

Parish survey 2018 - Q58

What suggestions do you have for things we might learn from other churches and communities?

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Actually no, as one would hope that some of the above might encourage a spontaneous response

Designate one weekday morning as a 'drop in' for coffee/chat/new to you etc. (eg. 10am-12 noon)

Greater communication with neighbouring parishes - find out what is already happening so that people can be signposted, plug any gaps, what ventures can be done together by sharing people and other resources?

more social events and fund-raising activities

more opportunities for youth of the parish to get together

open the church as a community centre - look at successful churches and what they do

compare the parish magazine with those of other parishes

become more child-centred and inclusive of the scouting movement which is popular with the congregation

visits to others parishes

not sure

Liaise with other c of e parishes that are involved in community outreach

visit other places pf worship

this is difficult for newer members sometimes it is very difficult to work out what is going on where as times of services change. services at other churches do not appear to change so often

the emphasis on the church family with worship as the heart - more social interaction that is totally inclusive

Announce choral services in the press.

The way things are done

Look at the way things are done

explore how Fulwood Free Methodist engage with young people

joint study groups

different ways of worship

cafe church

holiday club

Be more flexible and less stuffy, open up to others as normal happy people who happen to love Christ

How to interest younger generations to be involved

to be welcoming with more volunteers

How to encourage young people to be involved in Church

listen and learn

don't change for the sake of change

Within St John's an area, perhaps with sound reducing glass walls where parents can go with children during services

You can still be Christian and worship in many different ways.

Go and see what they do well

I am a regular worshiper at Longridge St. Lawrence and gain from their efforts and experiences in terms of services and activities.

Involve our young people. Bridge days or similar.

Organised coach trips, theatre trips.

Ladies craft group

To ensure that services do not exceed the hour mark when people tend to get fidgety.

What helps with bringing in young people, though the choir is an excellent resource for bringing in boys who can sing.
Activities for young people they leave Sunday school 13 plus
Value the vine branches you have which are bearing good fruit. Look to the branches which are not fruiting. Children in Church, other than the Choir, is poor. Are the uniformed groups encouraged to Parade Sunday? Is the modern equivalent of Sunday School encouraged into Church? Are the School Children encouraged into Church?
Outings, get togethers for younger people
A youth club is missing
Look at how they achieve and build on their successes but realizing that geography of location determines much of this.
more activities for the children and youth of the parish
More facilities for teenagers.
Could learn from Mosques and see what they are doing
Visits to other parishes and other faith centres to see what they do. Open days for multi faith events.
Visit other faith groups and learn about them and what we can learn from them
Don't try to compete with others. Provide a variety of worship by all means but do this by venue not by watering down all three worship centres
Insufficient knowledge to comment
More welcoming fellowship
Lively worship and incredible welcome. It's infectious!
More after service communication to each other.
Advertising
The activities for young people - if we can't then can we work together maybe?
Be more open to change
When you are making a decision that effects the whole parish, consider the views of the whole parish and those most effected by that decision, instead of deciding in advance and only asking a chosen few for their views.
Family involvement and community based activities in Methodist churches
Establish a strong and engaging youth group.
I think as mentioned before that our parish struggles to communicate between different groups this doesn't see the case.... I think we need to focus on having a Christian attitude to all regardless of what religion others have.
The Methodist church has a swarm of vollenters for their play group.... they all seem to get along... it's lovely as that feeling spills into the play group...
Teenage club
Did not feel I know enough about other churches to comment.
Friendship groups for people on their own, to meet for coffee. This is done successfully at Our Lady's and St Edward6s. Also craft and knitting groups..
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