

Friends of St James the Less Church, Tatham

Meeting on 9th September 2019 at St James the Less Church

Present:	Colin Burford (Chair), Paul Whatmough (Treasurer), Margaret Whatmough (Secretary), Rita Murphy, John Holt, John Parkinson, Richard Sanderson, Rebecca Sanderson, Linda Kirkby, Sue Wood, Barbara Harrison – 11 members
Apologies:	Chris Berry, Mel Winstanley, Sue Dawson, Jenny Herd
Chair:	Colin Burford welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting at 19:30.
Minutes:	The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 13 th May 2019 were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Richard Sanderson, seconded by John Parkinson. All found in favour.
Matters Arising:	<p>Thank you from the PCC for the help given for clearing out Entwistle House. The prevailing view of the PCC is that Entwistle House should be sold. A pre-application for change of use to domestic is to be submitted but the full application should be applied for by the potential purchaser.</p> <p>The costs of the lights and the literature rack have been reimbursed to the PCC by the Friends. However, one window light is not working and new lights are required for the organ space window and over the new literature rack. John Parkinson will liaise with the electrician on these items.</p> <p>Margaret reported that she had spoken briefly with Bill Nelson at 1818 Auctioneers about an "auction/antique" event at the church. It would not be a problem in principle but they are quite heavily booked up with charity events so it would probably be a question of when they could do it and not us deciding a date.</p>
Secretary's Report:	Margaret reported that she had emailed and posted out promotional items regarding the Bibi concert and PCC events.
Treasurer's Report:	<p>Since the last meeting on 8th July 2019:</p> <p>£718.25 relating to the July and August 100 Club draws and £804.98 from the Summer Supper Social have been paid into the General Account.</p> <p>Grants to the PCC totalling £800 have been paid for the new window lights and the literature rack.</p> <p>The current balance in the General Account is £11,396.13.</p> <p>Total income to General Account to date is £31,886.15 of which £17,771.10 has been raised from the 100 Club. 100 Club prizes totalling</p>

	<p>£9,568.50 have been paid out. There are now 111 members of the 100 Club.</p> <p>Paul advised that of the £11K in General Account circa £6K has already been allocated to various projects.</p>
PCC Report:	<p>Linda Kirkby reported as follows:</p> <p>A faculty has been approved and planning consent approved for the roof over the cellar steps. The faculty states that the work has to be completed within six months.</p> <p>Acorn Oak have done a lovely job with the new literature rack. New lighting is required in the area where the rack is situated with possibly a controlled sensor. John Parkinson will look into this. The PCC wish to thank the Friends for their financial assistance with this project.</p> <p>Linda thanked the Friends for their efforts with the joint Summer Social: there was a good atmosphere (despite the windy weather!) and a good result achieved.</p> <p>Help is required for the PCC Jumble Sale on Saturday, 21st September at Hornby Institute commencing at 09:00. All volunteers will be welcome.</p> <p>The Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday, 13th October. On this occasion contributions of non-perishable goods to the Food Bank are being sought. It was agreed that the flowers would still be in place from the Bibi concert the previous week for church decoration.</p> <p>The plumber needs contacting regarding the ongoing problem with the tap in the Brew Station. John Parkinson will look into this.</p>
Joint Committee:	Work in progress
Events:	<p>The committee is busy with the plans for the Bibi concert including the catering. Mark Cannon is to be asked to comper the event and offered a free ticket.</p> <p>At the moment the next scheduled event will be the Lancaster Singers in May 2020.</p>
Publicity:	The deadline for the next newsletter is mid-November.
Any Other Business:	The PCC has looked at buying some new chairs from Sandler Seating at a cost of £38 + VAT. They would like to order 30 chairs in red and bronze. The existing black chairs will be kept as the new chairs must stay in the

	<p>church and not be used for outside event. Margaret proposed and Rebecca seconded that the Friends should assist with the cost of purchasing these chairs.</p> <p>Movies in the Pews will be restarting in October. The known dates are 11th October, 8th November and 6th December.</p>
Date of Next Meeting:	Monday, 11 th September 2019 at 19:30 at the church.