**Summary of the Lindisfarne Parish Council, 22nd November 2016**

Judith Stevens was elected as a Parish Steward at the Congregational AGM, replacing Betty Snell in this position on the Parish Council.

The church’s financial situation for the first 3 months of this financial year, indicates that all is well. You will soon see a difference when the auditorium lights will be replaced with new ones, hopefully before Christmas.

Activities the Pastoral and Outreach committee recently held have been well attended and enjoyed. These included: the Historical Bus Trip, Last Night at the Proms, Hymn a-long (28 people attended) and the trip to Maple Glen. Fundraising has also been successful with the Garage Sale and Sausage Sizzle making $1054. A box of 150 pens is being sold at church. These have been very popular but sadly all the green ones have gone!

Thanks to those people who have donated to the Brown Bags. It’s great to receive both tinned and packet food and money. However we urge you to put any extra coins you may have into the Spotted Pig Money Box in the Centre foyer. This will help to purchase food like bread, milk, etc.

Next November our building will be 20 years old and already ideas have been mooted and discussed ,but not fixed yet. We hope that you will think about what we could do and let someone from the Pastoral and Outreach Committee know. The new Methodist Church President Prince Devanandan has been invited and he will attending our celebrations on the 18th-19th November 2017.

Worship and Education Committee are organising specific church services for 2017 such as the Harvest Festival. Rev Peter has discussed ideas for Lent Studies and in future we hope the Quiet Day will be during warmer months.

The 2017 Church Picnic is being organised and we will hear more soon.

Our Church has been asked to appoint a representative to the Southland Tertiary Chaplaincy Charitable Trust. Historically our church has been involved so if you are interested in chaplaincy at our Tertiary education institutions such as SIT (Southland Institute of Technology) and the Southland Campus of the Teachers College, contact Peter Kennett (2176616) for more information.

Merry Christmas and have a lovely holiday.