**Casterton District Church Council**

8th October 2018

**Present:** Richard Snow, Stephen Evans, Gill Sykes and Anastasia Micklethwaite

**Apologies:** Anne Pettifor, Tom Herd, Dorothy Turner and Annette Benson

RS opened the meeting with Psalm 103 and a reflection on it.

The **minutes** from the July Meeting were accepted and signed

**Matters Arising:**

* **Friends of Holy Trinity:** SE reported on progress with this and hopes to get letters distributed around the village in time to include the December events. An article will be drafted for the school’s newsletter.
* **Website and Leaflet:** RS has updated the leaflet, GS will buy 250 sheets of cream paper (120g). They can be printed in the office. RB has had the website updated with the suggestions that were sent to him.
* **Church door lock and keyholders:** The lock has been replaced and the keys distributed and signed for

**Financial Report:**

* TH sent a financial report
* AM reported that there would be money from the school’s sponsored walk and church collections
* AM asked if three quotations were sought for all jobs. RS explained how difficult it was to get tradesmen and especially those with experience of ecclesiastical buildings.

**Churchwardens’ Report including Fabric:**

* It was suggested that quotations were obtained for flushing out the heating system. AM volunteered to do this. If this does not work, there is little that we can do without incurring large expense.
* The heating was normally only needed for Tuesday evening, Friday morning and the monthly service. RS has the manual and AM and Steve Pickup will look at how to set the heating.
* An email just received from Dan Mason was read out. It suggested further work at an estimated cost of £1000+ to the guttering and identified problems with some lead flashings. RS will ask TH to provide a budget for the rest of the year so that we can decide whether we can afford to proceed with this work. RS will approach the bursar to see if school can give any financial assistance.

**Report on events:**

* **Rededication of War Memorial:** This had gone extremely well. GS will write to the Parish Council to thank them for their input and the exhibitions. Thanks were expressed to C,SPS.
* **Harvest Festival:** This had been a lovely service. All produce has been distributed to the four charities. We were again very grateful for the input from school in terms of providing produce, singing and attending.

**Future Events:**

* Remembrance Sunday 11th November. Starting at 10.50am at the War Memorial. The Parish Council has ordered the wreaths and organised a bugler. GS will send RS a digital version of the 2017 service sheet. Sue O’Loughlin is taking the service. SE invited everyone to the Old Vicarage for a cup of tea after the service
* Informal carols on Friday 7th December at 6.30pm
* Sing Joyfully! and Kirkby Lonsdale Singers joint Christmas Concert on Tuesday 11th December at 7.30pm
* Village Carol Service – Sunday 16th December at 5pm
* Christingleservice on Sunday 13th January at 6.30pm (date TBC)
* Sing Joyfully! and Kirkby Lonsdale Singers joint Spring Concert on Tuesday 26th March at 7.30pm
* Carnforth Choral Society 19th May (reserve date 5th May)

**Services:**

* Sundays 28th October and 25th November, Holy Communion at 10.30am.
* Remembrance Sunday 11th November starting at 10.50am at the war memorial
* There will be no service on Sunday 23rd December
* Christmas Day Holy Communion Service – 10.30am with Sue O’Loughlin

**AOB:** There was no other business

The **next meeting** will be on **Monday January 21st** in Church at **6.30pm**.