

Points to bear in mind when reading these comments:

- 1) Number of surveys returned = 78 (out of approximately 300 distributed)
- 2) Comments in **bold** indicate particular responses which were common to many surveys

Summary of responses received – extended answers

LITURGY	Suggestions/Comments
<p>(Re: Mass attendance)</p> <p>3. If you don't attend Mass in the parish, could you tell us why?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend elsewhere <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sunday Mass at Newton Abbot is more convenient ○ Away from the parish – studying etc. • Convenience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work/other commitments → Mass at different times would help ○ Mobility problems – difficult to get to the church
<p>(Re: Current Mass times and locations)</p> <p>4. When and where would be an ideal time/place for you?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dawlish: Saturday – 1700 Sunday – 0800 / 0900 / 1000 Occasional Sunday Mass or perhaps for a block of a few weeks at a time on a rota with Shaldon? • Shaldon: Sunday – 0930 / 1000 • Teignmouth: Saturday – 1800 Sunday – 0830 / 0900 / 1000 / 1100 / 1800
<p>(Re: Weekday Masses)</p> <p>5. If not, could you suggest time(s)/days/locations which would be more convenient?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dawlish: Wednesday – 0900 / 1900 Friday – 1000 • <i>Shaldon: No requests/suggestions</i> • Teignmouth: Tuesday – 1830 / 1930 Move 1000 Mass to 1030 / 1100 • General – pre-0800 / post-2000 if possible
<p>(Re: Finding out about Mass/service times)</p> <p>6. How could we improve communication in this respect?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text messages • Prominent notice boards outside the churches • Neighbours to take newsletters to people • Adverts in newspapers – like other denominations • Parish & local websites • Display mass times clearly for holiday makers – flyers in hotels
SPIRITUAL	Suggestions/Comments
<p>(Re: Liturgy meeting spiritual needs)</p> <p>7. Can you suggest ways in which we could enhance our liturgy?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involvement of parishioners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Invite participation from greater numbers ○ Try to involve some younger parishioners ○ Compile simple fact sheets on various types of liturgy to help people feel confident in taking part ○ More interactive e.g. something for congregation to do on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Could we utilise the version of the Passion which involves the congregation voicing the crowd on Palm Sunday/Good Friday? • Celebration of 'special days' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increase 'mini-celebrations' – welcoming of Communion candidates, Education Sunday etc. were lovely <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mothers' Day etc.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More music/hymns at earlier Saturday & Sunday Masses ○ Better and more varied music e.g. 'Celebrate' – fewer 'Victorian' hymns ○ Solo singers can demean the liturgy when they are not of good quality ○ Repetitive singing of refrains or psalms in the middle of other elements of the liturgy can make it unnecessarily long ○ Music rehearsals before Mass can be distracting – could they have them during the week or somewhere other than the church? ○ More traditional hymns ○ Mixture of plain chant and “modern” in the same Mass can be confusing – perhaps one or the other on alternate weekends • Opportunities for prayer/reflection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quiet time before and after Mass in Churches, Teignmouth especially ○ Prayer before evening Mass • Environment/use of the church <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Could the pulpit in Dawlish be used as in Teignmouth? ○ More use of controlled lighting ○ Better sound system ○ Smaller services on the sanctuary during the week ○ Period of quiet preparation/reflection before or during mass – quiet music playing e.g. after Communion ○ Better use of flexible seating at OLSP • Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shorter services for families with young children or a play area
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<p>(Re: Homilies – nourishing/encouraging)</p> <p>8. Could you suggest how they may be improved?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relate to living today • Limit to 15 minutes • Fr J's homilies are never less than excellent!
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<p>(Re: Spiritual life / other forms of worship)</p> <p>9. Please tell us more about devotions you would like to celebrate</p>	Suggestions given in the survey – numbers requesting each (all churches)							
	Stations of the Cross	Prayer of the Church	Rosary	Novenas	Taizé prayer	Prayer group	Eucharistic Adoration	Benediction
	21	5	10	5	9	9	10	12
<p><u>Other suggestions / comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need to understand what the devotions are – explanation required ○ Less social, more spiritual • Opportunities for prayer/reflection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prayer groups in houses – to suit working people ○ Quiet time in church (people appointed to be 'guardians' to keep an eye on the church) ○ More discussion evenings ○ Holy Hour on a regular basis ○ Hold a 'Quiet Day', Day with Mary etc. • Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Folk Mass ○ Pentecostal ○ Service of the Word if no Mass – led by lay people ○ More convenient mass times/locations on Holy Days 								

<p>(Re: Preparation/celebration of liturgies)</p> <p>10. If so, what gifts would you bring?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Group leadership/organisation ○ MA in Pastoral Theology, MA in Leadership for family ministry, experience of running retreats, six years' work at Diocesan level ○ Lead Stations of the Cross ○ Prayer group ○ Pass on RCIA experience • Organisation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preparing prayer ○ Ferrying older parishioners ○ General • Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Taizé singing ○ Enquiring mind ○ Ability to facilitate group work
<p>(Re: Arrangements for reconciliation)</p> <p>11. How could we improve provision of the sacrament?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More regular provision of the sacrament ○ Variety of locations/days/times ○ Appointment system • Practical arrangements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Greater publicity ○ Find 'face-to-face' difficult – could we have a confessional, alternative priest etc. ○ More penitential services for the parish as a whole ○ Offer teaching on reconciliation, 'examination of conscience' etc. – try to make it less intimidating • Specific groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Availability for the housebound? ○ Instruction for children after FHC to follow this up
<p>(Re: Opportunities for deepening faith)</p> <p>12. Do you have any suggestions in this respect?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Events held at different times e.g. afternoons, later than 7pm ○ Some events held in churches other than Teignmouth ○ Courses and retreats are too expensive • Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion/catechetical ○ Bible study ○ 'Wednesday word' ○ Mustard seed ○ RCIA • Activities/events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Guest speakers on various subjects ○ Parish retreats e.g. Redemptorists ○ Films for the family – spiritual aspect ○ Talks about religious art ○ Help at Lourdes
<p>(Re: Belonging to religious lay community)</p> <p>13. If so, which do you belong to and would you be willing to share your experience with the parish in some way?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing is a challenge because of a feeling of personal vulnerability – would need to be asked and encouraged • Legion of Mary – would like to see a parish branch • Benedictine Novice – Oblate of Buckfast

MINISTRY	Suggestions/Comments
<p>14. There are a variety of ministries available to lay people within the parish... Could you suggest any ways in which we could encourage more people to minister within the parish?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The parish seems well served in this respect ○ Slightly more relaxed and trusting attitude – does not have to be perfect ○ Need to get more young people involved ○ Aim for everyone in the parish to have a ministry and change them round every few years • Publicity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advertising/appealing within the community – individual approach? ○ Open to all – no prior experience or specialist skills required ○ Notice board detailing different ministries • Recruitment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fresher fayre-type event – advocates to speak on behalf of groups ○ More training sessions ○ Make it less intimidating – ask people to commit to one day a month and go from there
<p>(Re: Currently/want to be involved)</p> <p>15. If so, what ministry do you think you are being called to?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variety (detailed in Question 33)
<p>(Re: Interest in welcoming ministry)</p> <p>16. How do you think we can improve this area of ministry?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding the ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attract welcomers/increase numbers – greater variety (genders, ages etc.) ○ Provide training ○ Make it a ‘job for all’ ○ Cover all locations and all entrances (2 per door) ○ Could include access, communication, bringing up the gifts etc. ○ Check that readers and Eucharistic Ministers have arrived • Welcome being given <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Smile and be friendly – an expression of joy and kindness on arrival ○ Ensure families are made welcome and catered for ○ Be aware of vacant seats ○ Be aware of visitors ○ Need a more consistent approach – parish can be perceived as being ‘cliquey’ to newcomers/outsideers
<p>(Re: Serving at the altar)</p> <p>17. Do you have any suggestions as to how we could encourage more people (children and adults) to participate in this ministry?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More often – 2 or 3 times per year ○ Appeal to all – ages, genders etc. ○ Something to look forward to for children after FHC ○ Training/taster sessions ○ Let them know the expectations of them, their parents etc. • Making it more ‘interesting’/appealing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Make St Stephen’s Day a real focus ○ National Mass for servers ○ Talk about the ‘joys of serving’
<p>(Re: Supporting the music ministry)</p> <p>18. Do you have any suggestions as to how we could encourage more people to participate in this ministry?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advertising/appealing – bulletin, website etc. ○ Explain need and value ○ Ask known musicians/singers ○ Younger input needed but may be put off by current setup • Music within the liturgy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Different styles of music – more upbeat/engaging – does not have to be a dirge to be reverent

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Better seating ○ Vary repertoire ○ Introduce new hymns gradually ○ Preparation of music – not having to find pages ○ Ask other parishes how they organise their music ● Expanding the ‘group’ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It is “cliqey” and always seems the same – good leadership is key to avoiding this ○ Taster sessions ○ Music evenings ○ Liaison with liturgy group – cohesion ○ Regular practice (weekly)
19. Are there other ministries the parish could benefit from?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Improve the ones we have ● Prayer ministry ● Pastoral provision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have a look at the Strand Centre in Dawlish ○ More active visiting at home/in a home/in hospital – ‘Pastoral team’ ● ‘Sitting’ service so that carers can go to Mass ● Crèche ● Bringing up the gifts ● Taking the collection

PARISH GROUPS	Suggestions / Comments
20. The parish has a variety of groups including... How do you think we could raise the profile of these groups and encourage more people to take part?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Raising the profile of groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Talk about them more – mention at Mass ○ Notice boards, information leaflets etc. ○ Profile on website and newsletter ○ Social media ○ Advocacy of local community leaders ● Encouraging people to get involved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Perhaps a monthly ecumenical gathering in the form of a services – reach out to other Christian churches in the area ○ Explain their function/encouragement from those already involved ○ Do more than ask for money once a year!
☒ Are there other groups that you think would be particularly helpful to the parish?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pastoral <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Counselling ○ Bereavement support ○ Shopping/visiting for housebound ○ Parental support ● Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Food banks/support for homeless ○ Willing to liaise with members of the other churches with a view to a joint celebration – interdenominational group ○ Link up with other charitable organisations in Dawlish and Teignmouth ● Social <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Book club ○ Music club ○ Drama group ○ Over 60s/retirement ○ Mother & toddler ○ Film club – children / families

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chess club ○ Bridge club ○ Skittles club ○ Bingo club ○ Keep-fit club ○ Youth/young adults ● Justice and Peace ● Legion of Mary ● Mothers' prayers group ● Salesians ● Mill Hill Missionaries ● St Vincent de Paul
<p>(Re: 'Yes' responses – establish /join)</p> <p>↳ Please explain the role you would be willing to play.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establish groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Drama ○ Mother & Toddler ○ Mothers' prayers – already involved ○ Youth ● Support the running of groups (not initiate) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elderly – make tea ○ Interdenominational group – organise numbers, transport ○ Parental support group ○ Pastoral – food banks, cook soup, talk to homeless people, etc. ○ General/'as-and-when' ○ Host get together at flat

ACCESSIBILITY	Suggestions / Comments
<p>(Re: Provision for those with specific needs)</p> <p>21. Can you think of how we could make our environment more accessible to a wider number of people?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visually impaired <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Large print missalettes/hymn books ● Hearing impaired <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Loop system ○ Microphones (difficult to hear properly at back of OLSP) ○ Liturgical signing ● SEN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Missalettes featuring images – suitable for both children and those with SEN ● Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pedestrian crossing at Teignmouth (Dawlish Street) ● Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lifts to Mass – help needed for the elderly to get to Mass in Teignmouth when no Mass in Dawlish ○ Shaldon – easier toileting facilities ○ No wheelchair access to the sanctuary at Teignmouth or Dawlish ○ Seating at Shaldon is difficult for elderly/less mobile
<p>(Re: Involvement for those with specific needs)</p> <p>22. Please suggest ways in which we could ensure that you/they feel more supported and included?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not sure they see themselves as a 'special group'! ● Pedestrian access to OLSP ● Improve loud speaker system ● Ensure working loop system in all churches ● Initial pastoral visit from PP followed up by accredited members of parish

<p>(Re: Care for those who cannot attend)</p> <p>23. How could we enhance a sense of belonging amongst those who are not able to get to church?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wider engagement from whole parish rather than just dedicated few • Systems for caring for those who cannot attend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Formalise arrangements – set up a Pastoral Team ○ Establish a ‘Parishioner in need’ reporting system – raise awareness • Visit them <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Priest or member of Pastoral Team ○ Ensure that it is done regularly ○ Not limited to Eucharistic Ministers ○ Befriending/buddying/prayer partners • Read out list of sick during intercessions • Annual liturgy of healing • Increase communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Newsletters delivered / posted to those who cannot attend ○ Letter/card from the PP – they are missed, we are praying for them, is there anything the parish can do? • Use of technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mass available to view on the internet ○ Audio tapes of Homilies to send out occasionally ○ Continuing use of social media • Supporting them to attend from time to time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Car rota ○ Cooked lunches once a month – provide transport if necessary
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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE	Suggestions / Comments
<p>24. How could we encourage our young people to play an active part in the spiritual and social life of the parish?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask them what they want/need from the parish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Open evening/forum ○ Target teenagers specifically • Provide pastoral support (for teenagers especially) – it is a complicated world for them • Give them a role/responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Youth ministers • Youth/Young Adult Activities (extension of Confirmation programme) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monthly Youth Mass (including a youth choir) ○ Youth group / club ○ Parties ○ BBQs ○ Beach mass ○ Discos ○ DVD sessions (RCIA – learn about their faith) • Provision of child-friendly activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Messy church ○ Children’s liturgy every Sunday ○ Child-friendly songs at Mass ○ Occasional ‘place of honour’ for children at the front instead of Children’s Liturgy ○ Easter egg hunts ○ Christmas party ○ Competitions e.g. poetry, painting etc. • Greater engagement with schools – supported in faith journey • Invite family groups to read, bring up the gifts etc.

<p>(Re: Children's Liturgy – spiritual needs)</p> <p>25. Do you have any suggestions that would enhance this provision?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Training for leaders ○ Encourage more parents to get involved ○ Need for inspiring educators/instruction • Clear preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Follow a programme ○ Arrange a suitable space in which they can gather – very conscious of noise • Well resourced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Illustrated booklets ○ Use of DVDs • Good organisation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Run weekly ○ Put in the bulletin ○ Advertise it at school • Put back in place speedily! • Willing to help
<p>(Re: Provision for young people)</p> <p>26. Could you tell us something about how you feel we can encourage our young people in their faith and how you would be prepared to help?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Whilst everyone is very welcoming, it seems there isn't any support for young people or activities/programmes for children or young people ○ Provision used to be excellent ○ Difficult to justify investment in young population that is almost absent from the parish ○ Need to actively promote starting with PP and PPC • Present them with the idea of faith in action (i.e. not just on Sundays)/diverse contexts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Involve them in fundraising, outreach etc. ○ Buckfast camps – ask someone who goes to share their experience ○ Trips to Wintershall, Trearnon etc. ○ International events e.g. Lourdes pilgrimage, World Youth Day ○ Help sponsor young people who show an interest in doing something based on the Gospel e.g. raising money for voluntary projects • Attempt to engage them on their level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Youth retreats (within the parish and further afield) ○ Children/youth-led Mass ○ Teenage prayer group/Bible study ○ Help with catechism/learning about the faith e.g. importance of sacraments ○ Wider range of music used in services – less traditional ○ Use of DVDs, modern books etc. ○ Q&A session – what you always wanted to ask • Ensure adequate provision for young families – meet with them to discuss needs • Specific groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vocations group ○ Charismatic group – happy to help

<p>SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION</p>	<p>Suggestions / Comments</p>
<p>(Re: Adequate preparation for FHC/ Confirmation)</p> <p>27. Could you make any suggestions as to how we could improve?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide more information on how to enquire about these • Good but was novel & engaging when J.W. led it • Greater provision at OLSF school • Wider parish involvement/information in the process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Posts on the web ○ Introduce children/young people to the parish more often

(Re: Current arrangements for baptism) 28. Could you make any suggestions as to how we could improve?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sometimes difficult to contact parish re: baptism • Run courses for families • Make parents more welcome to keep them attending after their child is baptised/follow-up
(Re: current arrangements for marriage) 29. Could you make any suggestions as to how we could improve?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite married couples to attend in-house preparation sessions – share their experiences
General comment: Limited knowledge among parishioners regarding how to prepare for the sacraments, the process, who is involved etc.	

BELONGING	Suggestions / Comments
(Re: Do you feel welcome?) 30. Can you suggest how we can foster a greater sense of belonging for ourselves and of hospitality to newcomers and visitors?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For newcomers/visitors to the parish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Respond to 'new' faces ○ Welcome pack providing information for new parishioners ○ Fr J and parishioners are generally lovely to newcomers and visitors ○ Postcards of church given to visitors • General feelings on welcome received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feel welcomed at Shaldon and Dawlish, feel like an outsider at Teignmouth – too many un-smiling parishioners ○ Welcomers needed at Dawlish ○ Genuine desire to get to know people is needed e.g. engage with 'neighbour' in church, ○ Respond to new faces ○ Difficult to change the attitudes and behaviours of some • Develop the welcoming ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recruit more welcomers – only Fr J welcomes people at Dawlish ○ Train all welcomers ○ Ensure that everyone is welcome equally, not just those who normally attend a particular Mass ○ Make people feel that them being there matters • Social opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advertise coffee after mass in the bulletin – encourage everyone to stay ○ More space for tea & coffee – circulate/socialise ○ Parish hall ○ Hold shared lunches – perhaps two per year ○ 'Buddy' system e.g. cross-generational, families, couples etc. • Provide children's toys and books • Encouraging movement from 'usual' seat
(Re: Pastoral provision for one another) 31. Please suggest ways in which you think this could be developed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Already very good – first-hand experience & was overwhelmed with people's kindness and concern for me when a loved one died ○ Difficult to know if there is an unmet need – would be happy to help meet that need if required ○ Should be informally among friends ○ More knowledge of how to access this kind of support, especially for those who rarely engage in weekly mass • Formalise arrangements – pastoral support groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pastoral team – good listeners required ○ Bereavement team ○ Family liaison group/officer – support for parents/families in times of difficulty (spiritual or practical) • Initiatives/activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gift boxes for families in difficulty at Christmas

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Single people lunches ○ Increase sense of belonging through a joint project e.g. theatre group/production ○ Display photos of those of have died – poster with image and details of funeral (may not know the name but will recognise the face)
<p>↳ Are there any skills which you could offer in this context?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal friendship and support • Supporting those who are divorced/related issues with children • Work in mental health • Counselling • Befriending – good listener, empathetic, previously a buddy to a prisoner • Willing to organise pub lunch for singles • Personal experience • Organisational skills

SOCIAL LIFE	Suggestions / Comments
<p>(Re: Do we socialise enough?)</p> <p>32. Do you have any suggestions as to how we could enhance this area of parish life?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Establish a social committee ○ Build a decent parish hall ○ Identify the sick – ensure they are invited, support them to attend if possible ○ Develop a public profile/get in to local news ○ Good in Teignmouth but very little in Dawlish ○ Vary the times when events are held i.e. afternoons and evenings, week nights and weekends ○ Provide a dedicated area for children/young people to socialise in • Weekly activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coffee mornings ○ Craft club ○ Book club ○ Film evenings ○ Exercise classes ○ Social club for over 60s • Events (combine with fundraising) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Guest speakers ○ Quiz nights ○ Race nights ○ Concerts/music evenings (religious and non-religious) • Meals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shared meals e.g. lunches, fish & chip suppers, Christmas meal out, summertime picnics ○ Give the Dads'/Men's six-monthly supper more publicity • Organise annual whole parish events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Celebrate all the big feasts with some sort of party ○ Each of the three churches to arrange one social event a year and open it to the whole parish e.g. a theatre trip (not a competition!)
<p>↳ Is there anything which you have experienced in another parish/ community which you think we would enjoy or benefit from?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 100 club ○ More joint fund raising and social activities ○ Christmas and Summer Fayres • Families/children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dedicated areas for parents with young children ○ Family services ○ Greater contact with school/PTA • Social

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dedicated space in which to socialise ○ Sporting/general activities (football, tennis, table tennis, card games, etc.) ○ BBQs ○ Concerts/entertainment evenings provided by parishioners
<p>↘ How would you be prepared to help?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Organise collection of toys, books, etc. ● Baking cakes ● Promoting bring and share lunches ● Could help organise Christmas or Summer Fayres ● Help organise BBQs ● Join in on an 'as-and-when' basis/working committee ● Making posters, tickets etc.

CONTRIBUTION TO PARISH LIFE	Suggestions / Comments
<p>(Re: Supporting parish activities)</p> <p>33. Skills willing to offer.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Administration ● Altar servers ● Catechetics ● Children's Liturgy ● Cleaning ● Counting the collection ● Disability support ● Eucharistic Ministry ● Finance ● Gardening ● General organisational skills ● IT support ● Journalism ● Liturgy planning ● Liturgy preparation ● Maintenance ● Medical ● Music ● Pastoral care for the elderly or infirm/helping others to attend events in Church ● Prayer groups ● Psychiatric care ● Public speaking ● Readers ● School Liaison ● Service preparation ● Surveys – every 5 years ● Training support – experience at Diocesan level ● Welcoming ● Young carers ● Young people/children

DIVERSITY	Suggestions / Comments
<p>(Re: Inclusion of those from other nations)</p> <p>34. Could you suggest any ways in which we could ensure that you/parishioners from other nations feel valued, supported and included.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This question should not be relevant – everyone should be welcomed in the same way ○ Find out what their needs are/get to know them ○ An acknowledgement of diversity would be good • Liturgy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Incorporating cultural variation into parish services/celebrations ○ Different styles of worship/prayer from different nations – follow with an international supper ○ Prayers/singing in different languages • Celebrating diversity/social events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Engage with the nuances of their cultural traditions – nationally themed evenings (music, food, entertainment) ○ Get-togethers to celebrate international days/festivals – shared lunches ○ Polish blessing of food • Involvement in the parish/wider community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Encourage/invite them to minister/join groups ○ Language lessons ○ Set up an exchange system

EVANGELISATION	Suggestions / Comments
<p>(Re: Parish's response to call to evangelise)</p> <p>35. Can you suggest ways we could evangelise those who no longer come to church and bring them back into the fold as well as those who have never heard the Good News?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of parish 'image' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stimulate all present parishioners ○ Living the Gospel in the community ○ Pride in our parish family ○ Advertise new website may help but we should also have a regular feature in local newspapers ○ Be seen publicly and do things in the community ○ Friendly hello/welcome ○ Greater communication – distribution of newsletters etc. ○ Use of technology ○ Budget for this specific area ○ Profile in Dawlish is quite low when compared with other church communities – civic involvement seems limited • Addressing the needs of those who no longer come to church <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parish retreat/mission focusing on the lapsed ○ Ask why they left and understand their reasons – social visit ○ The Church (as a whole) must address the grave harm done to wives and mothers described as “intrinsically evil” – many women stopped coming to Mass and the children too ○ Reconciliation/welcome liturgy for returners ○ Start with the schools – large group from ‘split homes’ – feel excluded ○ Personal invitation ○ Had hoped people would come back out of curiosity to see our re-ordered church and then return ○ Invitation – written, open • Engaging with those who have not heard the Good News <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Encourage them to visit the church for a variety of reasons – see it firstly as a place of welcome ○ Not sure that evangelising necessitates bringing people to church ○ Prayer ○ Provide witness/share our experience ○ More ecumenism

<p>↳ In what way could you contribute personally to this call to action?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin at home – reach out to others • Prayer • Be an example to others in the way we live/our faith – confident Catholics/testimonial • Facilitating conversation – listen to people • Willing to be a contact/deliver newsletters/issue invitations – to lapsed friends and ‘new’ • Encourage people to attend occasions/join groups – good way to engage people
<p>(Re: Cooperation with other denominations)</p> <p>36. Could you suggest ways this could be improved?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater collaboration/co-ordination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Involvement of members of the PPC with Churches Together (DDCT) ○ Discussion groups ○ Invite speakers from other denominations ○ Greater publicity of other denominations’ events ○ Pass on messages of congratulations/sympathy to other denominations where appropriate ○ Share experience – recognise that we can enrich one another • Shared worship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More opportunities e.g. Christian Unity service – lovely to have had at Teignmouth ○ Quarterly visits to other churches in the area ○ More services on The Den e.g. Pentecost • Opportunities to mix informally <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Social events e.g. Fayres, picnics carol singing • Present a positive image of our parish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ensure we appear ‘open’ and sociable – invite attendance from other congregations ○ Greater attendance by parishioners at inter-denominational events
<p>↳ What part could you play in the building up and the strengthening of our relationship with other Christians?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By being a positive Christian role model • Supporting ecumenical groups e.g. Churches Together Committees • Dawlish Taizé groups • Attend multi-denominational events/Mass at other churches e.g. St Michael’s • Making friends with other Christians – sharing in prayer together and welcome them to Mass • Happy to participate – not a Catholic but married to a Catholic, children being brought up Catholic, must be lots of others in a similar situation • Happy to offer inter-denominational prayer groups • Run a toddler group which actively gathers parents from different churches following baptism/OLSP nursery

FINANCE	Suggestions / Comments
<p>(Re: Parish’s response to call to evangelise)</p> <p>37. We have three churches, three presbyteries and a church hall which cost money to run and require regular maintenance. Could you tell us something about how you feel these costs should be met?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consider provision for the PP as a matter of priority ○ Team up with a neighbouring parish – share resources ○ Should not be omitting important areas just because we ‘cannot afford it’ ○ Fund a position of a paid assistant secretary – 18-25 yrs, restricted to 6/12 months – employed to help with administrative tasks, provide general support ○ Difficult to have it both ways – more charitable collections = less money for the parish • Income from property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presbyteries at Dawlish & Shaldon could be rented out or even sold ○ Letting of hall in Dawlish – aim to cover upkeep and maintenance via this ○ Would Dawlish Community College be interested in renting spaces in the car park? ○ Consider hiring out the church e.g. to other denominations for talks, gatherings etc. ○ Sell off church at Dawlish/Shaldon • Regular donations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Appeal for an increase weekly contributions ○ Increase the size of the congregation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Let the parish know what is needed i.e. 'X amount would pay for Y'/average out per parishioner as a point of reference ○ Regular giving & Gift Aid – know roughly what to expect each week ● Fundraising events – smaller scale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Car boot sale/table-top sale ○ “Hundred” Club ○ BBQs/dinners ○ Social events with entry fee e.g. concerts/other entertainment ● Larger sources of income <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use of monies inherited ○ Diocesan funding/consultation – no need to reinvent the wheel ○ Grants from charitable foundations/bodies ● Stewardship of money <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Finance committee ○ Maintenance sub-committee – seek out most economical options
<p>↘ As a parish, we are always very generous in our charitable giving. Could you tell us your views about our responsibilities in this area?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We are privileged and should continue to give generously ○ Much charitable giving is not via the parish ○ Parishioners’ generosity is to be commended ○ Should be giving at least a tenth to charitable causes ○ Avoid overdoing things – only give what can be afforded ● Parish finances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Diocesan responsibility ○ Better stewardship needed ● Local need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Local charities need our support e.g. homeless charities, clothes banks ● The wider world <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Link to a third-world parish – offer a percentage of our income ○ Responsibilities for the wider world, including non-Christian need
<p>(Re: Leaving something in your will) 38. If so, could we help you to do this?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All in hand! ● Support to leave something in will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Highlight costs/needs of the parish ○ Information on legacies ○ Pro-forma available on parish website/from the parish ○ Support from solicitors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any in the parish? ▪ Invite Tozers to give a talk in the parish

COMMUNICATION	Suggestions / Comments
<p>(Re: Parish newsletter meeting your needs) 39. How could it be improved?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fewer mistakes! ○ Great to have it available on the website ○ Remind people to take them home! ● Content <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More advanced warning of events ○ Include details of more social activities ○ Categorize information in the newsletter – improve layout ○ More contributors = more comprehensive

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More info on inspiring and engaging activities e.g. Flame ○ Signposts to sites e.g. Sacred Space ○ More info about church issues, books to read, church documents etc. ○ Consider expansion ○ More specific information on where events are taking place – we do not all live in Teignmouth
40. Are there other forms of communication which we could consider?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within the churches/parish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Signage ○ Parish directory – key personnel and contacts ○ Parish Magazine (quarterly) • Publicity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Local press ○ Leaflet drop ○ Joint articles with other churches • Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Twitter ○ Phone – ill and lonely especially – friendly voice ○ Smart phones • Willing to contribute to newsletter

SAFEGUARDING	Suggestions / Comments
(Re: Feeling safe/knowing what to do) 41. Could you tell us about any concerns you may have about the safeguarding of individuals and groups within the parish and how these concerns could be addressed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How best to balance the need for privacy with the need for safety during confession – children and vulnerable adults being alone with a priest and out of sight

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL	Suggestions / Comments
(Re: Understanding of the role of the PPC) 42. Could you tell us what you think their role might or should be?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Know very little about the role/who the members are ○ Is there a list of expectations for prospective PPC members – individuals to consider whether or not they can meet them • Expectations of the PPC/its role within the parish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 'Housekeeping' of the parish ○ To reach consensus ○ Support the PP/report to him on various issues ○ A link to the diocese ○ For the members to take an active role in parish groups/events – encourage others to join in as well ○ Need for greater 'pastoral' element – the practical and spiritual wellbeing of the parish ○ Management of financial matters – fundraising, careful consideration of expenditure ○ Get to know parishioners at all churches
↘ Have you any suggestions as to how the PPC can serve the parish community more effectively	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profile of the PPC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ List/photographs of members available ○ Revamp if necessary • Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Publish minutes – display and refer to in newsletter/on website ○ Issue quarterly bulletins

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Annual Report – summary of aims and achievements ○ Parish AGM ● Role <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Encourage regular feedback from all groups/ministries ○ Need to be more proactive in the life of the church – more dynamic, not just planning meetings
<p>43. We have a parish priest who also has commitments beyond the parish; he cannot be available at all times. Some of his tasks could be undertaken by others. How do you think we could support him in his ministry?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cannot expect our PP to be everywhere! Dawlish & Shaldon need to know that Teignmouth is the parish church ○ Would it be possible to have a seminarian based in the parish? ○ Will volunteer when asked ● Offers of support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ask the PP what he needs – hold a meeting to discuss the various tasks which could be delegated to others – take away the more mundane tasks ○ Rota system in place to provide support on a daily basis – elected ‘champions’ in certain areas ○ Lay people to lead prayer services, service of the word etc. – ‘Leaders of prayer’ ○ Administrative support e.g. newsletters, posters, sending emails/letters, communication with other churches ○ Run a rosary group during confessions ○ Visit the sick/elderly ○ Greater degree of support around organising liturgies, events etc. ● Delegate! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Utilise the Volunteering in Health group etc. ○ Greater degree of trust given to parishioners – PP can still oversee/be briefed on everything without actually having to do it all himself ● Spend money on the training of parishioners to facilitate the delegation of tasks

ADDITIONAL RESPONSES	Suggestions / Comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Would like more ‘special’ services at Dawlish, especially at special times e.g. one of the Triduum services would be wonderful ○ Generally enjoy all the services and enjoy being part of this parish ○ If Christmas and Easter services are to be held in Teignmouth only then a team of drivers may be needed to ferry people in from Dawlish and Shaldon (especially on Christmas Day when there is no public transport!) ● Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Information has not been treated with confidence in the past – my email has been shared with a group ● Churches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Realise that the church at Teignmouth badly needed refurbishment – grateful to all involved “behind the scenes”, it looks beautiful! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Greater consideration needed of some issues though i.e. where do we put our hymn books, Mass cards, etc. during Mass (‘on the floor’ has been suggested but not very hygienic) ○ Although the chairs at Teignmouth are remarkably comfortable there are a few issues regarding getting up and down, particularly for the elderly/disabled – very flimsy, not ideal for gripping on to ○ Spacing between the chairs at Teignmouth is causing a few issues when it comes to kneeling! ○ Permanent Stations of the Cross would be nice ● ‘Life in the Spirit’ course – currently running very well in Torquay ● The Zion Community offers to work alongside parishes for a period of three weeks