

Friends of St James the Less Church, Tatham

Meeting on 9th May 2022 at St James the Less Church

Present:	Paul Whatmough (Chair & Treasurer), Margaret Whatmough (Secretary), Sue Wood, Rita Murphy, Colin Burford, Sandy Hutchins, Stephen Robson, Margaret Wilson, Anne Dean, Kathy Walker, Jenny Herd, Richard Gargini, Mel Winstanley, Linda Kirkby - 14 members
Apologies:	Chris Berry, Richard & Rebecca Sanderson, Sue Dawson
Chair:	Paul Whatmough chaired the meeting.
Minutes:	The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 14 th March 2022 were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Mel Winstanley and seconded by Rita Murphy.
Matters Arising:	Margaret advised that the aerial and indoor photography was in hand. She had spoken to her friend, David Eastwood, who had a drone and he was agreeable to doing the photography.
Secretary's Report:	Nothing to report.
Treasurer's Report:	<p>The current balance in the current account is £14,379.24</p> <p>Margaret had emailed all the registered members of the Friends and received a majority agreement and overwhelming support to send a donation of £1,000 to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal and this has now been done.</p> <p>Since it started in January 2015 the 100 Club has raised £45,839.50 and paid out £15,655 in prize money, leaving £30,184.50 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>
PCC Report:	<p>Linda Kirkby reported on behalf of the PCC. First of all, a big thank you to the Friends for all their support. With the installation of the new vicar, the Reverend Jane Lee, church services are now settling back into a routine.</p> <p>The catering at Wray Institute for the Scarecrow Festival and the stall at Wray Fair had raised in excess of £1,900 for church funds.</p>

	<p>Thank you to all those who helped with the church cleaning prior to Easter. It is proposed to hold four major church cleaning days annually.</p> <p>Wednesday, 1st June is proposed as the day to decorate the church with flowers in preparation for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. All volunteers welcome as are donations of garden flowers. The flower arranging will start at 10:00 a.m.</p>
Joint Committee:	No further meeting of the Joint Committee has taken place.
Events:	<p>Margaret Whatmough reported that the invitations for the Garden Party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee have now been distributed to every house in the parish of Wennington and to residences in Lower Tatham. The circulation of the church newsletter was used as the basis of distributing the invitations and to avoid conflict with the Church of the Good Shepherd in Lowgill who were arranging their own celebration. Margaret was confident that numbers would reach around 100 which was more than satisfactory and, more importantly, manageable!</p> <p>The church insurers, Ecclesiastical Insurance, have given written confirmation that they will extend public liability cover for the event.</p> <p>Margaret advised that a sponsor had been found to provide a flagpole which after the event would be moved from the garden at the Old Rectory to the church. Steven pointed out that planning consent would be required if it was to be permanently fixed in the churchyard but was reassured that it was removable and would only be erected at key times, e.g., Remembrance Sunday, for a few days at most.</p> <p>Margaret gave a brief summary of all the other items which were in hand for the event.</p>
Publicity:	Chris Berry has confirmed that he is continuing to monitor and post relevant information on the website.
Any Other Business:	<p>The PCC Jumble Sale will be held on 24th September at Hornby Institute.</p> <p>The draw for the 100 Club for the month of May took place: 1st prize £112 – Alison Moss 2nd prize £56 – Jim McKinstry 3rd prize £28 – Sue Dawson</p>
Date of Next Meeting:	Monday, 11 th July 2022 at 7:30 p.m.