

Friends of St James the Less Church, Tatham

Meeting on 11th March 2019 at St James the Less Church

Present:	Colin Burford (Chair), Paul Whatmough (Treasurer), Margaret Whatmough (Secretary), Rita Murphy, John Holt, Mel Winstanley, John Parkinson, Linda Kirkby, Sue Wood, Chris Berry, Richard Sanderson – 11 members
Apologies:	Jenny Herd, Barbara Harrison, Sue Marsden, Rebecca Sanderson
Chair:	Colin Burford welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting at 19:30
Minutes:	The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 14 th January 2019 were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Mel Winstanley, seconded by Sue Wood.
Matters Arising:	<p>The repair of the tolling bell is work in progress but hoping to be done over Spring 2019.</p> <p>The PCC has signed off the documents relating to Entwistle House and they are back with solicitors. The diocese will have ownership of the building on behalf of St James the Less Church as the PCC cannot own property. The PCC will be able to apply for some of the capital for church purposes and they will get interest annually if the building is sold and the capital reinvested. Help will probably be required to clear out the building.</p> <p>Wine glasses have been purchased.</p> <p>Black out blinds have been done! Linda Kirkby had a brainwave and, together with Paul and Rebecca, blinds have been made and a method devised for hanging them. They will be tested at the next Movies in the Pews in April. The PCC has paid for the materials but it was agreed by the meeting to reimburse the PCC for this up to a value of £100. Proposed by Paul Whatmough and seconded by Mel Winstanley; all found in favour.</p>
Secretary's Report:	Nothing to report.
Treasurer's Report:	<p>Since the last meeting on 14th January 2019:</p> <p>£347.75 has been paid to General Account relating to the February 100 Club draw.</p> <p>The current balance in General Account is £9958.58.</p> <p>Total income to General Account to date is £27,748.55 of which £15613.00 has been raised from the 100 Club.</p>

	<p>100 Club prizes totalling £8406.50 have been paid.</p>
PCC Report:	<p>Linda Kirkby reported on behalf of the PCC as follows:</p> <p>The Lancaster CC Pre –App form regarding the roof over the steps to the boiler cellar has received a positive response and comments made that it was felt that it would possibly enhance the building. Richard Wooldridge and Sue Dawson are working on the plans and faculties.</p> <p>Wenning Voices will be singing at the Mothering Day service and the bells will be rung.</p> <p>The AGM for the PCC will take place on 1st April. All are welcome to attend.</p> <p>The annual spring clean of the church will take place on Saturday, 6th April commencing at 10:00 for approximately 2 hours. All volunteers welcome but please bring your own polish and dusters!</p> <p>The PCC will be catering at Wray Scarecrow Festival on Sunday, 28th April in the Institute. Volunteers are required for soup making, cake baking and help on the day.</p> <p>The Lent Lunches are taking place. These take the form of a soup and cheese social. The lunch on 4th April will take place at John & Phyllis Holt's from 12:00 – 13:30. Donations to charity and all are welcome.</p> <p>Linda advised that she had written a letter of thanks to Rita Murphy and Linda Ashworth for planting crocuses in the church grounds.</p>
Joint Committee:	<p>The Joint Committee are currently looking at a new leaflet holder for the rear of the church to take A4, A5 and trifold leaflets. Paul has spoken to Acorn Oak who are confident they can design an appropriate holder.</p>
Events:	<p>A report was given on the preparation for the forthcoming Afternoon Tea. The committee would be meeting at the church at 10:30 on Saturday to set up for the event. There has been an excellent response to the invitation sent to Friends and subscribers to the 100 Club.</p> <p>Forthcoming events include a Summer Lunch / Supper on 20th July at Raw Ridding House, courtesy of Richard & Rebecca Sanderson. The PCC Jumble Sale was scheduled for 21st September and the Friends' Autumn Concert for 5th October.</p>
Publicity:	<p>Deadline for items for the Spring Newsletter is 4th April so that it can be published the week before Easter. Photos from the Afternoon Tea should be sent to Chris Berry for inclusion.</p>

AGM	<p>The AGM will be held on Monday, 13th May 2019 at St James the Less Church commencing at 19:00. Wine and nibbles will be served. Margaret Whatmough is standing down as Secretary but as indicated that she is prepared to stand again if the Friends so wish. However, if anyone else would like to stand as Secretary and Trustee to the Friends, they should let Margaret know as soon as possible. The 100 Club draw for the month of May will take place at the AGM.</p>
Any Other Business:	None
Date of Next Meeting:	Monday, 13 th May 2019 at 19:00 at the church.