**Lindisfarne Methodist church**

**Pink Sheet – Sunday 12th February 2023**

Your Parish Council met on Tuesday, 31st January 2023

The following items were discussed:

1. Proactive communications between the Connexion and our Parish Treasurer are now working well. We again receive regular updated information regarding our Parish’s finances.
2. Late last year we expected our Presbyter’s first year’s Review at our church, regarding relationships between Tania and our Parish. Whilst expecting this to occur before now, it hasn’t so we will investigate why there is this delay.
3. Tania is doing some professional development by studying CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education). She will be doing this part-time, alongside her usual work.
4. Both Tania and Laura are back working from the office. Tania: from Tuesday to Friday mornings and Laura Monday to Friday mornings.
5. Maintenance is the big cost in our Parish budget this year. We are applying to an Connexional Church fund to obtain some money to off-set this cost.
6. Investigating possible Bible Studies and see if people are interested in a group study.
7. No further comments received regarding difficulty hearing in the auditorium so it is perceived people are able to hear well by Tania using the head-set microphone. If you still have difficulty hearing please alert Tania or one of our Parish Representatives.
8. Anne Donaldson has resigned as Kids Klub Coordinator She is now assisting Sherilee teaching Kids Klub on a Sunday morning. If you are interested in being Kids Klub Coordinator, please let Neil or Tania know. Our children in our church are our future.

**Events planned or being planned:**

1. Games Evening; to be held on 24th February 2023. Bring own take-away tea and some board games. There may also be some outdoor games.
2. Pizza Evening; to be on 19th March.
3. Soup Making on 24th April and 29th June.
4. Cheese-rolls Making: 4th and 6th May.
5. Mid-winter Christmas Dinner, on 21st July.
6. Garage Sale later in the year, date to be advised.
7. Other possible events being investigated: a garden party, car rally and quiz evening. Please read your bulletins for more information about these events.
8. **Transition House:** Tania and Laura from our Parish have met with management of Transition House, investigating how we can develop a positive, working relationship with them. More work to be done in this area for this to succeed.
9. Upgrading sound-room equipment currently underway.

Invercargill Licensing Trust will include our church services in their next updated compendiums which are displayed in each hotel room.

1. Our parish website is currently being upgraded.
2. Negotiating quotes to repair the bricks on our Centre’s outer-walls.

**Synod’s Review:** Currently there are 3 Synods in the South Island. These provide regional church personnel to share, network and carry out duties of that region’s Synod. There are two parishes in our Otago-Southland Synod, a number in the Canterbury Synod and no parishes in the Westcoast Synod. One issue cited in our Synod is lack of people power creating other difficulties resulting in it not working well. We have received a proposal that the 3 Synods join as one. After some discussion it was agreed that our parish will support this proposal however our Treasurer wants to see some financial records beforehand, ensuring that for the next 3 years, money for our southern parish’s is available for us. If you have any concerns over this proposal, please raise this with Tania.

**Your Parish Council next meets on Tuesday, 28th March.**