

Parish survey 2018 - Q52

Our parish aims to sustain existing and grow new church membership and participation. What should the parish be doing more of / be doing better in order to respond to the growing population and welfare needs of the parish/Preston?

Answered 97 Skipped 75

Visiting parishioners

From what I read and hear, I believe the parish is responding appropriately

Make things more modern, social and family friendly

A Sunday School every Sunday in term time might encourage more children to get into the routine of coming every week.

Leaflets to new estates

Consider exploring a youth / family worker

Provide opportunities for young families to meet and share with each other in social activities as a conduit to church & worship

Leafleting new housing;

a new kitchen in the parish hall so it can be used regularly for parish social events

need more clergy

encouraging more people

become more outward looking

more family-friendly services

more child-friendly services

Re-establish Sunday School

Church youth club

On-line presence is everything!

Congratulations to the volunteers who have introduced social events e.g. lunches at the Parish Hall - great for older parishioners

Engage with schools/parents

Support the Choir even more

Please consider the length of sermons which on occasion become very repetitive!

send out flyers welcoming families

open days

fun family days

events, person employed by church/ volunteer part time to do this

I'm not sure what we are doing

more activities involving all family members

introduce ourselves

The clergy should visit every new household

Look at what Fulwood Free Methodist do

Visual presence, outreach

An occasional article in the local press - The Post - giving details of the church: St. John's, St. Peter's and St. Martin's - location, services, times, etc.

Open days, leaflets to new housing

Reaching out to non-faith schools to show diversity of our community to young people especially with the events in news of late.

Open days

contacting via leaflets on new estates or giving details re services etc in the parish

make contact with the new housing estates

Hold child worship services apart from 11am eg 9am

open events - approach masses of new homes recently built - possibly focus on children and young adults
Women's choir at st Martins and music group at st Peters
some way of engaging with young families, without more commitment from younger people there will be no parish in years to come
Improve resources for Sunday school
active outreach to new housing, involve young adults to socialise and pray, visit elderly and housebound
More publicity
Target and embrace people in the community who might feel intimidated at the prospect of going to church and what to expect
keeping in touch with families of children following baptism and confirmation
Parish growth maps of housing development
make people aware of services
We need to let the people in the new housing know about us
I think we need to visit, pray on some of the housing estates
be seen at every opportunity especially at school level to be welcoming
Encourage morning coffee mornings or afternoons in the church for parents dropping off or picking up from the school
More modern ways of worshipping Contributions to the local community
Encouraging families and younger people through the church schools
Welcome leaflet a start. Invitations in future to events - perhaps even banners on our fence and other media. I think that Choral Evensong should be advertised more widely.
Take advantage of the new housing estates being built and make ourselves known to them, through leafleting and contact. Let them know of our Church/School links, as many will have young families.
New Home welcome packs could be given to all newcomers to parish. Magazine deliverers can notice new arrivals in area.
Reaching out to new home owners in the parish. Continue to invite parents who hope to send their children to the church school to attend church.
Reaching out to the new areas - invitation to Parish social events as well as church services.
Possibly make sermons more relevant to people's lives and make possibly services a little shorter.
Attracting more young people to church,
This survey has caused a Broughton Brexit. It has formed splinters where once there was a conversational difference of opinion. St. John Ch 15. There probably are branches which need pruning but there are also branches which are producing much fruit and The Choir is one of these. It is the envy of many, many Churches in the land, let alone this Diocese. This Choir has the focus of producing music to inspire worship in Sunday Services. What a vocation! It works for the glory of God and in this way the members are true disciples. In Northern terms "If it ain't broke, don't fix it".
Encourage young children to keep going in their attendance. It feels that once they become too old for Sunday school there's not much happening to keep them involved/interested.
Invite new residents to join the Church community
Give more to the children of the parish
Cut down the length of some services. I am now attending less as services are getting longer!
Getting a much greater response from its church school.

encouraging more young children particularly from the church schools to join the church as numbers seem to have declined in recent years.
I strongly feel that the only way the parish will grow is through the excellent schools we have. Stronger expectations when applying for the schools should be enforced. Teacher led discussions about attending sunday school and what they learned at sunday should be discussed Monday mornings, with teachers also attending church. Expectations for confirmation should also be there in yr 5 (not the diluted comms children are receiving now). Schools in other faiths would never allow it.
More help for the homeless
self promotion and push to gain new members
GREATER INVOLVEMENT OF CHURCH IN SCHOOLS
Stewardship campaign
Reaching out to incomers. The "Welcome leaflet" is a belated start
Promoting all the different groups, events & activities we offer
First of all, we need to get the Parish in order. The members of the PCC need to be more visible. Who are they? What are their terms of reference? As the team that create the strategy of the Parish, I think it's important that they attend all worship centres and have a full understanding of all the different groups in the Parish. At the moment, I feel they hide themselves away and the whole PCC process isn't transparent and open which creates a lack of trust. □ Once that has been settled, the majority of people moving into the area will be looking for social activities, not to become a member of the church. Therefore, the church needs to promote all of the social activities it runs and then promote the worship at these events.
The parish church and its two satellite chapels should be the hub of the community.. They can only be so by being friendly, welcoming and offering a variety of attraction to the people in their vicinity.
Genuine welcome to new people, both Christian and non believers alike. Give an not to ask for any reward - we should hold events which are not particularly Christian based, fun and encourage young people and families to attend, because it's fun to be part of the parish. In modern life, People don't tend to seek out some thing hard, they seek out easy to do and free to come and go. When we hold parish events, they should be everyone getting involved in them, nkt just one group or another. There are too many blockers between parish groups already. So a day that is schools together with scouts /guides / brownies / cubs etc with choir , Hall players, and other groups when we can all pull together, held at the core of the parish. Some of these events should NOT be intended as fundraisers for the parish, but as mission for our people.
Community support/charity, ecumenical activities
Development of the website and advertisement via social media.
Leaflets, magazines, brochures to all houses in the parish inviting to the worship centres and congregation primed to welcome newcomers. Clergy to invite congregation to stay for brew after service, not just assume newcomers will do so. They might be shy and slope off.
Continuing to encourage young families into church.

Do not know what the vicar etc are currently involved with but more coffee mornings / small planned events would be good. Would hope they are aware of the homeless in Preston / vulnerable etc as well as their own parishioners.
Establish itself as as the centre of the local community, which offers all age groups and faiths the opportunities not only to worship if they wish but also to become involved in a variety of activities and creates a network of mutual support.
Keeping to the order of service to avoid the such long lengths of the Choral Eucharist services.
Don't know
Fundraising as a community.
Celebrating and communicating all that is going on!
Working with Ingol will help us. And maybe work with the builders sooner to help us plan contacts - should we set up a mini meet/greet on site or shall we get in early with Beavers etc?!
Encouraging participation of young persons and children during services
Ensure that our offering is what people want . Be prepared. To embrace and welcome change. Appoint a webmaster/ social media champion to communicate with the people electronically
More community events that are advertised beyond the realms of the immediate church family. Coffee morning/play dates etc to bring in newer families who are trying to settle in the area?
Engaging with teenagers and younger members of the community.
More youth opportunities..... Maybe parents of young children.... The church club is a super resource.... they used to have great kareoke nights... which were brilliant.... the church club should be encouraged as a social muster point... to ensure it continues! Could the church help promote it. And work toward a friendly environment!
Outreach leaflets to show all the diversity we have within are parish centres and church
Events to encourage the neighbourhood to come together. Entertainments, be open as a meeting place for coffee and chats
Have a welcome pack to all newcomers to the parish.
Difficult to say. We can only try and be friendly and caring with our other churches.
More services at appropriate times