**Parish Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 9th November 2022 – St Mary’s Parish Rooms**

**Present**

Peter Robinson(Chair) Gillian Finlinson (Secretary) Helen McCrory

Father Paul Johnstone Linda Mills Barry Close John Savage

**Apologies**

Sean Close and Mary Carroll

**Opening prayer.**

**Minutes of previous meeting.**

Minutes were approved.

**Matters arising.**

28 young people were Confirmed at Kells, it was a lovely occasion. Youth 2000 took place over the August bank holiday. Both the Action Plan and Parish Ministries was postponed.

1. **Chair’s report**

150th celebrations are ongoing. Possibilities about a youth group and Peter will send a message out to parents about helping.

1. **Health and Safety**

A full report submitted to the Parish Council from Adrian, all the risk assessments have been done. St Joseph’s needs a lot more work and consideration needs to be given to the house and its future use.

1. **Recruitment to parish ministries**

We did want to put a list out and we discussed how you recruit volunteers. It was decided that we will concentrate on trying to recruit more readers for church. Consider holding a deanery day for readers. The youth group might encourage some more readers.

Consider children’s liturgy at next meeting.

1. **Action Plan**

Look at what is important for the church over the next 12 months. Grow the church and develop ministries within church. Think about using social media more for requests for help/volunteers.

**Date of next meeting.**

Wednesday 18th January - St Mary’s Church Parish Rooms, 6.00pm

**Closing prayer**

**“Christ is life; we exist to bring His life to our part of God’s creation”**