**Lindisfarne Methodist Church**

**Pink Sheet – July 2022**

The Parish Council met on the 28th June 2022. The following are topics discussed:

* **TouchStone Newspaper Survey:** Last Sunday there was an extra sheet with the print Bulletin asking questions about TouchStone. Due to increasing costs of publishing this newspaper, we have been asked to find out if people are willing to pay for this monthly print paper, read it online (no charge) or receive it once every second month? Please fill in this survey before the end of July so we know who can read this online, who requires it in print, etc.
* **Finances:** Due to legacies received this year, our church’s finances are healthy but we still need to be mindful that this can change very quickly.
* **Power Charges:** Every second year, the Presbyterian Church research various power companies’ electricity charges; from this analysis, they work out the cheapest charges and sign up with that company. As they share their analysis with us, our Church benefits as we sign up as well. It is almost that time again when we may change our power company to gain the best power price.
* **New Coordinator:** Thanks to the person who has accepted to send birthday cards to our Church children. This is much appreciated.
* **Kids Klub:** We are trying to have Kids Klub going all year without taking a break during the school holidays so school children you can now enjoy your Kids Klub activities every Sunday morning.
* **Events:** 9th July was our Garage Sale (hope it went well), 8th September our Church Dinner will be held.
* **Fundraising:** 14th July, making soup and 18th August, making and selling cheese-rolls.
* **Centre Maintenance:** The west bricks on our building require repairing or replacing which will be quite expensive but this needs to be done. A professional is coming to examine the damage and let us know what is required to repair this damage.
* **Auditorium Sound Quality:** Due to some complaints that people can’t hear part of the services, research on the auditorium sound quality was carried out. There are some echoes which can be reduced by putting curtains over the windows and banners on the walls. People who use microphones, must speak into them. There are also some headphones people who are hearing impaired can wear during the service which improves the sound quality.
* **Helpers Required:** We require more helpers in the sound room, controlling the sound and working the computers. Training is provided. There is a real need to have someone help during weekday funerals because both Darren and Brendon have to take time off work if they are required in the sound room.
* **Health and Safety:** There will be refresher training for H&S wardens in October.

**Next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 30th August, commencing at 7pm.**