## Friends of St. Mary's Appleton wiske

#### **Minutes**

# Monday 31st October 2016

Present: Sarah Hurhangee Apologies: Claire Matata

Megan Patterson David Lewis

Ken Blackwood

Georgia Hogg

June Gill

Olwen Young

Sheila Simpson

Angela Carlin

#### **Action**

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# 1. Matters Arising Christmas Concert

The following points were discussed and agreed;

- The Church will be decorated with greenery and candles on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm. please bring greenery if you have any. Georgia will coordinate lighting the path and gate. Please let her know if you have any lanterns we can use. Sarah will purchase candles, paper plates and check with Ann Golding what plastic glasses she has. Sheila to ask Helen Harris if we can use her candle sticks.
  Sheila has asked Linda Brecken to make Friends
- Sheila has asked Linda Brecken to make Friends bunting which will be used.
- Sheila to co-ordinate the making of a hamper to be raffled on the night. Please see attached list of items for the hamper and let Sheila know if and what you are willing contribute.
- Sheila to check with Catherine Cadogan what lighting they will require.
- Refreshments: It was agreed that because of the lack of space in the church when full the refreshments would be served using large silver plates. One for each pew. Sheila to ask Linda Brecken if we can borrow hers.
  - i) Mulled Wine Helen Johnson, Angela Carling and Sarah Hurhangee
  - ii) Scones Val Hills
  - iii) Mince Pies Megan
  - iv) Cupcakes Denise
  - v) Savouries Olwen and Sheila

- vi) Stollen
- Sarah to ask David Lewis to include the date of the concert in Service Announcements.
- Any outstanding issues will be discussed on 5<sup>th</sup> December.

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### The History of St. Mary'

It was discussed and agreed that a taster display at The concert would not be appropriate. However, it was agreed that an A5 flyer outlining the aims and objects of the friends and a brief description of potential forth-coming events should be available at the concert.

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### The Church Library

It was agreed that Sarah would continue to work with Jackie and Ann as to the most appropriate way to construct shelving for the Library including the possibility of applying for grants.

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#### **Christmas cards**

Sarah shared a few designs for Christmas/Note cards. Further work is need to ensure copyright is not breeched.

# 2. Expanding the Friendship Community and Raising Funds

The group discussed how to encourage individuals to contribute to the work of The Friends. The cleaning rota was discussed at length. Megan and Georgia volunteered and it was agreed they would buddy up with existing volunteers until they felt confident. Those on the rota would then be encouraged to approach other possible individuals to join the rota. Sarah would also approach those friends not at the meeting. By using a cascade method to encourage individuals outside the immediate Friends Community it is hope to increase the number of people on the rota. Also discussed were other ways to promote the Friends Scheme and raise funds for example; Summer Treasure Hunt, Film Clubs, Christmas Tree Festival, Autumn Quiz, Story time and many more.

# 3. Date and time of Next Meeting

Church Decoration – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 @ 1.30pm Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 @ 7pm. Venue Sheila Simpson's House.

# **IDEAS FOR THE CHRISTMAS HAMPER**

| Whiskey               | Olwen |
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| Wine                  | Megan |
| Chutney               |       |
| Mince Pies            |       |
| Chocolates            |       |
| Christmas Cake        |       |
| Nuts                  |       |
| Satsumas              |       |
| Dates                 |       |
| Festive Bottled Fruit |       |
| Crackers (edible)     |       |
| Christmas Crackers    |       |
| Cheese                |       |
| Biscuits              |       |

This is not and exhaustive list please feel free to add your suggestions