

# Minutes 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 7pm

## Navigation Meeting - Sefton

Date:	10 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
Time:	<b>7pm</b>
Place:	<b>St Lukes</b>
Attendees:	Amanda Bruce (chair) Laura Pilgrim, Louis Johnston, Paul Beardwood, Sue Green, Laura Heywood, Jim Stewart, Karen Stark
Apologies:	

Prayer: LP

	Who by	When by
<p><b>Intro and updates</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Laura will put together a Clergy list to share with the navigation team.</p> <p>The project administrator interviews will be taking place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>Joint worship event</b></p> <p>The joint worship event will take place on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 4pm, St Faiths due to clergy availability.</p> <p>The costs associated with this event can be reimbursed from the budget.</p> <p>The suggestion was given of the event running as follows: Introduction focussed on prayer, intro to the team and process, hymn, scripture readings, short reflection, activity (potentially grafitti wall with tea and coffee where people can share ideas and messages), prayer led by Kate, hymn, blessing.</p> <p>Feedback from similar events was the need for complete clarity in the communications of the event, including details on timings and worship.</p> <p>Amanda and Louis will work with the CLT to plan out how many people are needed and appoint them.</p> <p>It should be made clear in communications what the activity will entail whilst still be being clearly framed by worship so they're prepared and willing to be involved.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> A handout will be designed with contact details, who's who, verses, directions to where info can be found etc. Laura is compiling what should be included in this. This can also be distributed to the churches so people who can't attend can see it.</p>	<p>LP</p> <p>LP</p>	

# Minutes 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 7pm

## Navigation Meeting - Sefton

It should also be made clear that this is new information and not a duplication of other sessions, with its main aims clarified: sharing the vision, encouraging contributions, sharing progress on the journey.

**Action:** The event will also be livestreamed on zoom but not recorded due to GDPR and safeguarding.

Revelation 7:17 'For the lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them towards the water of life, and God will wipe the tears from their eyes.' Discussions of new and old water in this period of transition.

### **Communications:**

A holding page on the diocese website is being developed that the link will be shared for. It will host general info as well as documentation such as minutes and TofR. The comms team have been encouraged to prioritise this so it should be prepared shortly.

A communications loop will be established between PCCs and transition team to share feedback and concerns. Navigation team members will also visit churches not represented on the team on a Sunday to talk to any people with questions or concerns. This will be planned in a future meeting.

### **Deanery:**

There are churches within two deaneries in the LSP. There are two options to navigate this:

- Coming together as one deanery
- Three churches in Sefton North join Sefton South

These possibilities and their implications can be written up in a proposal and sent to deanery synod (June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) for them to consider and vote on, or send to consultation. Laura is double checking who has authority on this.

**Action:** Laura will talk to Kim Stanley about legal processes, Amanda will talk to the area dean and to chapter and deanery synods.

### **Buildings:**

Craig, the buildings strategy manager, has nearly completed all the initial technical visits to the Sefton churches, assessing the physical state of the building.

The next stage will be forming a buildings team who will tour the buildings with Craig. This team doesn't have to have buildings knowledge as their practical experience inside the building is what's important (e.g. is it accessible to

JS

LP/AB

# Minutes 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 7pm

## Navigation Meeting - Sefton

wheelchairs, can prams be navigated easily etc.). There will be one lead person appointed in this team who Craig will liaise with.

Craig individually doesn't make decisions on closure but rather identifies objective truths of the building which are put into a report and shared with teams for consideration and identify opportunities such as event space of filming locations. People anxious about closures should be reassured that though this is a possibility (and would be regardless of in or out of FFM) it is far from the goal and there is an extensive process that leads to this.

A callout for the buildings team can be included in the joint worship service where there is the opportunity for personal, direct communication to alleviate fears.

In every volunteer team callout, it should be clear that there are multiple volunteer opportunities and the time commitment and responsibilities of each.

### **Change Teams**

Kate is still working with Clare Coombes on call outs for payer teams and a prayer champion at each church.

Communication team recruitment should be a priority, with the team holding a range of skills and understanding about how communications are best received in their church.

A role description for the comms team is available which can be publicised by clergy to build a team of 4-6 people across the LSP.

For churches who have screens, a presentation slide can be made with information on what's require of the comms team to display before the service.

It is important for comms to remain both digital and physical, as a full shift to digital isn't practical for the churches and congregations.

Info timeline: share on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>, with an application form being made available and a team announced on the 26<sup>th</sup> with the stipulation that people can still apply at this point.

### **Coaching:**

**Action:** Ann Cheung visited the CLT to introduce coaching. They enquired if it was available for other teams and Ann confirmed it is, with coaching focussed on skills that aid the team. A half day of coaching is available that the team are enthusiastic to take on which Laura will pass on to Ann. In the

**LP/All**

# Minutes 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 7pm

## Navigation Meeting - Sefton

<p>meantime, the team should reflect on what kind of training they think would be beneficial to them (e.g. relationship buildings, communications across teams etc.). Ann will also feedback on what she thinks is helpful for a navigation team as she is a previous change facilitator of a successful LSP.</p>		
<p><b>AOB</b></p>		
<p><b>Action:</b> Laura will share a document of the timeline of decisions for the navigation team once it has been completed. The dates on this, like the RAG, are flexible and only act as a guide based on other LSPs but they can be reordered and extended as needed for Sefton.</p>	<p><b>LP</b></p>	
<p>CLT minutes are not written as they are more personally focussed discussions, but agendas are available. Amanda feeds back between the two teams and decisions made that are relevant to the churches are more focussed in the navigation team.</p>		
<p><b>Action point summary:</b></p>		
<p>Laura will put together a Clergy list to share with the navigation team.</p>	<p><b>LP</b></p>	
<p>Laura will put together an information sheet for the joint worship event.</p>	<p><b>LP</b></p>	
<p>Laura will talk to Kim Stanley about legal processes surrounding the two deaneries and Amanda will talk to the area dean and to chapter and deanery synods.</p>	<p><b>LP/AB</b></p>	
<p>Laura will let Ann know that the team are eager to complete a half day of training and feedback Ann's suggestions. The team should also reflect on what training they think would benefit them.</p>	<p><b>LP/All</b></p>	
<p>Laura will complete and distribute the timeline of work for the navigation team.</p>	<p><b>LP</b></p>	

**Next meeting:** March 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30

***Bible verses discussed:***

**Revelation 7:17** 'For the lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them towards the water of life, and God will wipe the tears from their eyes.'

**Summary to share with churches:**

# **Minutes 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 7pm**

Navigation Meeting - Sefton