

# St James the Less Church, Tatham

Meeting on 5th September 2016 (Draft)

Held at The Bridge Inn, Tatham, at 7.30 pm

Present	Colin Burford (Chair), Liz Quine (Treasurer), Margaret Whatmough (Secretary), Mel Winstanley, Carol Emmett, Chris Berry, Paul Whatmough, Linda Kirkby, Sue Dawson, Rita Murphy, Sue Wood, Richard Sanderson, Barbara Harrison, Irene Kelsall, Sue Marsden – 15 members
Apologies	Jenny Herd, Rebecca Sanderson, John Holt, Dorothy Clark, John Harrison, Mike Winstanley
Chair	Colin welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting.
Minutes	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th July 2016 were agreed as a true record.
Matters Arising	The Elder family has approved the photographs of their daughter's wedding but request information of how they are to be used and that the official photographer is acknowledged in any Friends / church publicity.
Secretary's Report	Margaret reported that she had filed the Annual Report and the Financial Statement with the Charities Commission.  There has been no change in membership since the last meeting.
Treasurer's Report	The General Account currently stands at £10,078..  No payments have been made as yet to the PCC in respect of the planned works to be carried out in the church.  Further to the Queen's 90th Birthday celebration at Wennington Hall School, cheques have been sent to the Institutes at Hornby and Wray as agreed. However, Liz is still waiting for confirmation of the payee at the School so she can send the cheque for £50. <b>Rita Murphy offered to speak to Joe Prendergast regarding this.</b>
PCC Report	Linda Kirkby reported that decisions will not be made regarding the use of the space formerly occupied by the organ until the works have been completed inside the church and the pews re-sited.  A decision regarding the installation of B4RN would be taken at the next PCC meeting.  Unexpectedly, monies have been received from the Headley Trust which is a charitable trust supporting isolated rural churches of historical importance. The Headley Trust has awarded £6500 to the Church of St James the Less, Tatham. Two-thirds of this award is to be spent on the church roof and one-third on the proposed new toilet. This means that the PCC is now looking for funding of £7,300 from the Friends, which is less than the amount agreed at our previous

	<p>meeting and this now includes the installation of the brew point within the church and the wooden doors to the storage cupboard.</p> <p>Work has already started on the installation of the toilet.</p> <p>20 of the proposed 22 pew cushions have now been sponsored and it was agreed that they were a great addition to the church both in appearance and comfort.</p> <p>Entwistle House (the Old School) is to revert back to the church and matters now lie with the Registrar.</p> <p>The summer picnic was enjoyed by all those attending though some recourse had to be made to picnic-ing inside the church due to the weather.</p> <p>The Jumble Sale takes place next Saturday, 10th September at Hornby Institute. There will be a meal afterwards at The Bridge Inn for those helpers too tired to cook! Please can you give your names to Linda so she can let The Bridge Inn have numbers.</p>
Events Sub Group / Fund Raising	<p>The proposed Last Night of the Proms will not now take place this year.</p> <p>The next event will be a concert by the Leyland Brass Band at the church on Saturday, 26th November 2016.</p> <p>Another concert has been arranged for Sunday, 26th February 2017, in the afternoon and this will be given by the Levens Choir.</p> <p>Barbara Harrison advised the meeting that the weekly singing group, the Wenning Voices, now had an attendance on some weeks of 20 - 25 people. They made a weekly contribution of £1 per head and with the money raised had purchased a 100 Club ticket, sponsored a pew cushion and given their music conductor, Lucy Leather, a £50 gift voucher. They currently had £120 in the kitty. At a forthcoming practice they would be discussing a carol concert to be held around the Wennington village christmas tree.</p> <p>The 100 Club now had 104 members and the next draw would take place at the Jumble Sale. It was suggested that mention should be made of the progress and improvements made to the church and greatly helped by the financial contributions of the 100 Club members at the Christmas service.</p>
Projects Sub Group	<p>Richard &amp; Rebecca Sanderson and Paul Whatmough are helping the PCC with the toilet installation and the project is being managed by Sue Dawson. Andy McClements has also offered assistance which is greatly appreciated.</p>
Publicity Sub-Group	<p>The website is receiving about 100 visits each month.</p>
AOB	<p>Harvest Festival will take place in the church on Sunday, 25th September at 11:00. Decorating the church will take place on the Saturday at 10:00 and all volunteers are welcome.</p>
Date of next meeting	<p>19:30 on Monday, 14th November 2016 at The Bridge Inn, Tatham.</p>

