

Minutes 28th April 2026 7pm

Navigation Meeting - Sefton

Date:	28 th April 2026
Time:	7pm
Place:	St Lukes
Attendees:	Laura Pilgrim, Louis Johnston, Laura Heywood, Karen Stark, Jim Stewart, Helen Hunter, Amanda Bruce, Georgina Abram (minutes)
Apologies:	Paul Beardwood, Sue Green

Prayer: Jim Stewart

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Joint worship service: The team discussed the responses to the joint worship service. The CLT felt positive about how the worship service went. Karen has received positive feedback from her church who said they were pleasantly surprised by the service. There was a mix of feedback on the style of worship, but it was generally positive as it was chosen as something separate to any worship style across the deanery. This is a point that will be emphasised in follow-up communications. The schedule of the service placing social time in the middle, with worship before and after, was very effective and the team were eager to replicate this at any future events as it built an increased community spirit. A document was shared on the compiled question and name responses from the service. Additional feedback has been raised which has been added onto the compiled document. The team decided that more time would be given for people to pray and reflect on a name to feedback. The team discussed how to engage the wider parish on this eg schools, local people. There have been some email responses and clergy will encourage people to continue contributing their ideas. A deadline will be set on this with a consultation period to follow and some form of poll to gauge the responses to each name.		

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The team discussed how church buildings are named in tradition to draw guidance from this process. The team discussed a formal timeline for this decision. Suggestions must be in by the end of May, the CLT and nav team will develop a shortlist which will be shared with the churches for feedback, with view for a final decision being made by mid-July after further feedback and consultation with churches and the communications team. Another joint worship service can be held at the end of July to celebrate or discuss the new name, with this pattern of a joint service once a term continuing onwards. A discussion was had on the best way to orchestrate the name announcement so that the churches are all informed. The team decided this could be announced in the Sunday service with the joint worship celebration to take place on the Sunday afternoon. Amanda has prepared a letter to share with churches following the joint worship, which includes the content from her introductory speech. The team shared feedback and edits to this. Action: This will be sent out this week once edits are made. Amadna will share it with Laura P and Georgina to email out and to print hard copies that can be given to churches as needed. Action: Laura P will share a map graphic with Amanda to be attached at the bottom of the letter, alongside the questions from the joint worship. Feedback was given that there isn't a document introducing the CLT. Georgina is putting together a document detailing the clergy, similar to the navigation team introduction document. We could get guidance from Clare Combes and the diocese Communications on how to navigate promotion surrounding events and the LSP formation through external sources. Action: All documents will have numbered pages going forward. Right Buildings: The buildings session was positive, and two volunteers for the buildings team have come forward so far. Action: Phil Hunter from St Michaels is interested, so Laura will contact him. There is also interest at St Faiths from Rick. Action: Laura encouraged the team to continue thinking about possible members and get in touch with Laura for any suggestions.	AB/LP/GA LP/AB	
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Communications: Churches are at different levels of digital capacity which should be remembered when planning the best communication loops for each church. A communications information session will be held on May 9th. Clare is framing this as communication as a form of ministry rather than admin, for those interested in sharing. Clare Coombes is eager to attend a meeting to discuss this so will be invited next week. Future meetings: AD Pete will attend the CLT meeting on May 11th. Emily Goligher will be attending the navigation team meeting at a later date to introduce the general support services team structure and process. A support services oversight team will be formed before these paid employees begin, which is a role with less time commitment than the navigation team who begin to shape support services. Karen gives her apologies for the meeting on May 12th. Amanda gives her apologies for June 30th. There will be no meeting on May 26th due to half term. June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th will be at 3pm. Action: Georgina will inform Sue and Paul of this change. AOB:	LP All	
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Next meeting: May 5th St Lukes 7pm

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