**Lindisfarne Methodist Parish**

**Pink Sheet – February 2017**

Despite the unseasonal weather, the Parish Council hopes everyone had a nice holiday and are refreshed for another Church year. The first Council Meeting for 2017 was held on the 31st January.

With regret we announce that our Affordables Shop, now located on the corner of Lindisfarne/Miller Streets, is closing on the 17th March 2017. Changing location and rising competition from similar retail shops have both impacted upon sale profits, which influenced the final decision to close the shop. Our thoughts are with Shop Manager Carolyn and her volunteer team and we thank everyone who has worked in Affordables over the years.

Please do not offer further clothes, furniture or other items for sale as these will no longer be accepted. The Church hopes to hold Garage-sales this year and we ask you to store your offerings for these Garage-sales. In the future, it is possible Garage-sales may be held more than once a year.

Rev Peter is planning a new five week Lent Study (one session per week). Nearer the time, you can read more about this Lent Study in our Church Bulletin.

Fundraising activities play a major role in gaining revenue for Church, they can also be fun. A number of these have been planned over the next eleven months. You may already know that the first event is well underway, selling lunch paper and film rolls. Don’t feel shy in asking more about this and encouraging family and friends to purchase these. If you think the size of the roll is too much for you to use then find someone who will share the roll and share the cost.

Planning events for the 20th Anniversary of opening the Lindisfarne Methodist Centre are being developed. A Sub-committee comprising a representative from each Parish Council Committee and one extra person will be set up to further arrange events for this Anniversary. Dates to set aside are the 18th and 19th November 2017. The Methodist Church President Prince Devanandan will be attending some of the events and he is preaching at our church on the 19th November.

Approximately thirty people attended the church picnic; it was reported they enjoyed a lovely and relaxing day.

It is delightful to see the children sitting around the table in the auditorium during the early portion of the service, prior to them going off to Kids Club. If you bring children to church with you please encourage them to join the other children around the table. Who knows what they might find waiting for them on the table each Sunday morning.

Please remember our health and safety requirements. If you have or know of someone who has an accident, even a minor one, you’ll find the forms in the foyer and fill one out so Rosemary is able to record it. We have to do this due to legislation which came into law last year.

The Parish Council next meets on Tuesday, 28th March.