**Casterton District Church Council**

11th September 2017

**Present:** Annette Benson Ron Bulman, Tom Herd, Richard Snow and Dorothy Turner.

**Prayers:** The meeting began with Psalm 128 and prayers.

**Apologies:** Anne Bulman, Stephen Evans, Anastasia Micklethwaite, Anne Pettifor, Gill Sykes

The **minutes** from the March were accepted

**Matters Arising:**

* **Recent Events:**  There was a brief review of events since the last meeting with lots of positive comments about the events, concerts and services that had taken placed.
* **War Memorial:** The application to the War Memorials Trust was successful and work on the memorial is progressing.

**Harvest Arrangements:**

The harvest service will take place on Sunday 8th October at 6.45pm. Decorating the church will take place on Saturday 7th.

In a note to the meeting, Anastasia had confirmed that everything was set with the school for the harvest festival, music etc. RS to confirm with AM which member of the ministry team will be conducting the service so that she can liaise re hymns.

Anastasia also noted that the organ needed attention. (The 8’ flute stop on the pedal board is playing constantly). TH to contact organ tuner.

Gill had produced leaflets for distribution around the village. RB to ask Gill to let the school know about harvest donations and to see if they might be willing/able to decorate one or two windows.

TH offered to deliver to the food bank in Morecambe after the service.

**Future Events:**

Lunchtime recitals (1.30pm to 2pm) will take place on:

21st September

19th October

23rd November

1st December - Informal Community Carol Service at 6,45pm

18th November - Allegri Singers Concert (some uncertainty about the time - thought to be 7.30pm)

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Anastasia suggested a *come and sing day* / *swing or jazz vocal workshop* – possibly in place of the choir concert in May. She will look at dates and best fit, based on the school year.

AM also asked about Founders Day (May 2018) Could Gill contact Jane re any possibly Casterton Founders’ day service and confirm that we are not doing this in 2018.

**Churches Together in Cumbria** - Dementia Collection 17th September

It was agreed to make a donation of £25 to the Churches Together initiative. TH to contact Charles Howarth to sort out arrangements.

**Chancel Gable**

There was a brief discussion around J G Mason’s proposal to add a lead cover to the east end gable coping stones to eliminate water ingress. The cost would be £14,610 +VAT. It was agreed to discuss this with the archdeacon at the visitation on 3rd October and consider the matter again at the next meeting. Action RB

**Archdeacon’s visit on Tuesday 3rd October**

Merlin Hibbs and Anne Pettifor will be accompanying the archdeacon. Parish matters (e.g. safeguarding) will be covered separately to avoid having a discussion at each of the 8 churches.

**AOB:**

TH had received a letter from Ecclesiastical Insurance. To celebrate their 130th anniversary they will give £130 to a local church for anybody who takes out home contents insurance with them.

The **next meeting** will be on **Monday 9th October** in Church at 7.30pm.

RS closed the meeting