

Buildings for Mission response form

Thank you for consulting **Buildings for Mission: a Strategic Toolkit** (www.lichfield.anglican.org/buildings-for-mission (<http://www.lichfield.anglican.org/buildings-for-mission>)), which has been designed to support parishes in the Diocese of Lichfield from summer 2021. The responses to the form below will be sent to your Archdeacon, who will advise you on the next steps in the process. Responses will only be used internally by the diocese. (The form has 30 questions, structured in 8 sections).

* Required

About your church building

1. Name of parish and church (e.g. Ellesmere, St Mary) *

2. Archdeaconry (in which the church is situated) – this can be located via the 'Find a Church' search on the diocesan website (www.lichfield.anglican.org/acny (<http://www.lichfield.anglican.org/acny>)) *

- Lichfield
- Salop
- Stoke-upon-Trent
- Walsall

General information

3. How is your church building used in a typical week (i.e. services/events/activities and numbers attending)?

4. Briefly describe your local community – for example: rural or urban; age/ethnic profile; key employers/industries. Is it a commuter village; are there new housing developments?

5. What other community facilities are in your local area?

6. What is your average Sunday attendance? (If you see more people regularly during the week, please add the information here).

What is the condition of your building?

7. What was the date of your last quinquennial inspection (required every five years)?

8. What urgent works were recommended for the church building and/or grounds and have these been done? (Details of work should be recorded in the log book and reported annually in the fabric report at the APCM).

Early intervention

The questions below are taken from the **early intervention protocol** in toolkit module 1 (www.lichfield.anglican.org/buildings-for-mission/toolkit-module-1.php (<http://www.lichfield.anglican.org/buildings-for-mission/toolkit-module-1.php>)). Please discuss these as a PCC/DCC and answer Yes or No to each question:

9. Is the church growing in mission? *

Yes

No

10. Is it accessible and does it have suitable facilities? *

Yes

No

11. Could a worshipping community share its building with a different denomination? *

Yes

No

12. With the right support could a building have other purposes that might supplement its income and make it more attractive to funders (community organisations, café, post office etc.)? *

Yes

No

13. Could your church either individually or as part of a group engage in church tourism? *

Yes

No

14. Can it improve its environmental offering on the path towards net zero carbon by 2030? *

Yes

No

15. Would another model of church help (e.g. Festival Church)? *

Yes

No

16. Are there other options that could be considered (e.g. sharing, leasing, closure)? *

Yes

No

What have you identified as a project or concern?

Using the notes that you created when reading **toolkit modules 1–4** (www.lichfield.anglican.org/buildings-for-mission (<http://www.lichfield.anglican.org/buildings-for-mission>)), please provide information on your concerns or project idea:

17. If it is a concern, what is it and what ideas do you have to resolve this?

18. If it is a project, please briefly describe it.

19. How many church people are available to work on this?

20. Has your project or concern been discussed and minuted by the PCC/DCC, and what information have you shared with your Archdeacon?

Finance

21. If this idea will need money, do you know what it will cost? (Please provide as much information as possible).

22. Do you think it is realistically achievable?

23. Do you have any funding to put towards it, and if so where has it come from?

24. It is important that the PCC/DCC pays into the Common Fund (previously Parish Share). Will you be able to pay your contribution in full this year?

Yes

No

25. Please provide information on your other usual expenditure.

Finally

26. Is your vicar due to take a sabbatical in the next 3–5 years?

27. What do you want advice on? *

About you

28. Your full name *

29. Role (e.g. PCC member) *

30. Contact details (email address and/or phone number) *

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