

Minutes 2nd June 2026 3pm

Navigation Meeting - Sefton

Date:	2 nd June 2026
Time:	3pm
Place:	St Lukes
Attendees:	Amanda Bruce, Karen Stark, Laura Pilgrim, Louis Johnston, Paul Beardwood, Sue Green, Jim Stewart, Helen Hunter
Apologies:	Georgina Abram, Laura Heywood

Prayer:

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LSP naming: The team continued to discuss the LSP name suggestions. They shared thoughts on the image of a well, springs and water, and of each church as individual wells of salvation. The deadline has passed for new name suggestions, and the current potential names have been shared with the CLT for reflection. They identified some names that didn't feel representative and created a shortlist. Laura P shared the importance of considering who the name is for, and how and when it will be used. Each church will still be referred to by its individual name. The name shortlist will be narrowed down and then released to the congregations for a vote to gauge responses, but the final decision will be left to the CLT for prayer and reflection. The final name to be shared at the joint worship service, 12th July 5pm at St John and St James. Psalm 36 was shared, 'the fountain of life'. (The full quote is added at the bottom of the minutes.) The team discussed how the name will be seen with no context and will connect to people in different ways. They shared thoughts on the importance of grounding the name in the local community. After a discussion on the suggestions from across the LSP and the common themes seen, the shortlist for a vote was decided as: - The wells of life - The river of life - Jesus the well of life - Christ the wellspring		

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Action: Laura P and Georgina will distribute these names (presented in alphabetical order) to the churches with a print off for voting and information on what the next steps of the naming process are. This will be open for feedback for two Sundays, June 7th and 14th. The deadline for responses will be 10am on June 15th. Action: Laura P will share the name shortlist with Kim Stanley to ensure that they would all be suitable with the church commissioners. Key principles: The key principles of the team will need to be put together. This is a selection of rules and foundations for the team. Laura P encouraged the team to think on this before they revisit in the future. In a future meeting, the team will also consider any skills gaps where an additional team member would be useful. Cultivate: Jim met with Tania, the cultivate co-ordinator from Sefton. Jim was very encouraged by their conversation and the angle that cultivate is approaching from. Tania will be joining the team on June 16th to share more about Cultivate. Overall, Cultivate focusses on the identity, strengths and goals of the parish and works to support and grow the missional efforts here. Cultivate is due to start in September. The course is one hour a week over six weeks. There are currently no set dates. Tania shared in this meeting that they advertise through example stories. Jim was eager to use stories from the local area and has contacted Hazel about a worshipping community she began in Crosby. The team discussed other possible examples in the LSP. The goal was to show the congregations that this is a process rooted in the local community and not externally imposed. There is a wariness of the evangelical language present in cultivate that can be misleading of what's expected of volunteers in the process. The team are optimistic that these local stories will ease this misconception.	LP/GA LP	
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A lunch for Anglo-Catholic leaders is being run by Penny Stradling on June 16th, 12-2pm at St Margaret's which Louis is attending and will be able to share testimony on.

Jim identified that there is no online version of Cultivate which he raised with Tania as a possibility for future development.

The team discussed the difference between mission and evangelism and keeping this difference clear when discussing Cultivate. Laura P suggested considering this difference and the importance of clarity in language in the key principles of the team.

Action: Georgina will share the websites for other LSPs so the team can see how each one has identified their identities and goals.

Next steps:

Emily Goligher is attending the navigation team meeting on June 9th to discuss support services.

Tania will be joining on June 15th to share more on Cultivate.

In future meeting, the leads on treasures, churchwardens and PSOs will be attending to share how they will work with the officers and support them.

Laura P shared that she is happy with the progress in Sefton so far and encouraged by the work of the navigation team and CLT and the working relationships that are being formed.

Laura P shared the importance of staying connected with the other churches and continuing to build relationships across the LSP.

Jim suggested developing a list of the people in committees at each church and which are in and out of FfM for reference.

16th June there is a deanery committee meeting to discuss the deanery reorganisation. Amanda encouraged the team to pray on this.

A query was raised on how the decision on churchwarden numbers will be made. The churchwardens will debate this and report feedback to the navigation team to discuss what structure is best for the needs of the LSP.

Helen MacKenzie who will be working with the churchwardens will visit the team shortly. The team will work on deciding a date in next week's meeting.

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Scripture discussed:

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Psalm 36:

How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house;

you give them drink from your river of delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light we see light.

Next meeting: June 9th St Lukes 3pm