



Sunday services survey

Big thanks to Jo Clements for data analysis and to Geoff Payne for grouping the comments by themes!

There were 98 respondents to the survey.

Q1: Which of these services did you come to?

	Present	Joined Online	Watched on Catch Up
Sept 11 10am [focus on youth and children with Josh and Angel]	62 (61)	6 (6)	2 (2)
Sept 18 9am or 10.30am [Explore Together looking at Ruth]	31 (30)	0 (0)	1 (1)
Sept 18 3pm [Sunday @3 remembering the Queen]	26 (25)	0 (0)	2 (2)
Sept 25 10am [Dan speaking on pastoral care; communion]	44 (43)	8 (8)	14 (14)
Sept 25 10am [Wonder Walk on the common]	7 (7)	1 (1)	0 (0)
Oct 2 10am [Sanjee Perera on racial equality by video; junior church]	60 (59)	10 (10)	3 (3)
Oct 2 7pm [Elevate]	14 (14)	1 (1)	1 (1)

98 responses to this question. Values are percentages with the number of responses given in brackets.

29% came to 3 or more morning services in a month. (28 people)

41% came to 2 morning services. (40 people)

19% came to 1 morning service. (19 people)

0% only attended one of the alternative services (eg Wonder Walk, Sunday @3, Elevate).

43% attended one or more of the alternative services in addition to one or more morning services. (42 people)

6% only joined online (6 people - including watching on catch up)

Five respondents said they didn't attend anything, either in the building or online. (i.e. nothing was completed for this question, but they did complete other parts of the survey)

Q2 How often do you listen to or watch content from St James' by the Park online?

	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Regularly
Sermons	20 (20)	22 (22)	42 (41)	15 (15)
News and Notices	27 (26)	21 (21)	33 (32)	19 (19)
Worship Music	42 (41)	24 (24)	29 (28)	5 (5)

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Q3: If you join in online, what are your main reasons for doing so rather than coming into the building? (choose up to 2)

Reason	
It's more convenient than coming into the building	12 (7)
I can join in later in the week	25 (15)
I don't feel safe coming into the building (because of covid)	3 (2)
I can't easily get to the building on Sunday mornings	10 (6)
I don't feel emotionally strong enough to come into a larger gathering	2 (1)
I can skip through bits of the service that don't interest me	8 (5)
Other:	58 (35)

60 responses to this question. Values are percentages with the number of responses given in brackets.

Other reasons for joining online rather than in the building

Illness or to wanting to avoid catching illness before visiting vulnerable people / special events [lots of answers]

A quiet Sunday morning/day at home - watch live

Being away from Southampton (or sometimes to watch remotely in real time) [a few answers]

Depends on who is speaking

Cell group in the week is my key constant. I do always listen to the on line sermon where it relates to cell group outline discussions if I missed the relevant service. I did also really appreciate the on line services during lockdown and all the effort that went into them.

I attend the 4th Sunday online

Useful if I have to miss the Sunday meeting for some reason

I now regularly attend St Marys Church on Sunday mornings as this is the church that my Ukrainian guests attend. I give lifts and value the freedom in worship.

I don't think about joining on line anymore. For me it is either in person or I am not present laziness really! If I wake up late I can still join in

to join in with other family members

My son always watches online so I like to share services with him as well as attending. He does like coming to Sunday at 3

Only during lockdown. For catch up if I am unable to be in church, then sermons only

We miss some services owing to being in children's group with our son

Q4: How often do you listen to or watch content from other churches or ministries (eg on radio, TV, websites, podcasts, blog articles etc?)

	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Regularly
Sermons or Bible Teaching	20 (20)	26 (25)	39 (38)	15 (15)
Worship Music	18 (18)	16 (16)	39 (38)	27 (26)
Other	47 (46)	21 (21)	21 (21)	10 (10)

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My limits are currently carer responsibilities/visiting out of town and poor health post-covid. On-line suits at the moment

Join online for whole service about once a month if not attending in person and the service is livestreamed.

If I'm going to be doing something important, or mixing with vulnerable relatives during the following week and don't want to risk being infectious with covid. This is different from not feeling safe.

I would like to find time to listen to missed services online but that rarely happens. Because of this, I sometimes feel I've missed messages and notices. Direct messaging (texts/WhatsApp) and social media work best as the church emails always go into Gmail filtered folders, rather than my primary inbox

listen to a sermon online from another church once a month on Explore Together Sundays.

Q5: Which of these would you include in your ideal service?

	Definitely Not	Preferably Not	Neutral / Sometimes	Preferably	Essential
Good traditional hymns	3 (3)	9 (9)	26 (25)	48 (47)	14 (14)
Good contemporary worship songs	1 (1)	0 (0)	9 (9)	42 (41)	48 (47)
An organ	13 (13)	28 (27)	33 (32)	23 (23)	3 (3)
An extended time of sung worship (eg 3 songs together)	1 (1)	10 (10)	18 (18)	49 (48)	21 (21)
Set liturgy (eg creed)	3 (3)	16 (16)	39 (38)	35 (34)	7 (7)
Spontaneity	0 (0)	14 (14)	27 (26)	44 (43)	15 (15)
Communion	0 (0)	3 (3)	27 (26)	54 (53)	16 (16)
Including children in part of the service	1 (1)	6 (6)	13 (13)	54 (53)	26 (25)
Having children in for all of the service	5 (5)	45 (44)	32 (31)	12 (12)	6 (6)
Creative prayers	2 (2)	17 (17)	22 (22)	44 (43)	14 (14)
Creative ways of exploring the Bible's teaching	3 (3)	17 (17)	26 (25)	38 (37)	16 (16)

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Preferred Content of Services - General

I think you need 2 services each Sunday with different styles/ target groups like you had before. I miss the 9.00.

The ideal service question didn't have the helpful categories of 'sometimes' or 'not an issue' so my answers aren't a good reflection of what I really think. I would have liked to leave blank most of them! But it wouldn't send. My ideal isn't an identical service each week just consistent- that provides for the needs of different groupings. That's why I think 2 are needed. My needs as a mum with small children were very different to now and those needs are important for today's mums"

If the options had been available I would have answered 'sometimes', like having the organ used on some songs.

Maybe another survey is needed for the content of services

The ideal service options do not include a neutral option, e.g. communion would not be a part of every meeting. So I was unable to answer some questions appropriately.

I would say the content is more important than the style

I don't expect the services to always suit me and my preferences. I would expect them to be shaped so that they connect with people outside the church where possible

I want services to be led by the Holy Spirit and God not by us. What does He want them to be like? What worship does He want? Does He want preachers/speakers to challenge, encourage, enlighten us? Or bible studies!!!?

"On style, if we preached the Gospel, and came with hearts ready to worship, to confess our sins, to praise God, to hear his Word, to pray for the needs of others as well as ourselves, I suspect God would lead us into a 'style' that blessed us and this community.

I don't think God wants us to ape what I might have seen at Spring Harvest last year, or what I experienced in an electrifying but very straight prayer-book service in Vancouver years ago, or on a boat full of punks in the harbour in Amsterdam in the 90s, etc. etc.

I think maybe God wants to do a new, unique, wonderful thing with every individual congregation He loves and nourishes. He's a considerate and honest God and starts from where we are. Not from where we think we'd like to be. "

Simpler services where one isn't being distracted by lots of tech. and irrelevant stuff.

Quiet moments in the service, not marred by music playing at the same time as we are trying to pray or contemplate.

I would like to see meaningful teaching, heartfelt worship, a spirit-led church

Persist with testimonies and response from the congregation. We aren't very good at it, but perhaps with more practice...

I do find explore together hard mainly because I have some work to do with God and that's come out at that service but I find it incredibly difficult to share that when families are present. I've joined the talking group before and it really worked once when it got really big to spilt into two groups.

Whilst I think some people are put off and/ or confused by the alternating times and style of our recent services, which is my reason for opting for consistency, I appreciate the blended style of our services. I was brought up in the Pentecostal tradition and found much of the Anglican format cold and unnecessarily formal to start with. I have learned to love the beauty of liturgy along with more free worship. Our God is a God of infinite variety and creativity!

"A service such as the one this morning (9th Oct) is ideal for me - family to start with, then children go to separate activities and a service that combined some excellent interviews, bible reading, some thought-provoking prayers and a thought-provoking sermon, lasting about 90 minutes. Of course I understand that sometimes all age worship is appropriate and very happy for different style of service to reflect this. I do also gather on days when attendance is high capacity of the building can be a challenge.

I think a very important consideration for Sunday worship is that it feels inclusive for anyone new, especially anyone who comes who is not a Christian. Thus, I am not an advocate of small group prayer in a Sunday morning service or activities which involve a lot of 'chat' between people who know each other, because that can be a real negative for an outsider - and there are plenty of other activities where such small group discussion and small group prayer can take place. That being said, I have been to a couple of Sunday morning Encounter services and can see they do try to meet the needs of those who would prefer private quiet space as well as those who like to discuss. Overall, I

am not quite sure of this format as an alternative to the more traditional Sunday morning worship, but I can see pros and cons. It would be interesting to know how well it is being evaluated, and what proportion of the congregation are just choosing to attend that service but not the service on other weeks as they prefer it - vs those who are avoiding that service despite attending on other weeks - vs those regularly attending both (or neither) - and why in each case? I think it would be helpful to establish that if we don't know this already.

I do however really understand the challenge of meeting the needs of everyone is tricky, and I am mindful that we have limited numbers of some of the younger age groups in our congregation, and they do need to be a key consideration going forwards. Interestingly I returned to my childhood (Methodist) church last Sunday morning to their Harvest service, where I grew up through Sunday School and Youth Groups - and out of a congregation of around 30 I was almost certainly the youngest there. I felt sad for the future of that church, wherein it was very hard to see how it can be sustainable going forwards with the congregation demographic as it is.

But this also really made me think more (as I was also challenged to think more about when we discussed the question of the St James service in cell group) what it is that younger people want from the church and its services, and how do we best meet the needs of the various age groups within the church. I am also mindful as a teenager and as a single 20-year-old I loved evening services and that is what I nearly always attended. I am mindful of Elevate, and although I haven't attended it sounds from others like an excellent provision. I am also mindful of Sunday at 3 (although not sure to what extent that is now meeting the needs of those who previously worshipped at 9 am - or has a different congregation). And an see that each of these meets needs of different age groups whose needs might be met less well by the current Sunday service, but only happen monthly. Would those congregations come more often if they happened more often? Would/could a 10 or 10.30 service (10.30 my preference but know others prefer 10!) with Sunday School 2 or 3 times a month, and a twice monthly Sunday at 3 and on different weeks a twice monthly Elevate be feasible? Could that model work?"

Service content – music and song.

For music we strongly prefer hymns of a more traditional type sung to piano led music.

I would like more time to worship and to be led more in worship

More worship at start of the service

It would be good to have a new songs cafe like Methodist church or work with them to do some at them during the year. I like a mixture of new songs old songs of fellowship and hymns. Also, good to see other speakers not just the usual ones

Good traditional hymns, Good contemporary worship songs - If you define "good" as having words of sound theology, then it's essential that all songs pass this test, which some of our regular songs don't - it's essential that the words aren't heretical, which some are. It's not important whether they are traditional or modern. The only thing which weighs in favour of traditional is that these have been tested over many decades and found to pass muster on the whole (with some exceptions). I believe it's been found that people absorb their theology from songs as much as from teaching, so this is absolutely important.

Songs should be Jesus-centred not self-centred.

It would be nice to have a greater variety in the choice of traditional hymns. There are definitely more than 3 out there! I love contemporary worship, but not all songs are suitable for congregational singing. Please think about the singability of the song.

The worship team actually worshipping not just singing/playing instruments

I like what the Methodist church have done where they occasionally have worship evenings which are mainly sung worship like a concert

I regard as important singing that is well-led (trad or modern songs) that fit with any theme in the service - and I think we have this at the moment

Love organ but not essential. Variety is great

A time of pure worship and praise/quiet at another time.

I find it hard to switch from jolly songs to deep and meaningful. I don't like actions for songs and thought next time I would sit in the chairs behind rather than in the circle.

Service content - liturgy

Set liturgy (e.g. creed) - the advantage is that if it's official liturgy it's been thought out and prayed over at length, and tested by use and time. Disadvantage is that it can be parroted without meaning. Not essential, but quite welcome.

Would like more liturgy

Service content - prayers

Creative prayers - what does this mean? Extempore prayers coming from the heart and the Spirit's moving is good.

Sometimes I miss the old "sending out prayer" as that used to help me remember that everything learned needs to be transposed into normal daily life (into our homes, schools, workplaces etc), kind of like a ground check at the start of the week."

Service content - teaching

Creative ways of exploring the Bible's teaching - might be helpful for some. I find the best way to learn is to read and listen. But I've rarely watched TV or other visual media since 1971, so am probably unusual.

Sound teaching centred and focussed on the Bible not on pre-determined agendas.

Teaching through books of the Bible, and not missing out the hard bits, is a very useful way of becoming better immersed in the whole of scripture.

I really appreciate the study notes that are produced to follow up on the Sunday sermons. It helps not only with preparation for the midweek groups, but encourages all group members to have a go at leading, rather than just the leaders. Thank you.

Would like more on living life (As a Christian), as feels very focused on explaining the bible passage with less weight on application sometimes.

Service content - Spontaneity

Spontaneity - not sure what this means. There should be room for the Holy Spirit to work among us during a service. Good to have extempore prayers sometimes. Testimonies are good.

I also find it helpful and inspiring when people from the congregation share words or stories or experiences spontaneously - they are often relevant to the moment in time, and it can seem very real and natural and thus easy to relate to on a personal level, or even practical level.

Service content – communion

I would prefer communion wine in individual cups.

Communion services on some regular Sundays in the month should be the basic pattern.

Service content – inclusivity

Great to have more inclusivity in the services lately.

“I enjoy it when there are bible passages from other languages incorporated. There is such a diverse range of cultures and languages represented in the congregation, it would be enriching to have some elements of these incorporated into our services more, for example their different styles and formats of worshipping - learning about these may open us and our faith up in new ways.

I've noted that many of the people who come to Southampton from other countries have a very strong faith that they can express confidently and openly, and maybe they would be open to sharing more about where their confidence in their faith comes from with us more reserved people.

I also wondered if people who speak other languages could sometimes lead the prayers in their language with an English translation on screen, like we have sometimes with the bible readings in another language. I understand that for most people, connecting with God is most natural through their mother tongue.”

Children and Youth Participation and Activities

Wonderwalk are awesome!

I also wondered if the youth could lead a section of a Sunday morning service occasionally rather than the youth service always being an isolated separate event on Sunday evenings.”

Youth groups and services happen in the same week and are not spread evenly throughout the month. I.e. ignite, torch & elevate

Including children in part of the service - yes good to include children and make the part of the service when they are there accessible and friendly for them, and to include input from children, as part of the church community sometimes.

Having children in for all of the service - probably a good thing occasionally, but it can be stressful for parents. Not a good idea at every service, as there is a need for differentiated teaching appropriate to different ages.

Whilst it is wonderful to have so many families in church we find it difficult to worship meaningfully when there isn't a quiet reflective atmosphere

More inclusivity of children in non children focused services

Children should be included

Re children in service. In for whole service with our son is stressful. But do see value in including children and involving them which is why Explore Together is so good

We love the fact that there is openness to explore different types of services and the emphasis on family discipleship followed through with Explore Together. Wonder walk and Angel's packs for home - Fab!

Inconsistency is also not very helpful for our children, who like routine. Having said that, we (not my husband) have enjoyed the explore together services (which are a great all age alternative). It just feels like the wonder walk Sundays are 'no families this week'. The wonder walks have been great but also a disaster, with differing lengths etc and small legs! They'd be a great optional extra to the services but don't feel anywhere near a service replacement.

Service Duration

Time's important. You can do all you need to do in an hour and have time for coffee and a natter afterwards. Length is the enemy of strength. You don't need a rambling linking commentary between items; the reflective video doesn't work for me and I suspect a lot of others, that could go; concise liturgy is good (the sprawling and doctrinally suspect 'sending out prayer' could be usefully trimmed too).

Q6: How suitable would these service times be for you?

	Definitely Not	Preferably Not	Possible but not ideal	Ideal	Number of Responses
Earlier Sunday morning (eg 9 or 9.30am)	10 (9)	19 (18)	39 (37)	32 (30)	94
Later Sunday morning (eg 10.30 or 11am)	4 (4)	8 (7)	41 (38)	47 (44)	93
Sunday afternoon (eg 4pm)	30 (27)	39 (35)	23 (21)	8 (7)	90
Sunday evening (eg 7pm)	15 (13)	31 (28)	36 (32)	18 (16)	89
Saturday morning	57 (51)	31 (28)	11 (10)	0 (0)	89
Saturday afternoon	53 (47)	35 (31)	10 (9)	11 (1)	88

Values are percentages with the number of responses given in brackets.

Service Start Times

I think consistent start time(s) each Sunday are important

The 10 am service is best for me.

10am Sunday service is ideal.

9:30 is a good time for us as a family. My child understands the different weeks and has settled well into this pattern

10am is quite ok

10am is perfect

I prefer 10am

10.30 OK; 11am not

10.30 ideal, 11am possible

10am is idea service time

“Different start times are rubbish” (it is not clear if this comment refers to consistency of pattern, or the proposed options for service start times)

Q7: We’re aware that some of our services (eg 9am style service and services with Junior Church) aren’t happening as often as they did pre-pandemic; but also that people’s church attendance habits have changed.

If we had services that suited you (and anyone who comes with you) more often, would you come more often?

Definitely 21% (19 responses)

Probably 54% (49)

Probably Not 23% (21)

Definitely not 2% (2)

91 responses altogether

Q7 x Q1: Attending more often vs. which of these services did you come to?

	Definitely / Probably			Definitely / Probably Not		
	Present	Joined Online	Watched on Catch Up	Present	Joined Online	Watched on Catch Up
Sept 11 10am [focus on youth and children with Josh and Angel]	63	4	1	57	13	0
Sept 18 9am or 10.30am [Explore Together looking at Ruth]	31	0	1	30	0	0
Sept 18 3pm [Sunday @3 remembering the Queen]	26	0	3	22	0	0
Sept 25 10am [Dan speaking on pastoral care; communion]	43	9	13	44	9	17
Sept 25 10am [Wonder Walk on the common]	9	0	0	0	0	4
Oct 2 10am [Sanjee Perera on racial equality by video; junior church]	53	10	4	83	4	0
Oct 2 7pm [Elevate]	12	1	0	17	0	0

Values are percentages. 68 responded they would definitely / probably come more often. 23 responded they would definitely / probably not come more often

Q7 x Q5: Which of these would you include in your ideal service (for those who WOULD definitely or probably attend more often)?

	Definitely Not	Preferably Not	Neutral / Sometimes	Preferably	Essential
Good traditional hymns	4	12	26	47	10
Good contemporary worship songs	1	0	6	43	50
An organ	15	32	29	22	1
An extended time of sung worship (eg 3 songs together)	0	7	18	56	19
Set liturgy (eg creed)	3	19	38	31	9
Spontaneity	0	16	28	44	12
Communion	0	4	28	53	15
Including children in part of the service	1	7	12	55	25
Having children in for all of the service	4	47	31	12	6
Creative prayers	3	19	25	43	10
Creative ways of exploring the Bible's teaching	4	21	26	35	13

68 responses to this question. Values are percentages.

Q7 x Q5: Which of these would you include in your ideal service (for those who would definitely or probably NOT attend more often)?

	Definitely Not	Preferably Not	Neutral / Sometimes	Preferably	Essential
Good traditional hymns	0	4	26	57	13
Good contemporary worship songs	0	0	17	48	35
An organ	9	17	39	30	4
An extended time of sung worship (eg 3 songs together)	4	13	17	43	22
Set liturgy (eg creed)	4	13	39	39	4
Spontaneity	0	4	26	43	26
Communion	0	0	17	70	13
Including children in part of the service	0	4	13	61	22
Having children in for all of the service	4	42	30	17	4
Creative prayers	0	13	13	57	17
Creative ways of exploring the Bible's teaching	0	13	17	48	22

23 responses to this question. Values are percentages.

Q7 x Q6: How suitable would these service times be for you (for those who WOULD definitely or probably attend more often)?

	Definitely Not	Preferably Not	Possible but not ideal	Ideal	Number of Responses
Earlier Sunday morning (eg 9 or 9.30am)	12	18	37	32	65
Later Sunday morning (eg 10.30 or 11am)	6	11	42	41	64
Sunday afternoon (eg 4pm)	36	41	19	5	64
Sunday evening (eg 7pm)	16	30	41	13	63
Saturday morning	63	25	11	0	63
Saturday afternoon	63	27	8	2	62

Values are percentages

Q7 x Q6: How suitable would these service times be for you (for those who would definitely or probably NOT attend more often)?

	Definitely Not	Preferably Not	Possible but not ideal	Ideal	Number of Responses
Earlier Sunday morning (eg 9 or 9.30am)	5	23	55	18	22
Later Sunday morning (eg 10.30 or 11am)	0	0	30	70	23
Sunday afternoon (eg 4pm)	10	33	38	19	21
Sunday evening (eg 7pm)	10	29	29	33	21
Saturday morning	38	52	10	0	21
Saturday afternoon	29	62	10	0	21

Values are percentages

Q8: Do you think it's more important that we have the same style of service each week on a Sunday morning (ie consistency) or a variety in the style of services (to suit more people)?

There were 88 responses to this question.

65% (57 responses) thought variety was important than consistency

35% (31 responses) thought consistency was more important than variety.

The consistency/ variety question is a tricky one. ATM I feel more consistency is needed but I am not against having variety.

Some answers were difficult to be definitive about, ie we need consistency with variety included in that if that makes sense

I think you try really hard to meet the needs of a huge range of people and that's excellent. I personally find the variety very beneficial and it helps keep things fresh and more real, and stops things becoming stale and "routine" and stay more meaningful. Thank you for all the effort and energy from the entire team that goes into this.

I prefer a more consistent approach ideally - but am mindful that one size fits all is also tricky, and thus the only way you can do that is to have more than one service which it may not be feasible to resource

It depends on what can be managed with the resources available. If there were enough resources, then more than one service each week with different content but consistent would be the best, but if only one service can be resourced, then different from week to week.

I think it's very difficult for people outside the church to know and understand what style of service they're coming to at the moment.

"Consistent time, consistent style. That is not to say it all has to be identical every week. To me, most people (including my family and I) like consistency at 10.30 ish Sunday morning. They know what and when, there is no worry about turning up to something they won't engage with. My family like/ love the explore together services, I don't attend as I dislike it.

Fresh expressions of church are great and I'm all for them, just not as a replacement for Sunday morning services. Eg do the wonder walk at another time, make the really different services in the evening, do explore together bits separately to the main service- ideally as a way of bringing back the Superstars type format (great for bringing in other kids etc)."

We like the variety in services over the month

Re Preference for Variety vs Consistency. Neither. Prefer modern, old, children, free in rotation

Both variety and consistency are important. Variety with consistent pattern to services. A more regular traditional service needs to be re-introduced + more regular children's groups. Grace to know what is needed and what is not.

Consistency and variety both important.

Don't like the question! No service will ever 'suit' everyone, but we shouldn't be coming to church for what we expect to get, we should be coming to meet with God. Probably helpful to have a pattern (as now) regarding children in or out

I have enjoyed the current mix - and especially the Church's willingness to 'experiment' with different formats. The mix seems a good way of meeting different needs/preferences. I particularly like the Explore Together services and opportunities to pray with those nearby during the services rather than (as well as) prayer being 'led'. Would also enjoy less rigid Communion format (I don't personally find the walking around part helpful ...) I have loved the services in the 'Park' – outdoors

Prefer not the Explore services, don't find them a satisfactory act of worship, but recognise that some do like this form. I do usually attend and usually spend time with someone in the congregation who is obviously confused by it, e.g. visitors or elderly.

I love variety but feel consistency is easier for encouraging people to come to church for the first time

Both are important

Consistency with some variety

Q9: Your age group:

18-30 years	5% (5 responses)
31-40 years	13% (13)
41-50 years	14% (14)
51-60 years	28% (27)
61-70 years	20% (20)
71-80 years	16% (16)
80+ years	3% (3)

98 responses altogether

Q10: Do you come to St James (or watch online) ... (tick as many as apply)

With other adults (eg friend, spouse, relative)	65% (64 responses)
With no other adults	31% (30 responses)
With children in school years R – yr 6 (approx. ages 4 – 11)	15% (15 responses)
With children in school years yr 7 – yr 13 (approx. ages 11 – 18)	10% (10 responses)
With children aged 0-preschool	9% (9 responses)

98 responses altogether

What other comments or suggestions do you want to make about our current and future services – either in general, or about specific types of services?

“I am disappointed that much outreach has not restarted - Superstars, Light party etc.

Please can we have advanced publicity of services for the Ark, schools, craft group etc.”

I would like to be able to worship here more often, it's such a full and lively congregation. I live too far away.

As a small point from a new-er person - it is really helpful when the people at the front introduce themselves, or are introduced

Having a 'Creation table' at the back in all services

Church Vision booklet Sept 2016 introduced the four spheres of belonging Appx2. Sunday celebration is level 4 belonging. We need to continue developing level 3 clusters to provide more spaces to belong in ways which Sunday celebration cannot. Web central was developing this but pandemic slowed direction of travel. On music front provide a song book of core songs for people to use at home. Start a choir.

I am hard of hearing and use the loop system which works well when it's on but it isn't always switched on at all meetings. More training in its use for all operators of the sound system would help.