

## Friends of St James the Less Church, Tatham

### Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at St James the Less Church

Present:	Colin Burford (Chair), Paul Whatmough (Treasurer), John Parkinson, Sue Wood, Linda Kirkby, Chris Berry, Rita Murphy, John Holt, Mel Winstanley, Barbara Harrison, Kathy Walker - 11 members
Apologies:	Margaret Whatmough, Sue Marsden, Jenny Herd, Mike Winstanley, John Harrison.
Chair:	Colin Burford welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting at 19:30
Minutes:	The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 were agreed as a true record.
Matters Arising:	All matters arising will be dealt with in the reports of the committees.
Secretary's Report:	<p>Paul reported (on behalf of Margaret) that the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) had taken up most of her spare time since the last meeting. All registered members of the Friends and subscribers to the 100 Club have been written to, re-seeking their consent to hold their personal details and to be able to contact them regarding the business of the charity.</p> <p>To date, approximately 16 replies are awaited.</p>
Treasurer's Report:	<p>Paul reported that, since the last meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018, transfers totalling £689.00 have been made from the account of the 100 Club to the General Account relating to the May and June draws.</p> <p>A Grant of £2,959.35 has been paid to the PCC relating to the new lighting in the central aisle, bell tower and externally above the main door.</p> <p>Current balance in General account is £7,785.87.</p> <p>Total income to General Account to date is £24,162.70, of which £12,853.75 has been raised by the 100 Club. 100 Club prizes totalling £6,920.75 have been paid out.</p>
PCC Report:	<p>Linda Kirkby reported on behalf of the PCC as follows:</p> <p>You will all have admired the beautiful embroidery which now takes pride of place in the Bell Tower.</p> <p>The PCC are delighted with the finished result for us and visitors to the Church to see. Mel has been the leader of this project and I know she is delighted with Tony's work on framing and hanging the embroidery and not forgetting Mike has very kindly put together details of the history. The PCC wish to record their thanks to both Mel and Mike for helping us to preserve a piece of history belonging to our Church.</p> <p>Thanks must go to those who were involved with the Flower Festival. The Church looked amazing and we had a steady trickle of visitors over the</p>

	<p>three days. We certainly put St. James the Less on the map. Then what a lovely evening we all had at the open night of the Wenning Voices. This group just keeps growing in number and voice and the PCC appreciate very much when you happily join in the special services which we have on occasions. Frank and Mabel put together a lovely service and there were 55 in Church – that is what community is and we are so lucky in this parish.</p> <p>On Wednesday morning we are having a Quinquennial Inspection at which Paul and myself will be reporting on our findings, in particular the drains and the repeated flooding of the boiler house. We will report back to the PCC and Friends on any advice we may receive</p> <p>To finish – see you all at the Jazz &amp; Fizz</p>
Joint Committee:	<p>The Joint Committee had again not met since the last meeting of the Friends. The committee members have been fully committed with other events and family commitments to postpone the next meeting of the committee to the summer when, hopefully, there will be more time to sit and consider our next steps.</p>
Events:	<p>The next event is the Leyland Brass Band on October 20<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>The 100 Club has 106 members and the next draw will take place at the Jazz &amp; Fizz on 14<sup>th</sup> July.</p>
Publicity:	<p>Chris Berry reported that the Summer newsletter has been printed. The distribution lists were being looked at to ensure that all areas are being covered.</p> <p>It was suggested and agreed that the Newsletter should be sent electronically to all members of the Friends and subscribers to the 100 Club.</p> <p>The website had approximately 130 visits per month.</p>
Any Other Business:	<p>John Holt reported that Ecclesiastical Insurance were offering cash prizes to community groups that were involved with improvements to Churches and suggested that the Friends should be put forward. John offered to write an appropriate report.</p> <p>Sue Dawson has contacted Lancaster City Council to ask if the street light adjacent to the church car park could be adjusted to throw some light onto the car park. LCC declined as they cannot consider using street lighting to illuminate private areas of land.</p> <p>John Parkinson offered to look at other possible solutions.</p>
Date of Next Meeting:	<p>Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (7:30) at the church.</p>