

St Margaret's Parish Men's Group**Draft Minutes of Meeting – Thursday 5th December 2024**

Present: Tom Scott (Chair), John McIllduff (Treasurer), Martin Wilkinson (Minutes), Pete Seath, Bob Creaney, Frannie McNicoll.

This was a brief meeting with a reduced attendance held mainly to confirm arrangements for Hogmanay in the crypt and was held in the Commercial Inn at 1830 to 1900 before the group's Christmas meal at 1930 in Antioch Turkish Restaurant.

St Andrew's Night in the Crypt was on Saturday 30th November at 1930 attended by 36 people (although 45 tickets had been sold). Takings totalled £337 of which £112 was from the raffle and £225 was from ticket sales. A £100 donation was given to the musicians leaving £237 for group funds.

Advent reflection has started but the fourth session cannot now be held on the advertised date and time because of clash with a service in the church. It was agreed that, following email consultation with participants, instead of attempting to retime the fourth session, it would stop after the third session.

Hogmanay in the crypt on the evening of 31st December.

Considering the simple nature of the event as a social gathering it was decided that the planned ticket cost of £5 was too high and this should be reduced to £2.

Doors open at 2000 but it is realised that some will not come until later. Anything formal to finish at 2400 and the hall to be cleared by 0030.

Activities could start when the hall fills up. Music Group could offer two 30-minute sessions. In-between and after these we can provide other diversions such as games or a quiz. Tom Scott has a Hogmanay quiz available. For games we have been left a variety of kit by Peter Cairney. Games can be extended to use the back room of the crypt.

Tom has ordered "2025" decorations for the hall. Possible use of gold table covers was suggested.

The event can be publicised to those at the One World Breakfast on Sunday 8th December as well as being advertised in the parish bulletin.

Tickets will be sold after Sunday mass on 15, 22 and 29 December by John McIllduff. Bob Creaney and Martin Wilkinson.

Important that people know to bring their own food and drink. We are not supplying whisky. It is simply a social occasion. They are welcome to bring friends.

East End Park visit. There is a possibility that this could be on a Friday night towards the end of January when there is a fixture with Raith Rovers.

Next meeting. Tom Scott will be away 5th January to 15th March so the next meeting will be convened by John McIllduff and Martin Wilkinson for a date in February in time to arrange spiritual events for Lent.

Martin Wilkinson

13th December 2024