

## Oswin

### How we felt:

- Anxious. We were doing well before COVID-19 because the parish share request was realistic. But with COVID-19 there was lots of digging into reserves this year. People felt concern about whether we are able to strive for that level in the next year (we had seen significant reductions in income eg from weddings, lettings etc..)

### What really matters:

- Work to share the gospel with children who have been caught by this COVID time. We noted the importance of support for parishes, especially those less well resourced or confident and especially at present.
- We wanted to do things to support the priorities that Mark had talked about.

### How might we do this:

- Can't keep overspending – need to raise more cash – perhaps by more clearly setting out the hope that people might give more generously (reference to 2009 document which suggested 10% of ones income might be split 50-50 between charities and the church)
- We should review the number of buildings we have – can we afford to maintain a presence in each locality? Can we find partnerships and other uses to maintain them? But we recognised that that wont work for all of them.
- We did touch on potential to get a short term loan perhaps from the church commissioners but decided that was an unlikely scenario.
- The focus must be on what really matters.

The 'one thing' for all who spoke in the second breakout was the importance of attending to poorer parishes, and not just listening to louder voices – to offer something to them, especially when cutting some central support.