



Together we are Listening survey

We're asking people across Suffolk for their views to help shape the future plans of the Church of England in the Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich. Whether you're connected to a church or not, your responses are important to us.

Please do not enter any personal or private information in your responses.

* Required

1. Background information

1. How would you describe the area in which you live? *

- ☐ Rural
- ☐ Market town
- ☐ Large town/urban

2. Which age group are you in? *

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18-29
- ☐ 30-49
- ☐ 50-69
- ☐ 70-79
- ☐ 80+
- ☐ Prefer not to say

3. Do you consider yourself to be a part of the Church of England? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

4. Are you connected to the Church of England in any of these ways? (select all that apply) *

- ☐ Life event e.g. I was married, baptised, christened in church
- ☐ Congregation member
- ☐ On the Electoral Roll of my local church
- ☐ PCC member
- ☐ Minister
- ☐ Volunteer
- ☐ Employee
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ Other

2. Your local Church of England church

These questions relate to your local Church of England church

5. Are you aware of the Church of England church in your local area? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

If your response is 'No or Don't know' please skip to question 14 in Section Three.

6. How connected do you feel to your local Church of England church? *

- ☐ Very connected
- ☐ Somewhat connected
- ☐ Not very connected
- ☐ Not at all connected

7. How familiar are you with what your local Church of England church offers? *

- ☐ Very familiar
- ☐ Somewhat familiar
- ☐ Not very familiar
- ☐ Not at all familiar

8. How have you or members of your family interacted with your local Church of England church in the past 12 months? (tick all that apply) *

- ☐ Attended regular church services
- ☐ Attended church festivals (e.g. Christmas, Easter, Harvest)
- ☐ Attended life events (e.g. wedding, funeral, baptism)
- ☐ Attended a community or social event (e.g. fetes, coffee mornings)
- ☐ Attended a group meeting regularly in a church building (e.g. toddler groups, youth club, lunch club)
- ☐ Attended an event held in a church building (e.g. concerts)
- ☐ Attended an event associated with a school
- ☐ Made use of support provided by the church (e.g. foodbank)
- ☐ Volunteered
- ☐ Viewed local church's online content / social media
- ☐ Read local church's newsletter
- ☐ No interaction
- ☐ Other

9. How welcoming do you feel your local Church of England church is? *

- ☐ Very welcoming
- ☐ Welcoming
- ☐ Not very welcoming
- ☐ Don't know

10. How important do you think your local Church of England church is to your community? *

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Don't know

11. How important is your local Church of England church building as a community space (beyond church services)? *

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Don't know

12. What is one thing your local Church of England church could do better?

13. If your local Church of England church didn't exist, what would your community lose (if anything)?

3. Church schools

14. Do you have a Church of England school in your area?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

15. Have you or any family members attended a local Church of England school (past or present)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

16. How have you or your family interacted with your local Church of England school in the last 12 months?

- ☐ Family members are pupils
- ☐ As a staff member
- ☐ As a volunteer
- ☐ Attended a service or event in the church that the school is involved in
- ☐ Attended an event at the school
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ Other

17. How important is it to you that your local school is a Church of England school?

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Don't know

4. Perceptions of the Church of England in Suffolk

These questions relate to the Church of England across Suffolk

18. What words or phrases come to mind when you think of the Church of England in Suffolk? *

19. Which statement best describes your overall view of the Church of England in Suffolk? *

- ☐ Very positive
- ☐ Somewhat positive
- ☐ Somewhat negative
- ☐ Very negative
- ☐ Neutral (no strong views)

20. Which aspects of the Church of England's presence in Suffolk do you appreciate? (tick all that apply) *

- ☐ A place to meet local people and friends
- ☐ A place for life events, e.g. marriage, christening, funeral
- ☐ The church buildings
- ☐ Church buildings as community spaces
- ☐ Churchyards and their green spaces
- ☐ Bell ringing
- ☐ A part of national events, e.g. coronations, Remembrance
- ☐ Opportunities for tourism and visitors
- ☐ Social support or charity work
- ☐ A place to worship
- ☐ A place to pray
- ☐ A place to seek peace
- ☐ Music, e.g. concerts and choirs
- ☐ A historical and ancestral record
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ Other

21. In your own words, please explain what is most important to you about the Church of England's presence in Suffolk.

22. Are there any issues relating to the Church of England in Suffolk that concern you? *

Future Opportunities

23. Is there anything you would like to see the Church of England doing in Suffolk that it doesn't currently do? *

24. Do you have any other comments about the Church of England in Suffolk or your local church that you would like to share? *

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