

Friends of St James the Less Church, Tatham

Meeting on 14th May 2018 at St James the Less Church following the AGM

Present:	Colin Burford (Chair), Margaret Whatmough (Secretary), Paul Whatmough (Treasurer), John Parkinson, Sue Wood, Linda Kirkby, Chris Berry, Rita Murphy, John Holt, Richard Sanderson, Rebecca Sanderson, Sue Marsden, Trish Kirkwood - 13 members
Apologies:	Jenny Herd, Mike Winstanley, Mel Winstanley, Barbara Harrison, Steve & Lesley Loy
Chair:	Colin Burford re-opened the meeting following an interval after the AGM
Minutes:	The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 12 th March 2018 were agreed as a true record.
Matters Arising:	All matters arising that will be dealt with in the reports of the committees.
Secretary's Report:	Margaret reported that there had been a meeting of the Trustees together with Sue Wood as administrator of the 100 Club to discuss the implications of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which would legally come into effect on 25 th May 2018. It had been decided that best practice would demand that we should contact all registered members of the Friends and subscribers to the 100 Club re-seeking their consent to hold their personal details and be able to contact them regarding the business of the charity. It was also decided that a Privacy Statement should be drafted and posted on our website or a copy sent to those people who had previously requested contact by post. It was also agreed that as a charity, we do not wish to store bank details of our subscribers to the 100 Club and these would be destroyed. Margaret undertook to draft a Privacy Statement and to write to all registered members of the Friends and subscribers to the 100 Club.
Treasurer's Report:	<p>Paul reported that, since the last meeting on 12th March 2018, transfers totalling £682.50 have been made from the account of the 100 Club to the General Account relating to the March and April draws.</p> <p>No grants have been made to the PCC this month and the current balance in the General Account is £10,066.22.</p> <p>Total income to date is £23,473.70 of which £12,164.75 has been raised by the 100 Club. 100 Club prizes totalling £6,549.75 have been paid out.</p>
PCC Report:	<p>Linda Kirkby reported on behalf of the PCC as follows:</p> <p>Again, what a lot has happened at St James the Less, thanks to you The Friends and the PCC members.</p>

	<p>The additional microphone in the pulpit and the freestanding microphone have been installed and are in use by all and everyone seems happy with them.</p> <p>The lighting in the main body of the church and chancel has been updated and has made a tremendous difference, everything looking brighter. A new outside light and sensor has been fitted which has helped those coming to the church of an evening. I have also asked Sue Dawson, a member of the Parish Council, if she would report to the Council that the light in the car park needs updating to a double light. At the moment it only shines onto the road and it would be of benefit if it shone into the car park. She has reported this and we await any action by the Council.</p> <p>Tony Sedgwick has completed and sited the meter box cover made from an old pew frontal and, as usual, a good job and looks far more in keeping than the previous one. His remaining project of the display box for the embroidery is in progress.</p> <p>The tree stumps have been removed and Paul Whatmough has again worked long and hard dealing with the leftovers, filling up with topsoil, levelling and seeding. A big thank you Paul from the PCC.</p> <p>Paul has also spent a considerable amount of time in his second home – the boiler house! We are still anxious that we do not want to have another flood and the boiler damaged yet again. Paul and I have now ascertained that the drain from the base of the cellar steps to the road is clear and now another dig is going to be carried out in the field beyond the car park to further investigate the drains. It is a challenge which we are trying to work through.</p> <p>The Events will be reported on later but can I just say that the WW1 Exhibition was a great success, bringing in a new group of organisers, users and visitors to our beautiful church including, of course, the Mayor and Mayoress of Lancaster.</p> <p>Also, the Turner talk by Rhian Addison who certainly created a very enjoyable and informative afternoon which was well attended. I think our particular thanks should go to Rita Murphy who was the contact and king pin in this event along with the support and work of the Friends.</p> <p>These two events have certainly put us on the map!</p> <p>Finally, again, our thanks to the Friends and in fact everyone who helped in any way with the Scarecrow Catering Day and the Wray Fair. We had two fantastic results of £1345 and £600 – just under £2,000 in two weekends is amazing. We really do appreciate your help and can't thank you enough for your support for this church and its community.</p> <p>In response to a query, Linda confirmed that the microphone will be kept in the vestry.</p>
<p>Joint Committee:</p>	<p>Margaret reported that the Joint Committee had not met since the March meeting of the Friends. It had been agreed that as most people were fully committed with other Friends' events, the Wray Scarecrow Festival, Easter and family commitments to postpone the next meeting of the</p>

	committee to the summer when, hopefully, there will be more time to sit and consider our next steps.
Events:	<p>The 100 Club now has 106 members and there were six renewals this month.</p> <p>Rita Murphy thanked the Events Committee for efforts ensuring that the Turner talk was such a successful event. A discussion followed regarding black out curtains for future events when a screen and projector would be required. John Parkinson advised that Borwick Village Hall had mechanical black out blinds and he would try and get some information regarding these at his next visit there with NADFAS.</p>
Publicity:	<p>Chris Berry reported that the website had approximately 130 visits per month.</p> <p>The next newsletter was planned for the end of June.</p>
Any Other Business:	<p>The PCC were organising a Jazz & Fizz Evening on 14th July. Tickets cost £15 each including supper and the evening would start at 18:00.</p> <p>Leck Church was intending to install a toilet and had requested help with this project. Richard & Rebecca Sanderson indicated that they would be happy to assist.</p>
Date of Next Meeting:	Monday, 9 th July 2018 at the church.