

Minutes 19th May 2026 7pm

Navigation Meeting - Sefton

Date:	19 th May 2026
Time:	7pm
Place:	St Lukes
Attendees:	Amanda Bruce, Karen Stark, Laura Pilgrim, Louis Johnston, Laura Heywood, Sue Green, Jim Stewart, Helen Hunter
Apologies:	Georgina Abram, Paul Beardwood

Prayer:

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St Michaels updates Laura P overall felt that this meeting with St Michaels went well, but that trust still needs to be built and she welcomes ideas on how this can be done. Jim shared that it is important to consider where and how each church has a voice in the governing bodies of the LSP. Amanda agreed and added that this also requires the members of the church to involve themselves with the LSP and engage with FfM. There has been representation from St Michaels at events and in teas which is encouraging. Christ Church Bootle updates: Following their concerns, Christ Church Bootle have decided to leave the FfM process at this point.. They are currently interregnum and have a treasurer and PSO but no churchwardens. There have been some examples of misinformation from information on FfM that has come from outside the diocese, such as media outlets, which has caused concern. The team discussed the importance of keeping decisions rooted in an unbiased view of what is best for the church. The team discussed if the FfM process can still go ahead with a limited number of churches. There have been examples where the process has been ended, but Sefton is not in this situation as it still has enough churches without Christ Church Bootle. Communications: The team discussed the importance of continuing ahead and supporting other churches rather than becoming discouraged.		

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The communications team is felt to be an essential part of this transition process to help build trust and remove the daunting, faceless impression of the diocese. This team will be having their first meeting on Wednesday June 3rd, 1pm at St Lukes.

Joint worship service:

A venue has been offered for the group worship on 12th July at 5pm, pending some final confirmation from Ravi. St Michaels will host another service in the Autumn. Helen confirmed that any Sunday is available at St Michaels. **September 27th was decided for this date.**

Upcoming meetings:

June 9th: Joined by Emily Goligher to talk about Support Services.

June 13th: proposed for a Saturday information session on support services. **Action:** This date may not be ideal so Laura will return to Emily to discuss alternate dates.

There is no meeting next week.

LSP naming:

The team discussed the names suggested so far to create a shortlist that will be taken to the CLT to consider and pray on.

Thoughts were shared on how these name suggestions will be communicated and considered. Laura H suggested asking CLT to develop a specific prayer around this process to share with congregations alongside updates on the process so far. **Action:** Amanda will write an introduction and share with CLT and others.

A clear theme of water developed in the names.

This will be revisited on June 2nd once the deadline for suggestions has passed.

AOB:

Laura P encouraged the team to continue to be the eyes and ears of their church in the meantime before the next meeting on the 2nd.

Helen MacKenzie is having her second meeting with the churchwarden. Laura P will be attending to answer any questions and will feedback to the navigation team.

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Next meeting: June 2nd St Lukes 3pm