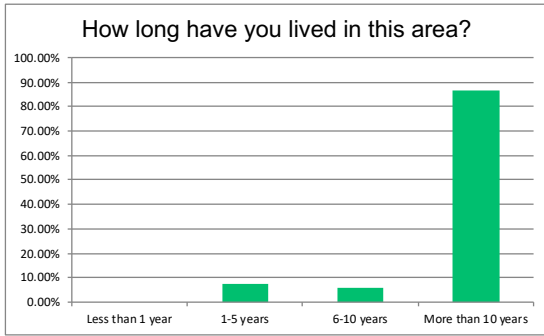


Community Survey - Hopes for the New Vicar - 53 Responses

How long have you lived in this area?

Less than 1 year	0.00%	0
1-5 years	7.55%	4
6-10 years	5.66%	3
More than 10 years	86.79%	46



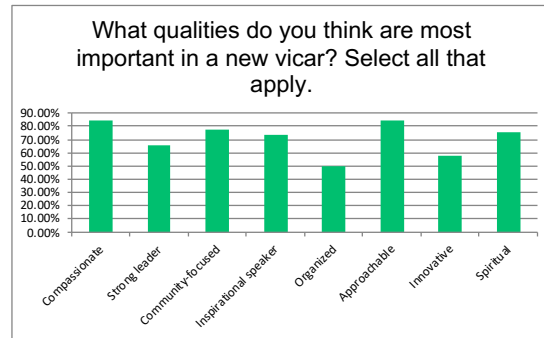
How often do you attend church services at Christ Church

Every week	22.64%	12
A few times a month	15.09%	8
A few times a year	20.75%	11
Rarely	28.30%	15
Never	13.21%	7



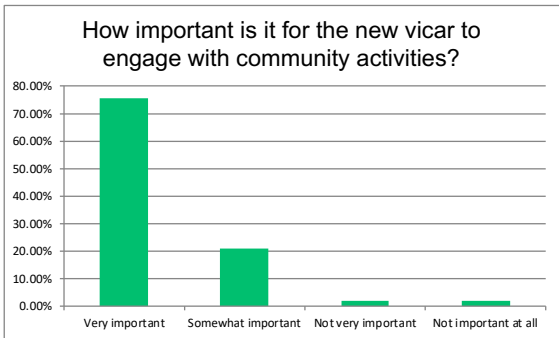
What qualities do you think are most important in a new vicar? Select all that apply.

Compassionate	84.62%	44
Strong leader	65.38%	34
Community-focused	76.92%	40
Inspirational speaker	73.08%	38
Organized	50.00%	26
Approachable	84.62%	44
Innovative	57.69%	30
Spiritual	75.00%	39



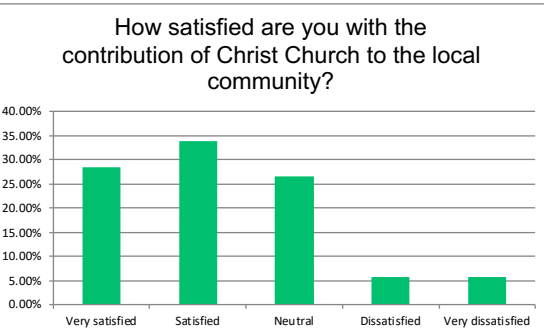
How important is it for the new vicar to engage with community activities?

Very important	75.47%	40
Somewhat important	20.75%	11
Not very important	1.89%	1
Not important at all	1.89%	1



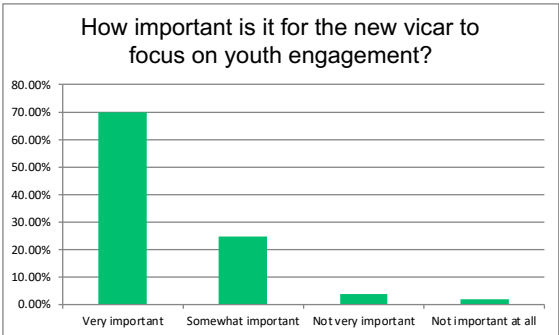
How satisfied are you with the contribution of C. Church to the local community?

Very satisfied	28.30%	15
Satisfied	33.96%	18
Neutral	26.42%	14
Dissatisfied	5.66%	3
Very dissatisfied	5.66%	3



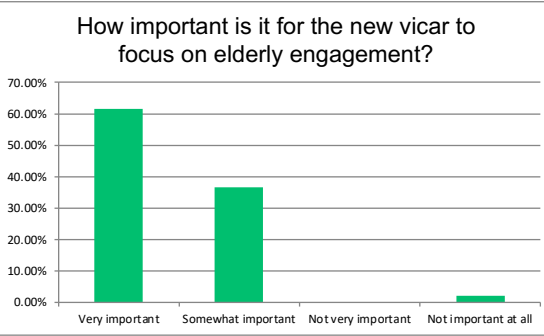
How important is it for the new vicar to focus on youth engagement?

Very important	69.81%	37
Somewhat important	24.53%	13
Not very important	3.77%	2
Not important at all	1.89%	1



How important is it for the new vicar to focus on elderly engagement?

Very important	61.54%	32
Somewhat important	36.54%	19
Not very important	0.00%	0
Not important at all	1.92%	1



Summary of comments on the Community Survey – provided by Chat GPT:

What do you think are the biggest challenges facing our local community?

- 1 **Youth Engagement:** A lack of activities, safe spaces, and programs for young people, leading to disruptive behavior and antisocial tendencies.
 - 2 **Social Isolation and Loneliness:** Particularly affecting the elderly population, compounded by a lack of community connection and facilities.
 - 3 **Mental Health and Financial Struggles:** Widespread issues with poor mental health, poverty, and the rising cost of living.
 - 4 **Declining Church Engagement:** Challenges in attracting congregants, maintaining interest, and rebuilding trust and relevance, particularly among young families.
 - 5 **Communication Barriers:** Limited access to digital communication, lack of clear outreach, and insufficient awareness of community needs.
 - 6 **Community Spirit and Contribution:** Apathy, selfishness, and the erosion of community spirit, alongside difficulties in recruiting volunteers to sustain church activities.
 - 7 **Faith and Spiritual Awareness:** A perceived need for deeper personal relationships with Jesus Christ and an emphasis on sharing the gospel as a central church mission.
 - 8 **Facilities and Support:** The need for hubs or programs that offer warmth, safety, and cohesion for vulnerable groups, including heating hubs and affordable family-oriented events.
- These challenges emphasize the need for youth development, mental health support, stronger community ties, and renewed faith engagement.

Are there any new initiatives or programmes you would like to see introduced by the new vicar?

- 1 **Youth Engagement and Ministry:** A strong call to reintroduce youth clubs, integrate Scouts and Guides, and develop modern, relevant programs to make faith accessible and engaging for young people.
- 2 **Faith-Based Teaching and Services:** Emphasis on faithful Bible teaching, gospel-focused preaching, and reintroducing traditional, peaceful services to cater to diverse worship preferences, including older parishioners.
- 3 **Community Outreach:** Strengthening connections with students, young people, the elderly, and the wider community through outreach programs, drop-in hubs, and ecumenical partnerships.
- 4 **Social and Fellowship Events:** Introducing community-building activities such as hotpot suppers, murder mystery nights, and shared meals to encourage social interaction and reduce isolation.
- 5 **Involvement Opportunities:** Inviting parishioners to share their faith stories, hosting courses and events at the ministry center, and providing quiet spaces for prayer and meditation during the week.
- 6 **Modernization and Inclusivity:** Creating more classes and services to appeal to families and younger generations, while balancing traditional and contemporary worship styles.
- 7 **Supportive Spaces:** Developing heating hubs, community drop-ins, and programs that address social and economic challenges in the parish.

The overarching themes are youth-focused initiatives, enhanced community ties, and fostering inclusivity within the church.

Do you have any other hopes or expectations for the new vicar?

- 1 **Faithful Bible Teaching and Gospel Focus:** A strong emphasis on faithful, clear, and relevant preaching of the gospel, with a commitment to building a Christ-centred community.
- 2 **Youth and Family Engagement:** A desire to rebuild youth programs, engage young families, and ensure inclusivity across all age groups, including those in middle stages of life.
- 3 **Approachability and Inclusivity:** A welcoming, approachable, and relatable leader who is inclusive of all, regardless of background, sexual orientation, or marital status, and who fosters unity within the church.
- 4 **Community Connection:** Actively engaging with the local community, schools, and other churches, while building stronger ecumenical ties and being visible and approachable.
- 5 **Leadership and Consensus-Building:** A vicar who can set and achieve clear goals, address divisions within the church, and unify the congregation around a shared vision.
- 6 **Pastoral and Practical Qualities:** Kindness, sincerity, trustworthiness, a sense of humour, and an ability to connect with people across different life situations, including those experiencing loneliness.
- 7 **Commitment to Inclusivity and Modernization:** Continuing online worship, evolving church practices, and balancing traditional values with contemporary needs.
- 8 **Environmental and Social Responsibility:** Continuing efforts to protect the environment and maintaining a welcoming and supportive church environment for all.

The overarching themes emphasize spiritual leadership, inclusivity, community engagement, and a focus on youth and family renewal.