

a. Children's Ministry: The Provost reported that some parents have requested more direct biblical teaching for the children. A meeting will be held soon to review responsibilities, staffing and programming.

b. Mark Edwards reported that Tyco were slow to respond to his requests until he escalated them to their head office, but they will now visit shortly to inspect Seabury House, prior to adding it to our fire safety contract.

c. Andrew Morrisson reported that the Choral Scholars have requested a Ceilidh on Friday 1st December. It was agreed that this could take place in the cathedral, provided the licence has been renewed by the council.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 7 pm in the Suther Chapel.

Draft Minutes — Annual General Meeting, 26 Nov 2017

Present: The Provost (Chair) and 46 constituent members of the congregation

Apologies: Pamela Lawrence, Colin Hughes, Amber Shadle, Christopher Priestley.

1. Welcome and opening prayer

The Provost welcomed those present and opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2016

These were received as a correct record of proceedings (proposed Mark Edwards, seconded Rose Hall).

3. Cathedral Accounts/Budget

Andrew Morrisson informed the meeting that we had agreed a timeline for preparation of the accounts in time for the AGM with the Cathedral accountants, Johnston Carmichael. We had submitted the necessary information to them on schedule, but despite this, they had failed to produce the full 2016/17 accounts in time. They had produced a draft Statement of Financial Activities and a draft Balance Sheet, which had been distributed to attendees. The full accounts will be made available to the congregation

once produced and audited and members will be welcome to submit questions to the office. In the interim, the financial report is published in the Annual Reports booklet. There has been a reduction of 4% in giving to the General Fund compared to the previous year, which is more than offset by increases in giving to the Development Fund. There were no questions on the financial report or the draft accounts summary and balance sheet.

Andrew thanked Claire Morrisson for her work in submitting gift aid rebate claims to HMRC, which has cleared the backlog of gift aid recovery.

The financial report was received by the AGM and the Provost thanked Andrew on behalf of the congregation for his hard work in managing the accounts during the year. The Provost encouraged members to increase their giving to the General Fund by 5% (e.g. an increase of 25p on a weekly £5 donation), to make up the shortfall compared to previous years, quoting the parable of St Andrew and the loaves and fishes.

4. Other Reports

The reports had been available to

the congregation for more than a week prior to the AGM. The Provost apologised that his own report contained some material from the previous year, because he had sent the wrong version to the office for printing. Copies of the correct version were available for members to take and read after the meeting. The Provost invited comments, questions and discussion on each report in turn.

-Cathedral Music: The Provost informed members that Andrew and Claire Morrisson had decided to leave Aberdeen and return to the south of England at the end of 2018.

-Cathedral Cleaning: Rose Hall informed members that several of the cleaning team are in fragile health and asked the younger members of the congregation to consider whether they could volunteer for regular cleaning duties.

-Cathedral Catering: Robert Wilson thanked the catering team on behalf of the choir for the consistent excellence of their refreshments, pointing out the benefit of feeling confident about these arrangements when inviting people to the cathedral for special events.

The Provost thanked everyone involved in the activities reported for their service as disciples of Christ, seeking to bring his kingdom to fulfilment in this place. The reports were received without amendment.

5. Elections

The Provost thanked the Cathedral Trustees for their service during the year. The two retiring Cathedral Trustees were Kelechi Nwajiuba and Chioma Ojinna. Chioma had only served one year, filling the vacancy created by Derek Elliott-Jones's resignation at the 2016 AGM, therefore she was eligible for election. There were two nominations for the Cathedral Trustee vacancies, Chioma Ojinna and Godwin Chimara, who were duly elected. The Provost particularly thanked the retiring Trustee, Kelechi Nwajiuba for his prayerful advice during his term in office.

There were single nominations for the positions of Lay Representative and People's Warden and Andrew Morrisson and Mark Edwards respectively were elected to these unopposed.

The Provost noted that Claire

Morrisson continues as Provost's Warden.

6. Cathedral Development Project

Andrew Morrisson updated the meeting on progress. The focus on fund raising over the last year had been directed towards individual benefactors from the Cathedral, the locality and the Diocese. The focus would now shift to grant applications, under the leadership of Michael Stone and with the assistance of fund-raising specialists from ACVO.

7. AOCB

Christine Flett requested that all groups using the JSC return it to the state in which they find it at the end of their meetings and events. This includes cleaning the floor and returning furniture to the original configuration. She also requested that this be made clear in the terms and conditions of future bookings. The Trustees will pursue this.

8. The Grace

The meeting closed with The Grace at 12.20 pm.

Handel's

Messiah

Aberdeen Choral Society

Tuesday, 12th December 2017 at 7.15 pm

Holburn West Church

Great Western Road, Aberdeen

Hazel McBain - Soprano

Grace Wain - Mezzo Soprano

Ted Black - Tenor

Andrew McTaggart - Baritone

Alistair Macdonald - Conductor

With

Grampian Sinfonia

Jean Fletcher - Leader

Tickets: £16

Available from Aberdeen Box Office Tel: (01224) 641122
(booking fee applicable)

or

Key Moves, 14 Chapel Street Tel: (01224) 251100

or

Choral Society Members



Advent & Christmas 2017 @ the Cathedral
Choral & Social Events

Sunday, 3 December

6.30pm Advent Carol Service
with Candlelight Procession

Sunday, 17 December

6.30pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Saturday 23 December

Cathedral at Noon Recital
Christmas Carols with the Trebles Choir

Sunday 24 December

10.45am Sung Eucharist

11.30pm Christmas Eve Midnight Sung Eucharist

Monday, 25 December

10.30am Christmas Day Family Sung Eucharist

Sunday, 31 December

10.45 am Sung Eucharist

11.30pm Midnight Praise & Worship

Monday 1 January 2018

10.30am New Year Eucharist

Sunday, 7 January

6.30pm Epiphany Carol Service



December/January Diary

Weekly Services

Wednesdays at 10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sundays at 8.00 am	Holy Communion (1970 Liturgy)
Sundays at 10.45 am	Sung Eucharist (1982 Liturgy) followed by coffee in the JSC
Sundays at 10.45 am	Crèche available in the JSC
Sundays at 6.30 pm	Choral Evensong

Weekly Events

Tuesdays at 6.00 pm	Fellowship, JSC
Fridays 10.00 am to 12 noon	Cathedral Coffee Shop (Teas/ Coffees, and a whole range of homebaking, as well as sandwiches available)
Saturdays at 12 noon	Cathedral at Noon (30 minute recital followed by refreshments)

Cathedral at Noon - December

9 Dec	The Three Stooges <i>Christmas Extravaganza</i>
16 Dec	Andrew Morrisson <i>Organ Music for Advent</i>
23 Dec	Cathedral Trebles' Choir <i>Christmas Music</i>
30 Dec	Timothy and Jeremy Coleman <i>English and American Songs for Tenor and Piano</i>

All are welcome to attend the Cathedral at Noon performances held every Saturday at noon! This is a free event, with a light lunch provided afterwards.

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**The deadline for the
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Many happy wishes for Christmas, and see you in
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