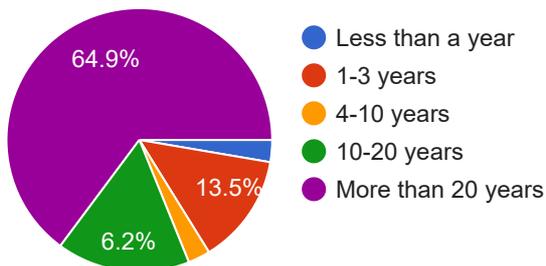


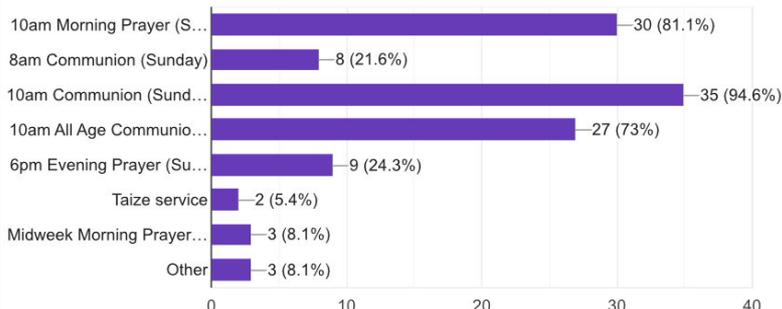
St Andrew's, Girton

37 responses

How long have you been coming to St Andrew's?

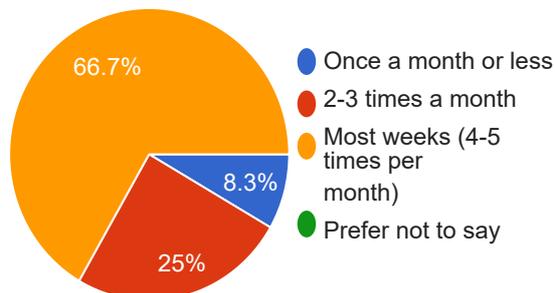


Which Services do you usually attend? (Tick all that apply)

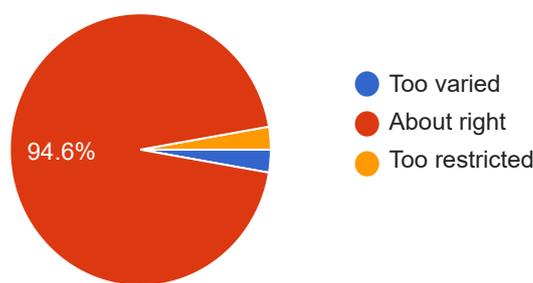


Other includes occasional services Ash Wednesday Maundy Thursday, etc.

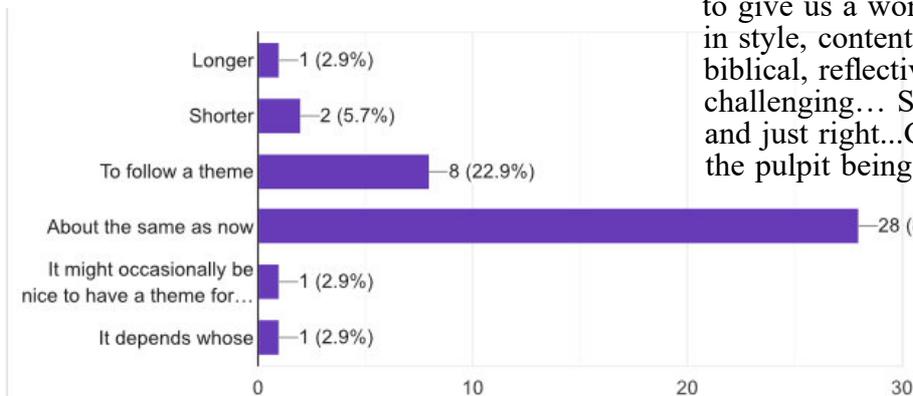
How many times a month do you attend any of these services?



Do you think the range of different services is



Would you prefer sermons to be: (Tick all that apply)

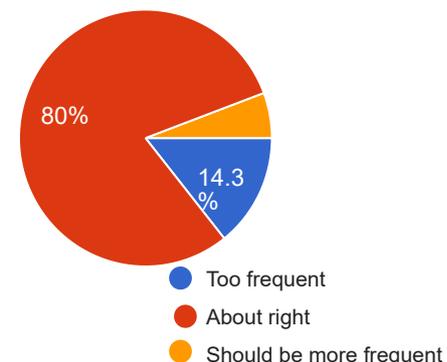


Typical comments We are extremely fortunate in having 4 ministers plus 2 ordinands to give us a wonderfully wide range of sermons, in style, content and delivery...sermons are biblical, reflective and appropriately challenging... Services are very well balanced and just right...Good things for children...I like the pulpit being used...good to hear different preachers...Most helpful are sermons that relate the text to how I should be living or get to grips with the big questions...I don't think they should be constrained by time

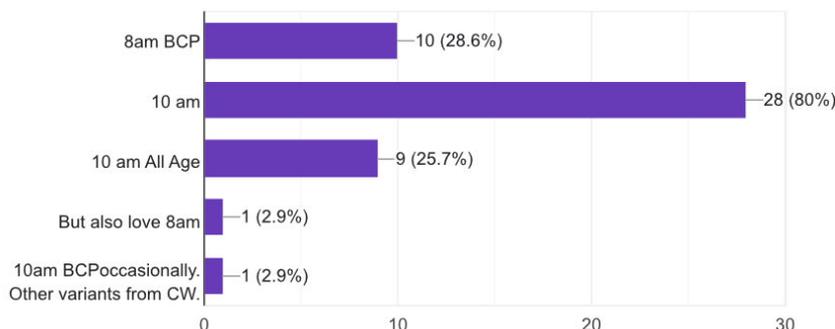
Typical comments Suggestions: Being relevant to our lives today, rather than biblical history..more themed services like Hymns and Pimm's, Remembrance etc..Wish hymns were not too long and played faster..like to see Taize resurrected...services to which I could invite neighbours..every sermon should challenge people to make a positive commitment to give their lives to Jesus their Saviour.

Communion Services

Frequency of Communion Services



Style of Communion service. Which type(s) do you prefer?



Do you have any other comments about communion?

Typical answers: BCP service

... language is beautiful- important to cater for people who love this traditional liturgy..wonderful prayers which are as apposite today as when they were written hundreds of years ago.. a quiet reflective Service

10AM

...service is nicely relaxed and feels very inclusive without losing any solemnity..10am is a larger interactive Service and 10am All Age Worship gives the Children and Young People their chance to be involved in the Worship of God and participation in the Service. They are the future of the Church and need to be nurtured and encouraged

COVID related

Pleased that the Peace is now just acknowledgement... still worried about taking the wine...liked the idea of having the bread dipped in the wine..Lovely to have the cup back...could 'intinction' in the Anglican sense of dipping, be considered?

Children and communion

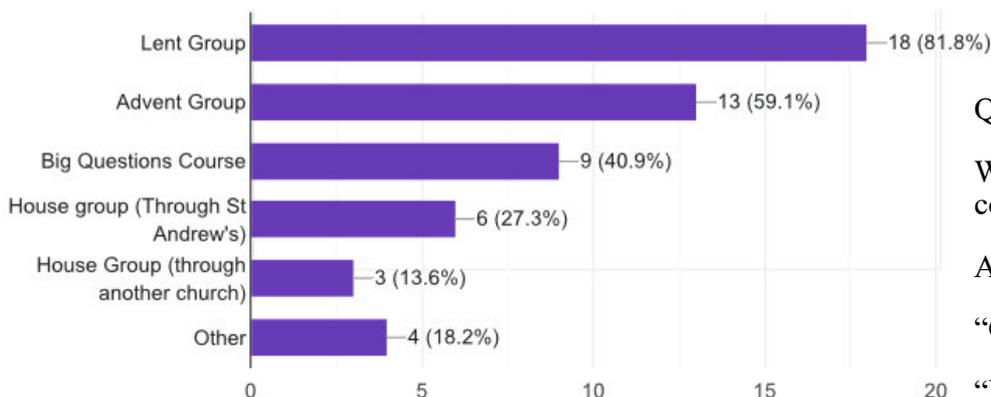
..very pleased that children are invited and Michael was .. calm, kind and explanatory as to why he feels that inviting children to take communion is valid theologically... nice to see the children welcomed to come to the Altar...seems strange to me to include it in all age worship..central part of the service has lost all feelings of reverence and awe...if children are to receive Communion they should be made aware that this is a very special invitation...Their presence is welcome but a moment of mindfulness should be encouraged...still not sure about children who are not confirmed taking the 'Bread and Wine'

Other

The frequency of HC might seem excessive to the outsider...against changing any of the present non-communion services to a communion service... real bread - even occasionally a 'real' meal (Greek Orthodox style)...I like all the Communion Services

Have you attended any Study groups? (tick any that apply)

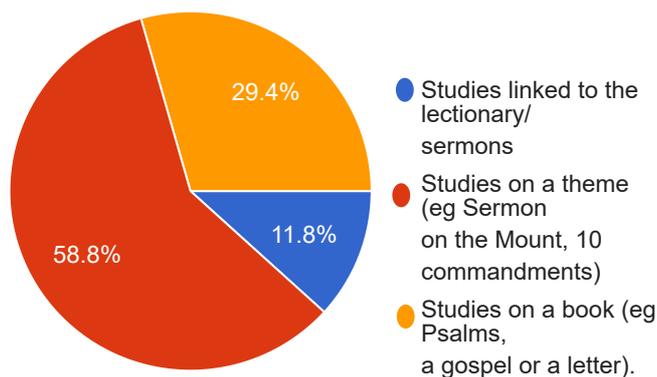
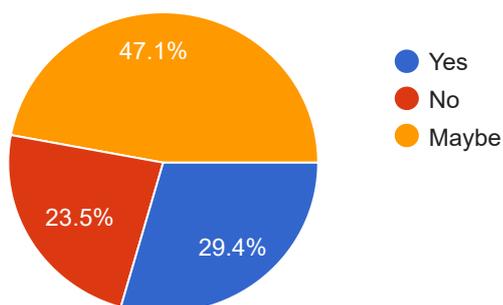
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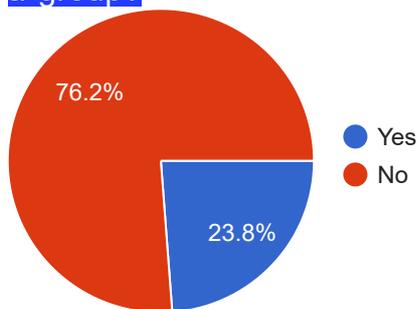
Quiet day at Little Gidding,
 Weekly study group with ex colleagues,
 ALM Course
 "Growing as A Disciple"
 "Icons" which I particularly enjoyed (2 comments)

Would you be interested in more study groups?

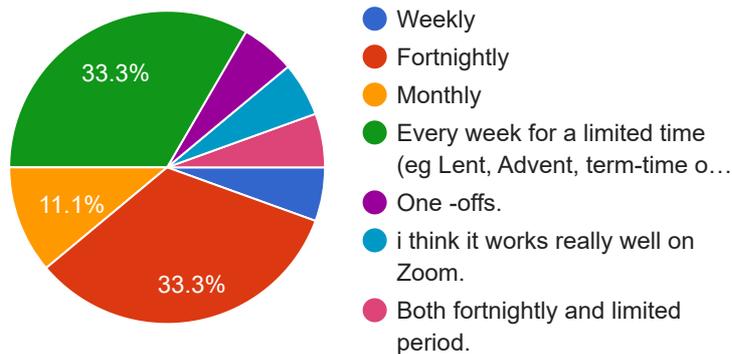
If "Yes" what would you be interested in?



If "Yes" would you be willing to lead a group?



If "Yes" would you prefer to meet:

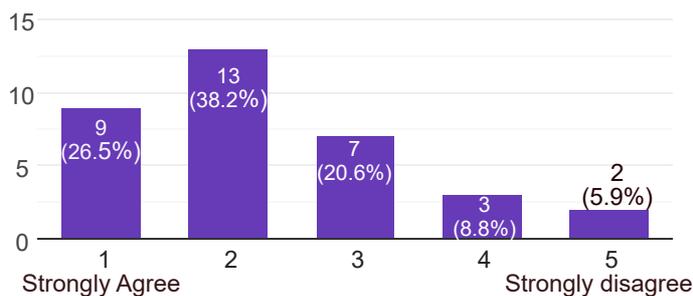


Any other comments?

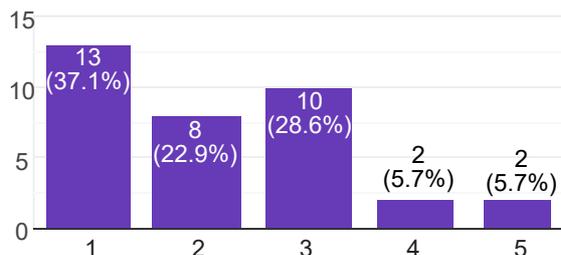
I would like to attempt to attend an Advent course - the discipline of something weekly both during Advent and Lent is helpful...I would worry that others would be better at believing than me! (Liked the Big Questions course because of this)...value in any/all of the subject ideas....More frequent meetings, and over a longer period of time (rather than just for short bursts of particular courses) would help build up the church in its knowledge of the faith and in fellowship with each other... Depending on the group the subject matter and frequency can vary.

Pastoral Care

I feel the church helps me to live my Christian life from Monday to Saturday

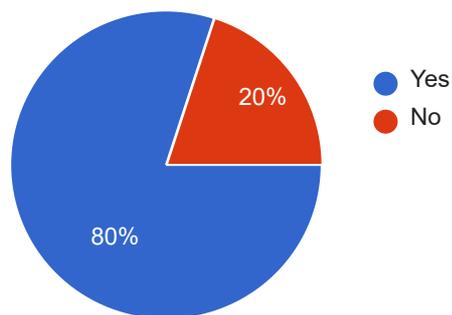


I feel cared for, and looked after, Church



Social Events

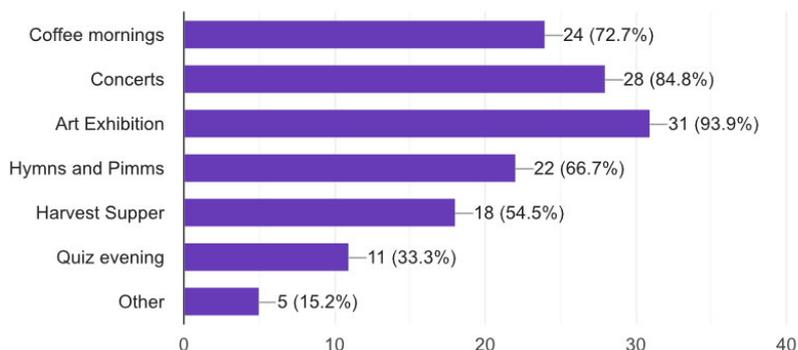
Do you ever stay for coffee after church?



If "No" could we ask why not?

Typical comments: Other commitments ...simply do not like the coffee... room is often crowded...Covid..afraid.... In winter people are too close, in summer outside meeting is acceptable... difficult to stand... need to get home to see friends or family..Prefer to get on.....It is a happy event though and an opportunity to chat to people.

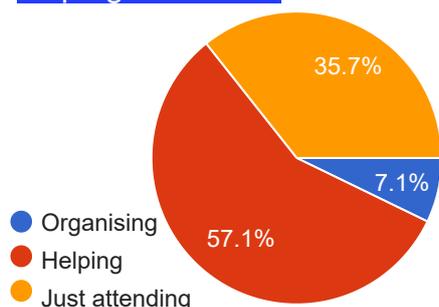
Which of the following events linked to the church have you attended?



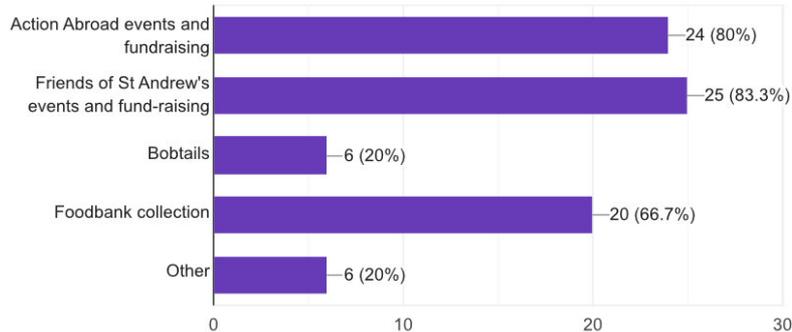
Are there any social events you would like to see?

Typical comments:...it will be interesting to see what the reordering of the North Aisle and improved serving hatch will enable us to do....Joint events with Madingley..Talks (not always too serious), a wider variety of concerts and performances...Movie night...Something like Alpha

Would you be interested in organising an event, or helping with one?



Church and Community
Have you helped or supported any of the church's community and outreach events



Are there any ways in which you think the church should be supporting the Wider community?

Other activities already happening: Mitten tree, St Andrew's 4 Kids, Messy Church...find ways to reach people who have lived here for years but never come. The October Memory Service had a few different people because it was something which spoke to them and it would be nice to find other ways to tap into and meet churchly needs. ...I suspect there is a fair amount of good will towards the church. GTC knows who has other needs and may be able to give pointers without being specific.....Attention to elderly and sick who don't go to church...More outreach is needed, without the expectation of 'religious' overtones...Fund-raise for homeless in Cambridge, especially during Winter...Foodbank - because of cost of living crisis...Get youngsters to help grow vegetables on its mainly grassed land...youth group...Work with other groups esp the Baptists...`warm hub' initiative...supporting needy people locally ...great strength we have is in supporting ordination training....For whatever we might do we would need volunteers....I think the Church, in the community that it is in, fulfils all its obligations

Please let us know if you have any other comments about the church, its role in the community or its activities.

Positives: Michael's presence on Facebook is good-this reflects well on our church...Work well and interactively with Madingley...very welcome and supportive church...an improvement in its outreach over these last 2 years...I am very grateful to St Andrew's and feel close to lots of people here!... appreciated Christina and Nigel being in touch through the Pandemic...I feel the Church and the Pastoral Team, Church Wardens and Helpers, do a Wonderful job. I am Very Happy to be a Member of Our Church Family...Given the breadth of the CofE and the breadth of denominational backgrounds that we all bring I do think that we get our balance about right...we have a good, supportive community here at St Andrew's. Lots of things going on for all ages..The Church is friendly and welcoming and a lovely place to worshipwe are most lucky

Suggestions: Can we ask the Parish Council if we can put church notice boards throughout the village, eg, down St Vincent's, near the Coop and by the Thornton Road shops. That would remind people of our presence and tell them what is happening...Can members of the congregation choose their favourite hymn, occasionally. ..Also, what about individual glasses for communion as served at Wesley Church (Methodist!!)... A Resurrection of the Harvest Supper and talk would be nice.... the Week of prayer for Christian Unity (Epiphany tide) should be marked better by us. (there are many other denominational adherents in the Parish who need to know that we are inclusive of them.... I'd like to see more classical Church music and choral music but it would need more committed musical people to lead it.

Negatives: The Church is operating far below the environmental standards declared by CofE.. Although I recognise that we need to bring more children and families into the church, I feel that recently the older people, the stalwarts of the church, have been somewhat neglected and pushed aside. I don't want to feel just an add-on to the children...As an older member of the congregation who relishes the familiarity of services change is not always appealing. However, I realise that the encouragement of new and younger members must be a priority and trying to satisfy everyone is never easy.