

Minutes 14th July 2026 7pm

Navigation Meeting - Sefton

Date:	14 th July 2026
Time:	7-9 pm
Place:	St Lukes
Attendees:	Amanda Bruce (Chair), Dawn Rigby, Helen Hunter, Karen Stark, Laura Pilgrim, Louis Johnston, Paul Beardwood, Laura Heywood, Tania Gamble, Jim Stewart, Georgina Abram (minutes)
Apologies:	Sue Green

Prayer: Karen Stark

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Dawn Rigby from Christ Church with St John has joined the navigation team. The only team not represented is now St Nicholas; Amanda gave the reminder to keep them in the forefront of discussion and considerations. Intro and updates Most recent minutes aren't online. Action: Georgina will send these to comms. Cultivate course venues have been decided: St Nicholas on Monday evening and St John and St James on a Thursday afternoon. Action: Laura will update Tania on this. Churchsuite A churchsuite profile is now created for Christ the River of Light. The next step will be beginning to introduce the churches to churchsuite. Paul will be doing a demo for CLT in September in preparation. Paul is continuing to work on populating churchsuite, particularly the buildings tab. Communications The comms team met last week and discussed branding. They are planning to host a joint meeting of the CLT, comms team and navigation team, to discuss the vision for the LSP and how this will inform the branding decisions when working with a contractor.	GA LP	

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The team discussed a more thorough update bulletin for the change teams across fit for mission to keep people in the loop. Andy from the team is leading on gathering quotes for branding for the comms team to discuss and give recommendation to the navigation team to finalise. Action: Georgina will share the T&W bulletins with Paul to begin considering how the comms team want to shape the newsletter in the future. July will focus on specifically what progress has happened in Fit for Mission, and upcoming dates (Cultivate, Support Services). Right Buildings Craig Walker, buildings strategy manager, attended the meeting to introduce the right buildings process. Craig shared that the timeline can be different for every deanery, based on their needs and concerns. Each church receives an individual assessment based on the physical qualities of the building, followed by a community visit and a series of workshops from the local buildings team. There is a series of thorough questions covering the practicalities of the buildings, the needs of the local community, congregation etc. to build a thorough picture of the church. Action: Craig will share an example report. The team will consider how the buildings across the LSP fulfil the categories as a unit as one church isn't expected to have only high scores in all criteria. The final report is brought to the navigation team for review then they lead the process of PCC consultation. Craig emphasises that the report recommendations cannot go ahead without PCC approval. The buildings team don't have the power to close a church, and the report can act as a way for the church to understand the building issues and act upon them or consider new compromises. Karen shared testimony on the church being the people and not the building, and the importance of maintaining and supporting	GA CW	
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congregations through the change. Craig advised that under an LSP this process is much easier with the in-built support between churches and from leadership teams, but the buildings team has no direct involvement in supporting congregations.

Jim enquired about what is included in the buildings visits. Craig advised that the church buildings itself is the main focus, but the team will consider how church halls, offices etc. feed into the work of the church. The team discussed how elements such as the boundary walls and additional buildings feed into the costs of the church. Craig emphasised that the buildings team have a specific focus that can then be informed by treasurers, churchwardens etc. The buildings team present unbiased, locally gathered information for consideration by the PCCs.

Following the assessment, there is income generation support from the diocese with members of staff whose focus is spotting income opportunities.

A query was raised on what Together Liverpool is; they are a team within the social justice sector of the diocese who help look at how mission is being carried out across the LSP. They are listed in the right buildings overview as one of the groups that can help inform the buildings decisions.

The team discussed the benefit of the right buildings report as a tool for conversations about building development as well as well as for reference when organising events, identifying where churches can support one another etc.

Craig shared feedback on the first buildings team meeting. A current concern is that only one member is from a church in Sefton South. The team will continue to encourage people from unrepresented churches to join the team.

Progress so far: initial technical visits have been completed, data is in the process of being collected.

Support Services Workshop

Approximately 30 are expected to attend. Helen will arrange refreshments. Laura P advised that any additional expenses can be claimed back.

Emily Goligher will be conducting a presentation followed by an activity.

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Upcoming meetings Helen Mackenzie is attending on July 28th to share her work with the wardens. The RAG review will be completed at next week's meeting, July 21st. Action: The team requested for Carolyn Spittle to attend to discuss treasurers, then Kate Kennedy to discuss safeguarding. Amanda asked for them to be notified that they are always welcome to attend if they feel it would be beneficial. AOB: The joint worship service was successful, and a future meeting will include discussion on arranging the next event, keeping in mind avoiding clashes with Cultivate. The team discussed arranging a more social focussed event. Safer recruitment for the team is ongoing. This must be a priority and completed ASAP. A decision from the safeguarding team is still pending on what level of safer recruitment each change team needs. A review of the team will be conducted shortly, giving the team members the opportunity to reflect on their role in the team and if they feel they would be better suited elsewhere, once safer recruitment has been completed.	GA/ LP	
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Scripture discussed: Ecclesiastes 3 1-8

Next meeting: July 21st St Lukes 7pm