

Friends of St James the Less Church, Tatham

Meeting on 10th September 2018 at St James the Less Church

Present:	Colin Burford (Chair), Paul Whatmough (Treasurer), Margaret Whatmough (Secretary), Rita Murphy, John Holt, Mel Winstanley, Richard & Rebecca Sanderson – 8 members
Apologies:	John Parkinson, Sue Marsden, Jenny Herd, Mike Winstanley, John & Barbara Harrison, Sue Wood, Linda Kirkby, Chris Berry, Kathy Walker.
Chair:	Colin Burford welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting at 19:30
Minutes:	The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 9 th July 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:	Margaret reported that the GDPR project was completed. There were still a few outstanding replies to be received and also, ideally, a few people to chase to get a viable email address if possible. Margaret has now set up a "Social" database for those people who were not registered members of the Friends but are subscribers to the 100 Club so that they can be kept confirmed of news and events.
Treasurer's Report:	<p>Paul reported that, since the last meeting on 9th July 2018, transfers totalling £6685.75 have been made from the account of the 100 Club to the General Account relating to the July and August draws.</p> <p>No grants have been paid.</p> <p>Current balance in General Account is £8,471.62</p> <p>Total income to General Account to date is £24,868.45, of which £13,539.50 has been raised by the 100 Club. 100 Club prizes totalling £7,290.00 have been paid out.</p> <p>Since the formation of the Friends, £16,624.87 has been paid in grants to the PCC. In addition, grants from the Headley Trust and VAT grants from Listed Places of Worship totalling £3,300.48 have been made. The grants total now amounts to £19,925.35.</p> <p>Included within the above figures is a balance of £867.19 due to the PCC to cover the completion of all works to date. The £867.19 was part of, and does not exceed, the £4000 figure agreed at the November 2017 meeting. For clarity I request that the payment to be proposed and seconded again. Proposed by Rebecca Sanderson, seconded by Richard Sanderson and all found in favour.</p> <p>Also an email has been received from Linda Kirkby, Chair of the PCC ,</p>

	<p>requesting if the Friends would consider purchasing a re-chargeable vacuum cleaner which would facilitate cleaning under chairs, tables and the pews. This suggestion was met favourably by the Friends and a motion that £450 maximum spend be allocated to the PCC for this purpose. Proposed by Rita Murphy, seconded by Mel Winstanley and all found in favour.</p>
<p>PCC Report:</p>	<p>Linda Kirkby reported on behalf of the PCC as follows:</p> <p>Where has the summer gone and what a lot our Church has done!</p> <p>What a wonderful night we all had at the Jazz & Fizz. Our hosts, Willis & Jackie are so welcoming. We take over their house and garden and they just let us "do it". We were, of course, blessed with superb weather and the lively jazz band; they just love coming to Wennington. The PCC and Friends worked hard with the setting up, the wonderful food, the bar and the whole event and not forgetting dismantling the following day. Any event that is run is a lot of hard work to pull it together and we are grateful for the help everyone gives, either PCC or Friends. It is all good team work with a good and enjoyable result. I suppose we may repeat in 2 years time!</p> <p>We had a 5th Sunday Service for the six churches in the Benefice followed by our annual picnic with croquet and boules. Unfortunately it rained but all who attended had a very friendly picnic in church.</p> <p>Then, of course we are all just recovering from the Jumble Sale. Where does it all come from? What a brilliant result of £1420. Thank you to all the helpers – it is team work again!</p> <p>Looking forward we have the Harvest Festival on Sunday, 23rd September at 11:00 a.m. I think Mark is taking the service followed by the Harvest Lunch and Produce Sale at John & Phyllis Holt's. We will be decorating the church on Saturday, 22nd September at 10:00 a.m. and would welcome any help.</p> <p>John Holt reported that an entry has been made to a competition for community groups sponsored by Ecclesiastical Insurance. The closing date was the end of August.</p> <p>The Quinquennial Report has been received emphasising work needing to be done to the roof and the re-pointing to the walls. Paul Whatmough mentioned the problem of flooding into the cellar during periods of heavy rain and the consequence of the boiler breaking down. John Holt said that it was the intention of the PCC to ask an architect to draw up plans and specifications for a roof over the boiler steps and that a faculty is a given as this problem is mentioned in the Quinquennial Report. Paul stressed that, in the meantime, a temporary structure should be constructed to prevent flooding through this coming autumn and winter and whilst waiting for the plans to be approved and permission to proceed.</p> <p>Entwistle House is still in the hands of the solicitors.</p>

Joint Committee:	No report. Due to Margaret being unwell over the summer and committee members' family and holiday commitments, a further meeting of this committee has not been held.
Events:	The next event is the Leyland Brass Band on October 20 th . Tickets are already selling well. The 100 Club has 106 members and the next draw will take place at the Jazz & Fizz on 14 th July.
Publicity:	Chris Berry on holiday and unable to attend this meeting. It was suggested however that if anyone had a report to make for the Autumn Newsletter that they should forward this to Chris so that it would be available for when he returns.
Any Other Business:	None reported.
Date of Next Meeting:	Monday, 12 th November 2018 at 19:30 at the church.