Navigation team meeting

Date: 1st July 2026

Attendance

Attendees: Rev. Martin Cox(Change Lead), Kath Pennington, David Clifton, Liz Thomas, Paul Hancock. Fiona Glover, Ruth Fielding, Rev. Martin Fuller, Clare Combes

Apologies: F Michael Vyse, Rev Chris Stafford, Lisa Gilligan

	Action summary from the previous meeting *(date)*	**By whom**	**By when**
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Minutes of the meeting

Agenda item	**Summary of the discussion**	**Actions agreed**
1. Action Point Review	Nothing reported	
2. Change Lead Update	• Martin reported on his meeting with Helen McKenzie & Lisa regarding Churchwarden engagement. A formal proposal based on the outcome of this meeting is to be drafted for the next meeting. • Simon Fisher remains on standby for the 11th July meeting to present to the Deanery regarding the appointment of our Rector Designate • Rev Martin Cox has been interviewed, offered & accepted the role of Rector Designate of the LSP • Martin highlighted a meeting regarding the Support Services work stream. This will cover admin infrastructure, drafting of job descriptions, recruitment scheduling & allocation of office space.	
3. Comms Update	The team agreed a soft launch strategy with regard to the new name & appointment of Rector Designate, prioritising verbal notices within worship settings rather than a formal press release. Roll out time 10th-12th July • Friday 10th July email notification to Clergy • Saturday 11th Email to PCC's & Comms Champions(timed to follow Simon's meetin) • Sunday 12th Verbal announcements made during services	

	• Sunday evening a fresh video featuring martin as Rector Designate will be uploaded to the website • Engagement with the churches outside the LSP – Martin will draft a letter to update them on the LSP progress and extend a warm invitation for them to join the unified structure. Graphic design: The Comms team have appointed Mark, the designer for Warrington & Christ Our Light. Noting his expertise with diocesan systems. The team noted a buzzing energy regarding the project with Meg already sketching initial ideas. The suggestion of a logo competition was rejected to avoid disastrous aesthetic results. Professional design services will be funded through the existing budget. Brand architecture: following the Warrington model, individual churches will retain their historic identities, sub branding & colour palettes will be used. Comms Champions: nearly at full capacity within each church. A 'Cheese & wine' evening will be scheduled to further discussions & thank the volunteers for their service.	
4. ChurchSuite Implementation	The pilot will shortly be active in Culcheth, Christ Church & St Oswald's for funeral management. The next phase will then incorporate St Helen's & All Saints Glazebury. St Oswald's will hold the initial finance with funds given by the diocese	
5. Engagement with Lay members	Martin reflected on the cycle of doom v cycle of growth, to move forward the team will utilise the 360 Review & subsequent training. This process will help to identify & empower new leaders who may have not yet come forward. Martin acknowledged the 'lay fatigue' in the parishes in interregnum, the team will focus on messages of hope, adopting 'Life in all its fullness' as a primary vision/strapline.	
6. Select name of the LSP & agree Comms strategy	The team reviewed feedback from the church consultations, seven responses were received. • Christ the Good Shepherd:6 votes • Christ the Way:1 vote • The other options received no votes • Fromal resolution that the new LSP name will be: • **'The Parish of Christ the Good Shepherd, Winwick'** • The designation Winwick, provides the necessary geographical name & anchors the entire Deanery. The team agreed that local names such as Newton or Culcheth were too specific and failed to represent the unified identity of the LSP	

7. AOB	250th Anniversary St Luke's (18th October) • Visit from Bishop Ruth at 10am • 12th October visit from Bishop Simon • To involve the wider Deanery a 'Bring & Share' lunch will be held at St Luke' school concluding with an LSP presentation & a short period of prayer & reflection allowing Bishop Ruth to offer an impromptu message of hope to the gathered representatives.	
8. Short term Schedule	8th, 15th & 29th July Formal meetings Wednesday 12th August a 'Touch Base' meeting to maintain momentum BYOL at the Rectory Jackson Avenue, Culcheth Martin will provide drinks & dessert. Regular formal meetings will resume on Wednesday 2nd September	

Future Navigation Team Meetings:

Wednesday 8th July 2.30pm St Oswald's Church Hall