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## PASTORAL REVIEWS: FEEDBACK FORM

The Pastoral Area Review provides some detail about our current position so that we can together plan for the future. We have set out a few areas for discussion that may be fed back to us so that we can draw all of this together for the whole Diocese. If you think we need to consider some aspects that have not been covered please include this in your feedback.

Please return your completed feedback to Heather at [hhauschild@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hhauschild@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**. We look forward to hearing from you.

We have worked on the information available to us. Are there any inaccuracies in the information we have provided that need to be corrected?

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	What are our challenges?	What are our opportunities?
<p>Q1</p> <p>SPIRITUAL RENEWAL</p>	<p><b>Our Mission Prayerful and Committed to the Faithful</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. To have a biblically sound spirituality in the personal and communal life.</li> <li>b. To have our Liturgical celebrations enculturated in our daily lives, in use of language and signs and symbols (Pope Francis). Organising Liturgy which challenge our Catholic Christian Faith.</li> <li>c. To open our church for personal prayers, visits to Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adorations and Marian Devotions such as the Rosary and Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.</li> <li>d. Spiritual discernment and direction/counselling</li> <li>e. Retreats and Recollections from different spiritualities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. We have parishioners who are rich and diverse in spirituality which we can learn from one another.</li> <li>b. We are surrounded with Spirituality centres such as the Carmelites in Boar hills, the Jesuits, Franciscans and Dominicans in Oxford. Also La Salle Brothers at St Cassians centre, Newbury, and Douai Abbey.</li> <li>c. Evening talks on the history of Christianity in England; how we came to be a Christian country. These might be delivered in conjunction with other churches and advertised to school parents. Perhaps the Dominicans could help us to put a program together and provide the occasional speaker. We might advertise these talks on posters in other churches, shops and in the local newspaper.</li> <li>d. Evening talks on the stories of influential catholic women. For example: Aethelflaed who raised the orphan Aethelstan to be the first king of all England; Margaret of Wessex (St Margaret of Scotland) who took the grace and respect for learning of the Wessex court to Scotland; Julian of Norwich; Nano Nagle; Mary Ward; Katherine Drexel and Catherine McAuley. Venue Blessed Hugh or other church or Faringdon Community College.</li> <li>e. Evening talks on the history of prayer and prayer methods; the relevance of prayer today in managing stressful living and illness. Types of prayer; thanks, petition, the Rosary, daily review of conscience, contemplation. We might promote this to NHS staff.</li> </ul>

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		<p>Venue could be Blessed Hugh, other churches or Faringdon school.</p> <p>f. Open Blessed Hugh midweek for Adoration and rosary; but also as a simple refuge for the community for contemplation and coffee next door. Daytime, and evenings.</p>
<p>Q2</p> <p>NURTURING VOCATIONS AND SUPPORTING THE CLERGY</p>	<p><b>Our Mission To go out and Mission to Everyone;</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One local young man who attends our Bible study who is considering the priesthood, but one is too few.</li> <li>• We do not have many of this age group in the Parish, so we need to think how we attract and support them.</li> <li>• Limited time – parishioners have a lot of commitments, family, work etc.</li> <li>• Fr Claro works very hard and possibly does know us well enough yet to ask for enough help.</li> <li>• We support the Missions through the Red Mission Boxes, but our organiser is leaving and we need plans to fill this task, or carry out the task differently (making greater use of technology).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invite speakers from the Diocese, Eg John Cook, to talk about Vocations to the Priesthood, Deaconate and other religious life. Also on what is the role of a Deacon. Can we welcome women to the deaconate? We believe there are some women in our parish who would come forward for this role.</li> <li>• Fr Claro has a very supportive Filipino group and others supporting him practically, with eg catering etc.</li> <li>• The Pastoral Council’s role is to support our Parish Priest.</li> <li>• Parishioners welcome Fr Claro into our families for dinner etc.</li> <li>• We support Missio, the Missions Charity, (red boxes), we hope to turn to direct debit payments and an annual parish collection.</li> </ul>
<p>Q3</p> <p>BUILDING COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH</p>	<p><b>Our Mission: Support and Strengthen the Community;</b>  <b>Outreach to ethnic minorities;</b>  <b>Outreach to key workers;</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encouraging more parishioners to be involved in parish life. We would love to encourage people to take up ministries such as</li> </ul>	<p>We have the following regular events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coffee after Mass on a Sunday</li> <li>• Annual Parish BBQ</li> <li>• Shared lunch on Feast Day of Christ the King</li> <li>• Support for the Food Bank</li> <li>• Support The Mustard Seed (our local Christian shop),</li> </ul>

	<p>-Reading, Children’s liturgy, Music and Choir, Eucharistic Ministers, welcoming team, refreshments team, lettings secretary, PPC members. In our Parish life, we would wish to see more people getting involved in the various ministries, our history of caring about one another was one to be proud of, and could be again.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring everyone is welcome/ we are totally inclusive.</li> <li>• We have an Ageing Population within the congregation therefore less middle-aged and able body faithful to actively build community. Pressure on those who are active to do more. The average age of the congregation is probably mid-50’s, so we need to start looking at developing the youth wing; these are the church of tomorrow.</li> <li>• Hugh growth in secularism, so feelings of having to justify your faith and defend it.</li> <li>• DBS – Hostility to the clergy and Peoples distrust of clergy due to recent sex abuse scandals.</li> <li>• GDPR – increased need and awareness to make sure we are doing the right things in terms of law and regulations.</li> <li>• Getting Young people in our parish and local area to become involved. We ask parents to encourage young people to come to mass.</li> <li>• Young people disengaged with Church. View that Mass and other church services are long and boring, Music is old fashioned and they are therefore not engaged / doesn’t feel inclusive - sing old slow</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home Masses in villages of the Parish</li> <li>• Social events in the church hall</li> <li>• Social events in open spaces/gardens as we did for Fr. Dominic’s Farewell.</li>   <li>• Our local town has grown in size and almost doubled in population, and we need to outreach to them, put on an event. A booklet has been prepared by local Churches Together to advertise local churches to those living in the new houses. Running an Open House might be a good idea. Possibly at Christmas. (This is being printed).</li>   <li>• People who already go to church want to be involved.</li>   <li>• In the past we have had Social Secretaries to help plan and organise events and this is something we will look at again.</li>   <li>• We have a fab church building and an even better church hall – let’s try to do some charity events like:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Saturday afternoon tea for older residents in Faringdon</li> <li>○ Monthly Coffee club open to all one morning.</li> <li>○ Bring and Buy sales to raise money for the current humanitarian crisis worldwide</li> <li>○ Look into how we can reach out to the many Mental Health / Disabilities charities – offer</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<p>hymns / songs. Possibly singing popular uplifting songs of worship which the whole parish can join in, will help us grow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Needs to do more with the church estate in Faringdon, offer the hall up for local charity events to fund raise for refugee families etc.</li><li>• Perception by the youth that only old people go to church</li><li>• We are blessed with Father Claro's compassion for the poor, and he has made us more aware of the divisions between those who have so much, and so many that don't.</li></ul> <p><b>Justice &amp; Peace Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To keep fair trade in churchgoers' minds when they make buying choices</li></ul>	<p>to provide resources of people's time for example - talking therapies, offer to do shopping for people, Organise for faithful to do check-in's / pop into old people living alone etc / Samaritans,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• With lots of you families in the parish, we need to get them involved in running events, not just attending events.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Need to make appeals in Church after Mass for volunteers to run events with support from PPC members – sponsors</li></ul></li><li>• Support for action around climate change. We have very active parishioners in this area. Possibly we could hold talks on Care for the Environment, linked to Catholic teaching.</li><li>• Build relationships with the communities in the local villages, Catholics and non-Catholics, with shared services in time. Building friendships and connections around shared values and Faith.</li><li>• Explore the possibility of having a Service at Buckland Church, depending on permissions. (It would be worth giving it publicity in Bampton as well as well as advertising in the Seven Voices newsletter.)</li></ul> <p><b>Justice &amp; Peace Group</b></p>
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- To make a success of the Mustard Seed fair trade stall after Mass
- To make sure tea, coffee and sugar for refreshments after Mass are always fairtrade
- To always buy toilet rolls and kitchen rolls for the church from the Mustard Seed
- To make the church as green as it can be – green energy, eco cleaning products, recycling, reducing plastic/waste
- To get more orders for Christmas hampers
- To find more volunteers to staff the shop from our congregation
- To resurrect the Justice and Peace Group

### **Music Ministry**

Whilst we are still in transition from the pandemic, we would aim to reintroduce all the previous elements of the music liturgy - with the pace of reintroduction dictated by the comfort zone of the community.

- while we're still zooming, with sound/video equipment where it is, it's more convenient to still have the musicians in the organ loft - and to use the organ for everything - rather than the piano.

- Restart Mustard Seed stall after Mass on first Sunday of the month, make special effort in lead up to Christmas
- To make the most of the 'build back better' mood after lockdown – buy less but buy better, think about its impact
- Hold Mustard Seed 'parties' in people's homes in November/December
- To make a difference in the wider world by supporting Cafod/Pax Christi events and campaigns

**Earth & Faith Group** – we have members on this ecumenical and environmental group. They organised a local Lent House Groups for us "Thy Kingdom Come". As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee they are asking us all to plant trees in Faringdon, and our parish is hoping to take part.

### **Music Ministry**

With an autumn/winter covid spike a distinct possibility, and with restrictions possibly RE-introduced, we feel that the cautious approach to reintroducing full music to our services probably continues to be the most appropriate way forward.

- It is hoped before too long we can return to normal
- Musicians at the front on the right - as part of the congregation

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many of the elements are interdependent, or dependent on other elements of the Mass being reintroduced, or other changes first taking place.</li> <li>• While there's no offertory collection, it makes sense not to have an offertory hymn</li> <li>• while the congregation are still wearing masks, it's difficult to have full-blooded congregational singing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accompaniment mostly provided by the piano plus other instruments, including the ukulele group.</li> <li>• Organ only for the more traditional hymns.</li> <li>• Monthly music chosen in rotation - one month in advance- by five different musicians</li> <li>• Psalmist schedules in place one year in advance</li> <li>• Hymn numbers put in the weekly newsletter for all to see, and hymn numbers announced also</li> <li>• Singing in parts</li> <li>• The Congregation have hymn books and Mass booklets allowing full congregational singing for the majority of the music. As well as entrance, communion and final hymns - there would also be an Offertory hymn. The sung parts of the Mass would include the Kyrie, Gloria, Psalm, Gospel Acclamation, Sanctus, Eucharistic acclamation, Great Amen, and Agnus Dei .</li> <li>• On occasion, The Our Father and/or sign-of-peace would also be sung .</li> </ul>
<p>Q4</p> <p>FOCUS ON YOUTH</p>	<p><b>Our Mission To Nurture the young people and youth of our parish to ensure they feel valued members of our community</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young people rely on their parents to bring them to church.</li> <li>• Sunday sports clubs preventing them from coming</li> <li>• Patchy attendance prevents them from getting to know and feel part of our Church Community.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have a very open community who want to embrace our youth. We wish to organise events for Young people.</li> <li>• Great track record of willing volunteers both for children's liturgy and Communion preparation.</li> <li>• We have a very approachable Priest who values youth in our community.</li> <li>• When youth do attend, we have the opportunity to make them feel welcome and to help them engage with their faith.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attending Church is not perceived as a “cool” thing to do and it may leave them vulnerable to teasing/bullying from their peers.</li> <li>• There is a pattern of young people being brought to church regularly to receive sacraments such as First Communion and Confirmation then as soon as they receive them, they disappear.</li> <li>• Young people need to feel that they are valued members of our community and that they have something to offer our community.</li> <li>• Support young people eg when they go through a rite of passage, such as going to University, to show them how much we value them, in practical ways. We need to know what steps they are taking to do this.</li> <li>• Young people disengaged with Church. They may view that is Mass and other church services are long and boring, that Music is old fashioned and they are therefore not engaged / doesn't feel inclusive - sing old slow hymns / songs. Possibly singing popular uplifting songs of worship which the whole parish can join in, will help us grow.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have a lovely church hall that could be used for youth functions.</li> <li>• Church WIFI can help make children's liturgy more engaging through multi media approaches.</li> <li>• Encourage teenagers to read at mass, eg Bidding Prayers, and liturgy. Encourage the youth to be Altar servers.</li> <li>• Possibly having a day of retreat day for young people eg La Salle Brothers etc.</li> <li>• Have a pizza evening for all youth, or confirmation group. Possibly with music. Or younger group.</li> <li>• The parish might be interested in doing a sponsored walk/run, perhaps over Advent or Lent. To raise money for Cafod or similar. A Parishioner has done similar with sports teams in the past, raising money for local hospices or children's charities. St John Paul II said that sports/athletics were the training ground of the virtues, and again it might be something that young people might want to get involved in.</li> </ul>
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<p>Q5 PRIORITISING OUR RESOURCES (FINANCES)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The quinquennial inspection of buildings is approaching, and this gives us a plan for the next 5 years. Our commitments financially are uncertain. We are constantly uncertain of how we will meet our financial commitments for repairs.</li> <li>• Extinction rebellion are campaigning against the Catholic church for investing in fossil fuels.</li> <li>• Charitable Giving – we no longer are able to do this as a parish and fund our own church expenses. We have in the past, but the challenge is to find ways to support charities close to our hearts whilst still funding our own needs.</li> <li>• We should start fundraising for the church buildings. We have some reserves but these could quickly depleted.</li> </ul> <p>We need to re-convene the Finance and Maintenance Committee.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a reminder to the parish of Gift Aid, Covenants, particularly with new parishioners. Wider promotion of this would be useful to the parish, an easy way to contribute to the parish. This was successful when we went to Zoom Masses during the pandemic.</li> <li>• We need to start fundraising for the church buildings by organising events.</li> <li>• We have net assets of £150K approximately, so are better off than many parishes. (largely due to the sale of the Buckland church).</li> <li>• With a new focus on using technology, perhaps we can move to contactless collections. As a society we carry less cash today, in part in response to the pandemic. This needs investigating.</li> </ul>
<p>Q6 PRIORITISING OUR RESOURCES (ESTATE: CHURCHES, HALLS, ETC.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our church is of historic importance and needs to be preserved. It is a Listed Building, Grade II so there are strict controls on permitted works. Permission is needed from Historic Churches. <a href="https://catholic-historic-churches.org.uk/churches/382">https://catholic-historic-churches.org.uk/churches/382</a></li> <li>• We are at the early stages of building works in the church to repair the subsiding flank wall. We will need an alternative venue for Worship during these repairs. (We are blessed to have received a grant to cover part of these repairs, £30K. This is likely to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our church building is of historic importance, it was built in the 1840's and is a former Congregational Hall. It is a Grade II listed building with the Conservation area of Faringdon.</li> <li>• Our church organ is also of historical importance.</li> <li>• We should seek to make greater use of lettings with our church hall and it is suggested we slightly increase our hourly rental rate. These currently include a Pilates Group, Oxfordshire County Council Families Group, parties and wedding receptions.</li> </ul>

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	<p>expire soon although an extension has been granted. It is hoped the structural engineer will pay a site visit in September/October. It is thought there are two possible causes of cracking 1) subsidence (insurance is likely to fund this repair), or 2) Roof spread (the parish would need to fund repairs.) Having a drone video of our roof would be helpful. (This is now in hand).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Our church organ is also of historic importance and needs preserving and maintaining. It needs to be kept at a constant humidity, and so we leave the heating on at a steady temperature.</li><li>• Our church was re-furbished about 10 years ago, together with our church hall which we were unable to use at the time.</li><li>• During the pandemic, we had WIFI installed so that Mass could be broadcast on Zoom, as with almost all other churches, to enable us to meet as a people of worship. (We need to retrospectively ask for permission for this). Similarly with our church banner which was given temporary permission.</li><li>• Routine maintenance includes – repair/replace side gate into our church courtyard, new locks on church main door (improved security), dishwasher in the hall (replace/repair) as well as reviewing a regular maintenance cycle, servicing boilers, fire and carbon monoxide alarms and fire equipment.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We have been blessed to have one parishioner who has almost single-handedly maintained the fabric of the church for 40 years, he deserves a medal for such dedicated and quiet service. Several people are needed to fill these shoes.</li><li>• An up to date sound system would facilitate better feedback from children after their liturgy and for those with hearing loss to better engage with the Mass. This has been purchased but needs installing. We need to prioritise this.</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There is a need for a Sound System within our church. Currently the speakers and microphones in use are for connecting the sound to the Zoom Mass.</li></ul>	
Q7 WORKING TOGETHER IN OUR PASTORAL AREA (SHARING RESOURCES, PEOPLE & SUPPORT)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We have run a shared confirmation group every few years with St John Vianney Parish, but not recently.</li><li>• We are very active within Faringdon with our Churches together. We host shared services, music events and collaborate on local events, such as Christian plays, and worship.</li><li>• It is possible we can share a zoom mass in the future.</li></ul>
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	What are we proud of and want to keep?
SPIRITUAL RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have individual parishioners who are gifted spiritually. We have a holy people here.</li> <li>• We have a brilliant choir who uplift us in prayers and worship to God.</li> <li>• We have an on-going weekly Bible Zoom Meeting to discuss and prepare for Sunday's readings</li> <li>• We have ministers of the word and eucharist who visit the sick and lonely in the parish.</li> <li>• At the start of our Liturgy of the Word, Fr Claro has introduced a summary of the readings (which has come from the bible study group) and this has been welcomed.</li> <li>• We have a very strong ecumenical community here in Faringdon, with Churches Together in Faringdon. This has been running for many years. We regularly hold joint services such as Advent services and Women's World Day of Prayer. We are beginning to exchange Homilies.</li> <li>• We have recently held a Marian Day at Blessed Hugh, supporting local groups who hold the Rosary in their homes.</li> </ul>
NURTURING VOCATIONS AND SUPPORTING THE CLERGY	<p>We have supported the Mission Boxes for many years, supporting Missio.</p> <p>Whilst we had a period of 6 years without a resident priest, we were blessed to have visiting priests, particularly for several years Fr Paul from Blackfriars, in Oxford, supported us and Canon Peter who had retired. We were so blessed to have wonderful priests such as Fr Dominic Adeiza and more recently Fr Claro Conde.</p>
BUILDING COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We area community that cares for each other in practical ways – prayers, lifts to mass, etc In our Parish life, we would wish to see more people getting involved in the various ministries, our history of caring about one another was one to be proud of, and could be again.</li> <li>• We have ministries for Music, Children's liturgy, Readers, Eucharistic Minsters, Welcoming Team, Coffee Team, Lettings ministry, Flower arrangers and all of these we are proud of. These each serve the our parish and local community in diverse ways, all symbols of our Faith.</li> <li>• Our church started the Faringdon Food Bank, and we still support this. (One of our members has received an award for this). All part of our Corporal works of Mercy.</li> <li>• We have kept the Mustard Seed stall going for nearly 40 years! We sell more than any other church in Faringdon.</li> <li>• Proud of our church's longstanding commitment to the Mustard Seed, (<a href="http://www.mustardseed.org.uk">www.mustardseed.org.uk</a> ) , through sales, volunteers in the shop and on the management committee.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We used to be proud of the fact that we gave 50% of our church giving to charity, but that has not been possible in recent years</li><li>• We are blessed with a very active Music Ministry. In normal years, the Congregation have hymn books and Mass booklets allowing full congregational singing for the majority of the music. As well as entrance, communion and final hymns - there would also be an Offertory hymn. The sung parts of the Mass would include the Kyrie, Gloria, Psalm, Gospel Acclamation, Sanctus, Eucharistic acclamation, Great Amen, and Agnus Dei . On occasion, The Our Father and/or sign-of-peace would also be sung .</li><li>• A member of our community has received a community award for her work with the Food Bank.</li><li>• Members of our community have received a Queen’s Award for community work with cycling. (They are amazing although not limited to our parish.)</li><li>• Our connectivity during the pandemic – our webmaster who maintains all our online meetings, Bible Studies, Masses etc.</li></ul>
FOCUS ON YOUTH	<p>We are blessed to have such gifted musicians in the parish and one of their members started a Ukulele Group. They have often played at Christmas Masses.</p> <p>Several of our members have received Community awards for helping young people with Cycling (Children’s Cycle Park and Farcycles Group).</p>

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<p>PRIORITISING OUR RESOURCES (FINANCES)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That we have some reserves, but prudently manage our finances.</li> </ul>
<p>PRIORITISING OUR RESOURCES (ESTATE: CHURCHES, HALLS, ETC.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We love our buildings; they give us a sense of peace and a Holy place.</li> <li>• Our courtyard has recently been re-designed with Flowers and Plants from The Free Faringdon Food, the main wall has been creatively restored with a beautiful artwork by a local artist, Karen Vogt. This courtyard was particularly important as during recent lockdowns we used the courtyard for private prayer.</li> <li>• A new Bench has been donated for the courtyard.</li> <li>• The front garden was also transformed recently during Fr Paul's ministry here.</li> <li>• Our Floor in the church Hall has been replaced with a solid oak floor which is beautiful.</li> <li>• We now have a stunning crucifix over our Altar (Thanks to Fr J.P and Fr Leslie Adams).</li> <li>• We have been blessed to have one parishioner who has almost single-handedly maintained the fabric of the church for 40 years, he deserves a medal for such dedicated and quiet service.</li> </ul>
<p>WORKING TOGETHER IN OUR PASTORAL AREA (SHARING RESOURCES, PEOPLE &amp; SUPPORT)</p>	<p>Our Christian witness in the local community – Events such as a Christmas Play in the Market Square, Easter services in the Market Square. A Christian shop here in Faringdon (The Mustard Seed).</p>

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	What needs to change to realise a vibrant Catholic Church in the future?
SPIRITUAL RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. We just need to evolve to get more people to participate in our parish spiritual and sacramental programs</li><li>b. As a new comer in the parish, I need to know more about the place and the people. I need to visit villages and families to tap talents, time and treasure Resources. We are forming a team and started Holy Masses and Rosaries at Homes.</li><li>c. We also need to share our resource in our Pastoral Area and Deanery.</li><li>d. Possibly the final message in the Homily could be very clear, so we can take something home to ponder.</li></ul>
NURTURING VOCATIONS AND SUPPORTING THE CLERGY	

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<p>BUILDING COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A coffee morning once a month in the hall which could include those retired, unemployed, part time work, mums or dads looking after pre-school age children. Would have a set time eg, 9.30am to 11.30am or 10.00am to 12,00 noon.</li> <li>2. Social events in the hall. In the past we have had a Race Night, Burns Night,</li> <li>3. Hold a Christmas Service in the Catholic Church in Buckland.</li> <li>4. Continue to encourage more Home Masses</li> </ol>
<p>FOCUS ON YOUTH</p>	<p>To encourage more children at Mass maybe once a month or every two months have Sunday Mass where the children participate where they can. Child friendly hymns, a sermon focused on children, children helping with the Offertory. Encourage parents of the children attending Children’s Liturgy and later those preparing for First Communion to take a more active role in the Mass.</p> <p>Rather than chatting to just parents after Mass over tea and coffee, we should be directly addressing the children, with parental permission. Members of the PPC and wider community should be building relationships with young people that are separate to their parents. Take an interest in their studies/career aspirations, arrange to help with studies or arrange work experience visits for them. Give them opportunities that their parents may not be able to give them.</p> <p>Home work clubs, Parish Youth trips, Parish bursaries for studies? Help with sports training.</p> <p>Give the Youth some responsibility, e.g. Zoom buddies for elderly living alone, visits to old people’s homes, fund raising, get them to mentor children that are younger than them. Show case youth who serve our community already such as Teresa Malvelli as a role model.</p> <p>Make them feel equal and give them a voice. Youth rep on the PPC?</p> <p>We could provide a voluntary taxi service to take young people to Mass whose parents have to take other members of the family to football etc.</p> <p>There are many members of our community who could offer youth who feel stressed a kindly listening ear and counselling.</p> <p>We could pair each youth member of our Parish with a 1:1 mentor who would be their “go to” person for help and guidance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everyone needs to feel part of the community, to get involved in issues of justice and peace, whether it’s just buying their coffee or Christmas cards from the Mustard Seed stall or taking action on climate change</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We need to feel part of the wider Catholic community by taking part in national events like family fast days and water campaigns etc.</li></ul>
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What needs to change to realise a vibrant Catholic Church in the future?	
PRIORITISING OUR RESOURCES (FINANCES)	
PRIORITISING OUR RESOURCES (ESTATE: CHURCHES, HALLS, ETC.)	The repairs need to be completed before the building becomes unstable.

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WORKING TOGETHER IN OUR PASTORAL AREA (SHARING RESOURCES, PEOPLE & SUPPORT)	Building rapport with the local Deanery and Pastoral Area now that Canon Turbitt has retired.
OTHER	

	Taking into account your responses so far: What help to do you need to achieve this and from whom?
SPIRITUAL RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• As a new comer in the parish, I need to know more about the place and the people. I need to visit villages and families to tap talents, time and treasure Resources. We are forming a team and started Holy Masses and Rosaries at Homes.</li><li>• We also need to share our resources in our Pastoral Area and Deanery.</li></ul>

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NURTURING VOCATIONS AND SUPPORTING THE CLERGY	
BUILDING COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fr. Claro is very good at preaching on social justice and inequality, following Pope Francis' teachings. More of the same please!</li><li>• A Justice and Peace Group could organise local talks/films etc combining learning about issues with time to socialise and getting to know each other. They could also keep us informed about Cafod activities that we could take part in</li></ul>
FOCUS ON YOUTH	
	<p>Taking into account your responses so far: What help to do you need to achieve this and from whom?</p>
PRIORITISING OUR RESOURCES (FINANCES)	

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<p>PRIORITISING OUR RESOURCES (ESTATE: CHURCHES, HALLS, ETC.)</p>	<p>We are being prudent about any general maintenance within the church until the subsidence has been completed as we are unsure of what our parish contribution will be.</p>
<p>WORKING TOGETHER IN OUR PASTORAL AREA (SHARING RESOURCES, PEOPLE &amp; SUPPORT)</p>	
<p>OTHER</p>	

Is there anything else you think we should take into consideration at this stage?

This report has been presented at an AGM on 13<sup>th</sup> October. Feedback has been included above, but the consensus was that we need to prioritise what we can do in the short term, medium and longer term.

This report has been compiled with input from many hands within the parish, including:

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