

Minutes 23rd June 2026 3pm

Navigation Meeting - Sefton

Date:	23 rd June 2026
Time:	3pm
Place:	St Lukes
Attendees:	Amanda Bruce (Chair), Karen Stark, Laura Pilgrim, Louis Johnston, Paul Beardwood, Sue Green, Helen Hunter, Laura Heywood, Tania Gamble, Jim Stewart(online from 4pm), Georgina Abram (minutes)
Apologies:	

Prayer: Helen Hunter

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Cultivate course: Amanda attended the Sefton deep dive meeting with the FfM staff today. They discussed the dates for the cultivate course and decided on the following: Evening course dates: October 5th 12th and 19th, November 2nd 9th and 16th Daytime course dates: October 8th 15th 22nd, November 5th 12th 19th. There wasn't a time decided so the navigation discussed when would be best. Each session is two hours. They decided on 7-9pm. For evening sessions and 1-3pm for daytime sessions. Louis identified that there may be a clash with an event at the Cathedral on October 5th which will be checked into. A screen is required for the session (projector or TV) and a significant amount of space, ideally with small tables available for breakout meetings. If needed, Cultivate can bring a projector and speaker but there needs to be the facilities to use it. There has been a wide range of attendance numbers in other cohorts, from approximately 50-130. The team discussed a suitable location for the meetings based on the parameters Tania has given and what location is most convenient for people to travel to. They decided to start to advertise the dates to gauge interest then finalise a venue based on the numbers at around mid-September.		

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Action: St Lukes and St Faiths will be booked provisionally as a back-up. Action: Paul will create a Churchsuite link that can be shared for people to sign up. People who are unable to access the internet can inform the comm team or their clergy that they'd like to attend, and they can be added manually to the RSVP list. Eventually a tablet will be purchased for each church where people can be signed up to Church Suite. It isn't possible at this point for them to have mobile data included as this is an ongoing financial decision that will require the set-up of the SSOT or Support Services. Action: Christ Church will be contacted to see if they'd be interested in hosting as it is central with good facilities. A query was raised on how the course will be advertised. Tania shared that there is information and a video that can be shared for services and some promotional materials. Action: Tania will share available materials she can find with the team. Tania is happy to attend services to give a brief presentation on the course upon request. She emphasised the importance of familiar faces encouraging congregations and the important role the navigation team play in this. Action: Tania and Paul will work together to shorten the video to a more condensed version to share quickly at services. Action: Tania will follow up with Frank Hinds to approve access to videos and files for Paul and Jim. Action: Laura will send Tania Paul's email The LSP uses all varieties of comms, so Tania will provide something for each channel where possible (e.g. email, flyers, social media) with the goal to begin sharing by the end of the month. Tania shared an outline of how the workshops run:	PB LP/AB TG TG/PB TG LP	
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- Opening short video.
- Longer video with regular gaps for prompted discussion, which is encouraged to be with people they don't know.
- These discussions allow ideas and passions to emerge and for connections to be made on this across churches.

After the cultivate course, there is a second course titled 'grow' which approximately 35% of people go on to. This course is only 2-3 weeks. This is built around starting new worship communities and coaching/mentoring new leaders.

The people who don't choose to go onto this leadership focussed course are encouraged to engage in the work in their churches in none leadership ways.

Financing for these projects can come from: DIP funding depending on the timeline, individual church funding, grants etc. depending on the scale of the idea.

Action: Churches should be invited to pray on this process and for the right ideas and leaders to be discovered.

The team discussed the USP of Cultivate:

- discovering what God has put in your heart
- starting a new project
- building on your passions
- working with the other churches in the LSP to join expertise
- developing plans that can be shared with other churches
- solving problems in other areas
- support and mentoring available in a more structured process
- finding gaps/needs in the community and the new parish that only you can fill
- Intentional space for imagining, discerning and exploring

Tania confirmed that Cultivate gives priority to LSP churches then moves on to the rest of the deanery at a later date once they begin to be involved in DIP funding six years from now.

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Oversight Team Workshop:

Support Services workshop poster is being made. This will be completed by the end of the week to be distributed.

This workshop will be taking place on July 25th at St Michaels, 10am-12pm.

Laura P encouraged people to think about members of their church who might be interested and encourage them to attend, especially people who were interested in the navigation team but couldn't commit to it.

Communications:

Paul shared a poll for a potential domain name. The team discussed having full works rather than an acronym, so the choice was between chrstriveroflife or christtheriveroflife. The team discussed getting a package of similar names to reduce the risk of confusion with other parishes. **Action:** Paul will return next week with additional thoughts.

Paul met with Rachel Patterson, FfM IT advisor, for Church Suite briefing. This will be set up once there is a domain name chosen, then churches already using churchsuite can be collated which Paul will contact Churchsuite about. A logo can be added once it is prepared. Congregations will only be able to see their churches' information. A data controller will need to be designated for legality. This can be discussed with Emily Goligher.

Churchsuite funding will continue to come from St Lukes account as they have an existing profile, and the diocese will reimburse them for the next two years, then it will be passed on to support services.

Electoral roll, PAT testing, rotas, training etc. can be logged on Churchsuite.

The team requested a churchsuite demo which Paul can complete at a future meeting. In September, a Saturday morning workshop can be held to introduce people to it and brief people on how it's used to then encourage other people once the nav team have been introduced to it.

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Action: Paul will contact Churchsuite about accessing a training profile.

The team discussed being given access to other change team meeting minutes and folders which Laura confirmed she will give access to. So far, the treasurers and PSOs have met to be introduced to their roles and the responsibilities in the coming months so there are limited minutes at the moment.

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Action: Georgina will share the Sefton file with everyone.

Future meetings:

30th June 3-5pm – Laura H and Amanda can't attend

Meetings will return to 7pm in July.

July 7th 7pm – Louis can't attend

July 14th 7pm – Helen can't attend

July 21st 7pm – Louis can't attend,

July 28th 7pm – Karen and Helen can't attend

No meetings for August

Meetings will reconvene September 8th, likely 3pm as Laura H may not be able to attend – this will be revisited.

Next week's agenda: reviewing nav team and skillsets, reviewing meeting times, revisit the original navigation team plan and decide priorities and areas for focus. If Laura H can attend, there will also be a Churchsuite briefing and demo. Louis will do opening reflections next week.

Scripture discussed:

Next meeting: June 30th St Lukes 3pm