

## Friends of St James the Less Church, Tatham

### Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at St James the Less Church

Present:	Paul Whatmough (Chair & Treasurer), Margaret Whatmough (Secretary), Sue Wood, Rita Murphy, Colin Burford, Sandy Hutchins, Jenny Herd, Mel Winstanley, – 8 members
Apologies:	Chris Berry, Richard & Rebecca Sanderson, Sue Dawson, Kathy Walker, Stephen Robson, Margaret Wilson, Chris Berry, Linda Kirkby
Chair:	Paul Whatmough chaired the meeting.
Minutes:	The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Mel Winstanley and seconded by Sandy Hutchins.
Matters Arising:	Margaret advised that David Eastwood had visited the church with a view to taking new aerial photographs. However the weather hadn't been good enough. David had succeeded in getting some good aerial shots of the state of the roof which will of use to the PCC to aid their discussions regarding roof repairs.
Secretary's Report:	Nothing to report.
Treasurer's Report:	<p>The balance in the current account is £15,065.62</p> <p>Since it started in January 2015 the 100 Club has raised £46,954.50 and paid out £16,045.25 in prize money, leaving £30,909.25 available to put to good use in the church.</p> <p>£13,923.26 has been raised from Events.</p> <p>Grants totalling £27,122.46 have been paid to the PCC for improvements in the church.</p> <p>There is no Work in Progress.</p> <p>Discussion followed as to whether the Friends were holding too much cash in the current account and whether a better investment fund could be found to place the money until called upon for a forthcoming project. Paul agreed to look into this.</p>
PCC Report:	There was no formal report from the PCC although Paul reported the last Quinquennial Report had advised that repairs would be needed to the church roof and that a small committee has been formed to look into the scale and costs of the required repairs. The Friends asked to be kept informed as it was appreciated that this could well prove to be a major and expensive project.

Joint Committee:	It was agreed that efforts should be made to ensure that the Joint PCC/Friends Committee met on a regular basis to suggest and implement improvements to the church.
Events:	<p>It was agreed that the Jubilee Garden Party had been very successful and enjoyed by all present, despite the gloomy weather. The church had been full for the Thanksgiving Service and Wenning Voices had excelled especially with the singing of the Jubilee Anthem. The Jacob Join table had been overwhelmed with contributions but all food had been shared out by the end of the day and no food wasted.</p> <p>The next event will be a concert by members of the Leyland Brass Band on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022. The Events Committee will report in greater detail on the planned arrangements at the next meeting in September.</p> <p>The Lancaster Singers are booked for May 2023 and Sue Wood advised that the choir would come with approximately 25 cars so we will need to source extra car parking for the event.</p> <p>Circumstances have altered for the Levens Choir who will no longer be singing at their Music in Quiet Places Concerts which, regrettably are discontinued.</p>
Publicity:	Chris Berry has confirmed that he is continuing to monitor and post relevant information on the website. Carl Hunter has been approached by the PCC and has agreed that he will take over the monitoring of the website and posting of news and events when Chris feels that he no longer wishes to carry out the Publicity Role.
Any Other Business:	<p>The PCC Jumble Sale will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> September at Hornby Institute.</p> <p>The draw for the 100 Club for the month of July took place:  1<sup>st</sup> prize £109 – Linda Kirkby  2<sup>nd</sup> prize £54.50 – Rosemary Hartley  3<sup>rd</sup> prize £27.25 – Theo Wood</p>
Date of Next Meeting:	Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7:30 p.m.