

**St Margaret's Parish Men's Group**  
**Draft Minutes of Meeting – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Present:** Tom Scott (Chair & Minutes), John McIllduff (Treasurer), Pete Seath, Bob Creaney, Ken Ritchie.

**Apologies for Absence:** Frannie McNicoll, Martin Wilkinson, Andrew Flynn, Steven Downie.

**Financial.** There is no change to the groups balance of £409.

**Spiritual Activities**

**Lenten weekly scripture reflection sessions** had been planned to take place in the Lady Chapel on 20 and 27 March, 10 April. The attendance at the first two meetings has not been great, with just four members at each meeting. We will need to decide on whether we continue with this format for Advent. The final meeting is on the 10th April.

**Stations of the Cross.** On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March was hosted by the Men's Group. Just three members participated this year. Martin Wilkinson, Tom Scott and Bob Creaney.

**Recent Social Activities**

There have been no social activities since our last meeting.

**Future Social Activities.**

**Programme for 2025**

**Post Lent Night out** will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May at Namaste. An invitation will be sent out shortly.

**Activity Program for 2025.** At last month's meeting the following list of activities was proposed for consideration:

- Royal Yacht *Britannia* at Leith
- Museum of Flight at East Fortune
- Stirling Castle
- Perth Stone of Destiny exhibition
- Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh
- Summerlee Museum of Industrial Life, Coatbridge
- Japanese Garden at Cowden near Dollar

In order to establish the likely attendance from the Men's Group at these activities a straw poll will be carried out. Those activities that are likely to be supported may be opened up to other Parishioners.

**Visit to Iona.** It was suggested that we could organise a trip to the Holy Isle of Iona later this year. Possible late August, early September. This would involve driving to Oban, ferry to Mull, driving to Fionnphort, ferry to Iona, 1 or 2 nights accommodation on Iona and return the same way. Possibly having one of our Priests with us. Probably car sharing to reduce costs. An email will be sent out to test interest?

The previously proposed **trip to Hungary** has been parked for this year.

**Next Meeting** – will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May combined with our Post Lent Night out.