Minutes 24th Feb 2026 7pm

Navigation Meeting - Sefton

Date:	24 Feb 26
Time:	**7pm**
Place:	**St Lukes**
Attendees:	Amanda Bruce (chair) Laura Pilgrim, Louis Johnston, Paul Beardwood, Sue Green, Laura Heywood (teams), Jim Stewart, Helen Hunter, Karen Stark
Apologies:	none

Prayer: Amanda

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Introduction:		
The transition team confirmed they are happy with last week's minutes. The team also confirmed they have been able to access SharePoint. Paper copies will still be available for documents when required, and the team will be alerted when documents have been added to SharePoint. Training will be available for using SharePoint if required. As more change teams are built, SharePoint will be useful to ensure people have access to the documents they need and information remains GDPR compliant. **Action:** LP will forward the SharePoint email again to ensure everyone can access it. LP confirmed she will send a group email on a Friday that compiles everything for review for the following week's meeting.	**LP**	
Vision and communications:		
The team continued to discuss the vision and the naming process of their Larger Single Parish.		

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'River of Life' was raised as a name that works well and links to the local area. Vision for LSP: becoming the River of Life: growing into mission and renewing the 'river banks' of the community. The comms team when formed can revisit the specifics of the name. A local choir has been identified with a similar name, River of Light CIC, but the team thought this is far removed enough to avoid confusion. This would be a good starting point to share with the wider LSP as an inspiration point but welcome other ideas and suggestions.		
Joint Service		
LP shared that other cohorts have had joint services regularly and suggested the discussion on naming the LSP could be brought to one of these events for Sefton. Churches without clergy will continue to be briefed on what is happening within the CLT and other teams to ensure they are kept informed without a CLT representative. Even if there are no updates, this should be shared as silence can be misinterpreted. The team are aware of anxieties surrounding the LSP so this group worship focussed on vision would be helpful for this. LP recommended that the church most central to the LSP geographically would be good for this service. St Faiths was recommended as a convenient location due to parking and bus stops. This first joint worship event will take place at **St Faith's on a Sunday 29th March at 4pm**, featuring a compline service and an opportunity for discussion and social time with a focus on vision for the LSP. **Action** Louis and Amanda will be leading the organisation of this and meet to plan accordingly. This event can begin to introduce the different change teams and the scope of commitment required and support available. A diagram was requested to explain the structure of the change teams. Clarity on the goal of the service should be added in its advertisement, to ensure people understand that it is a focussed, intentional event.	**LJ/AB**	
Officers and other teams		
Laura is about to communicate with the churchwardens and connected them to Helen MacKenzie. The officers' teams will be a supportive environment that meet semi-regularly to share questions and progress.		
Communications		
The team reviewed their transition team introduction bios. Some small line edits were made. This document will be shared with PCC secretaries and clergies.		

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Action Laura P will make these amendments and add the final document to the weekly roundup email. The PCC secretaries will receive a copy of the navigation team meeting minutes for transparency. A suggestion was made for a brief summary of the FfM work happening to be written each week to be read at services, bringing awareness of the LSP in congregations. Website: developing a pre-parish website was suggested, rather than waiting for a name. The team discussed who would be responsible for this, and concerns about rushing the communications process and producing unpolished work. Laura P suggested developing a holding page on the diocese's fit for mission page. **Action** Laura will talk to the diocese comms team about adding this. The team would like this to include: dates for events, scripture discussed, map of the LSP churches, explanations of teams and the team structures etc. This could also act as a base for the future LSP comms team to build from once formed.	**LP** **LP**	02/03/26
FfM Concerns		
The churches could list concerns when voting on FfM. **Action** Laura will compile a document collating these concerns to review. In a future meeting, the team will discuss how these concerns should be addressed and where additional support such as 1:1s or further explanations are required. A query was raised on if the navigation team should be expanded to the churches currently not represented on the team. Laura advised that the priority is building a team that works well with good capacity through a process of prayer and clergy support in identifying members and wider call outs when they feel it is appropriate. We also previously agreed to review membership 3 months in. A query was raised on if all PCCs have FfM discussions on their agendas. It should be suggested and encouraged that they do so but can't be forced.	**LP**	
AOB		
L23 curate Kate Greeves has volunteered to oversee prayer and is working with Clare Coombes, the FfM comms advisor. She could be involved in the joint service to help plan group prayer. She'll be invited to attend the planning meeting.		

Next meeting: March 10th 5:15pm at St Lukes.

Dates for diary 29th March 4pm St Faiths for worship and fellowship (open invite)

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Prayer points and items to share with churches

Please continue to pray for protection and peace for all involved with Fit for Mission both in the diocese and in the churches.

The Navigation Team are planning a joint worship event to share the vision so far and invite people to pray and contribute.

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