**Lindisfarne Parish Council News – Sunday, 8th October 2017**

The Parish Council met on the 26th September. Following is a summary of items discussed:

Thanks to those of you who donated and/or knitted scarves and hats which were left around the city for people to pick up. We hear the community appreciated these scarves and hats.

Church has received two books written by Donald Phillipps, Held in Trust about managing Church assets, and A Future Realised about the PAC Trust. These books are at the Office if you wish to look and/or borrow them. Please remember to return the book(s) once you’ve finished reading so someone else can read them.

A Working Bee to tidy up our Church’s garden will be held during the day of the 8th November. All welcome to come and lend a hand if you can.

You may have noticed that some furniture etc. have been shifted about in the foyer. We would like your feedback, are these changes in the foyer better or do you have another suggestion?

Church will soon hold two retiring offerings for specific purposes. One Sunday there will be a retiring offering for Southland Hospital’s Chaplaincy and on another Sunday there will be a retiring offering for the SIT’s Chaplaincy.

If you have any new ideas for social or fun-raising events please pass these on to Raewyn Birss.

As you know, the organisation of our 20th anniversary celebrations is well underway. Dinner tickets (to be held on the 18th November) are now available from our Church’s Office at $27 per person.

The Parish Council approved the 2017-18 Budget. David Little (Treasure) presented the 2016-17 Annual Financial Statements to the Parish Council and you will find his report in your AGM Agenda and reports.

**Events coming up:**

Sunday, 15th October – Lindisfarne Parish AGM to be held during the Sunday Service

Sunday, 29th October – Remembrance Tree a service to remember those who have been part of Lindisfarne but have now died.

Saturday, 4th November – Garage Sale

Wednesday, 8th November – Working Bee to tidy up Church’s garden

Weekend 18th -19th November – 20th anniversary celebrations

Thursday, 7th December - a service led by St Johns Girls School Choir at 11.00am

Sunday 24th December – morning service focusing on Christmas Eve (no service that evening)