

Friends of St James the Less Church, Tatham

Meeting on 16th August 2021 at St James the Less Church

Present:	Paul Whatmough (Chair & Treasurer), Margaret Whatmough (Secretary), Sue Wood, Chris Berry, Mel Winstanley, Rita Murphy, Barbara Harrison, Kathy Walker, Colin Burford, Linda Kirkby – 10 members
Apologies:	None received
Chair:	Paul Whatmough opened the meeting which followed the AGM.
Minutes:	The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 13 th July 2020 were agreed as a true record.
Matters Arising:	Margaret said that she should have contacted Ged Kelbrick regarding aerial photography of the church but that this had not been done due to the pandemic. Margaret said she would follow up on this.
Secretary's Report:	Margaret advised that the Trustees had met on Friday, 13 th August to review the activities of the Friends and compliance with charity law. They thought it best if the Friends continued to postpone all events and activities until Spring 2022 due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting agreed that this was the best course of action.
Treasurer's Report:	<p>The current balance in the current account is £12,102.73.</p> <p>Total income to General Account to date is £40,380.49 of which £26,249.00 has been raised from the 100 Club.</p> <p>100 Club prizes totalling £14,341.25 have been paid.</p> <p>Grants totalling £25,728.50 have been paid to the PCC for improvements in the church.</p> <p>There is no Work in Progress at the moment.</p> <p>Paul also confirmed that he has received notice from HMRC that a Corporation Tax return needed to be completed and that this has been done. Needless to say there is no corporation tax due!</p>
PCC Report:	<p>Wenning Voices hope to resume singing on Thursday, 2nd September at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome with all singing abilities.</p> <p>All being well Stitch & Chatter will be meeting again on Friday, 10th September.</p> <p>We were all saddened by the loss of Trish Kirkwood after a long illness. She had been Treasurer for the PCC for several years and her work on the church finances was outstanding. She is greatly missed. Paul</p>

	<p>Whatmough has been appointed as the new Treasurer at the recent AGM.</p> <p>This year's Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday, 26th September and volunteers are required to prepare the church on Saturday, 25th September at 10:00 a.m. Food donations of tins and dried goods are requested and will be donated to Morecambe Foodbank.</p>
Joint Committee:	No further meeting of the Joint Committee has taken place.
Events:	It was agreed that proposed concerts with the Leyland Brass Band and the Lancaster Singers should be re-arranged for dates in 2022 and 2023 and that no further events should be planned until the situation becomes clearer regarding the pandemic and social distancing requirements.
Publicity:	Chris Berry has confirmed that he is continuing to monitor and post relevant information on the website.
Any Other Business:	A promotional event on electric vehicles and bicycles will take place in the church carpark on Saturday, 25 th September from 2:00 p.m.
Date of Next Meeting:	TBA