

Regular Worshippers in our new benefice in the area of Curry Rivel and Langport

Saturday, September 21, 2024

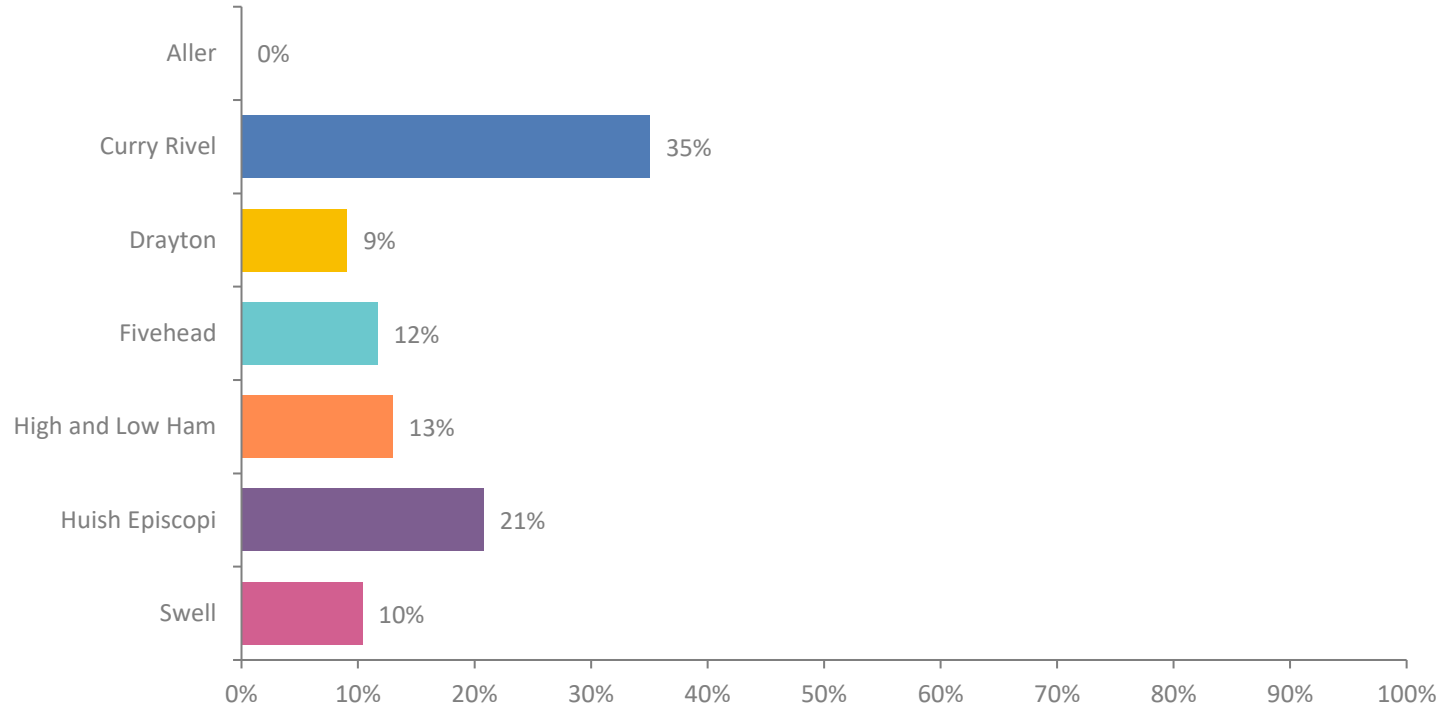
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Total Responses

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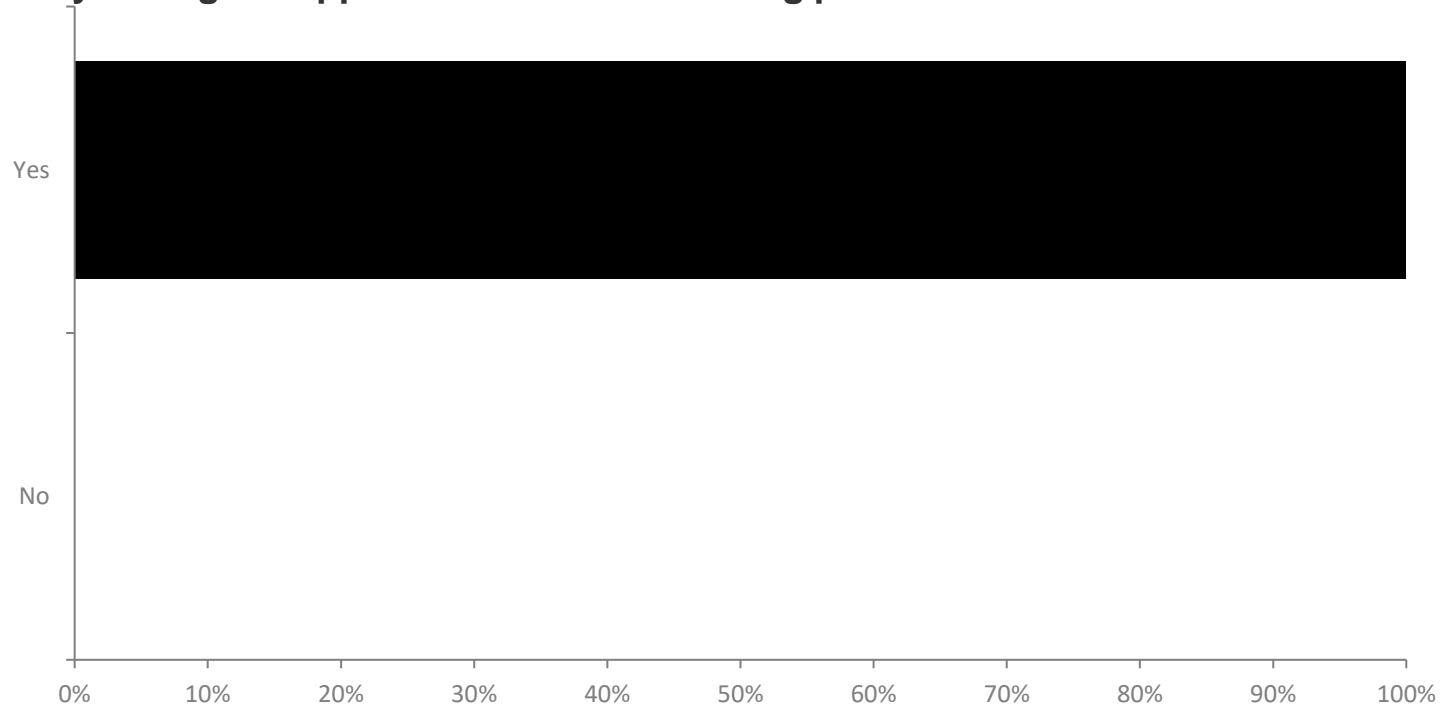
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES per parish as % of total	Numbers	% of Electoral Roll
Aller	0%	0	0%
Curry Rivel	35%	27	40%
Drayton	9%	7	18%
Fivehead	12%	9	23%
High and Low Ham	13%	10	27%
Huish Episcopi	21%	16	27%
Swell	10%	8	36%
TOTAL		77	

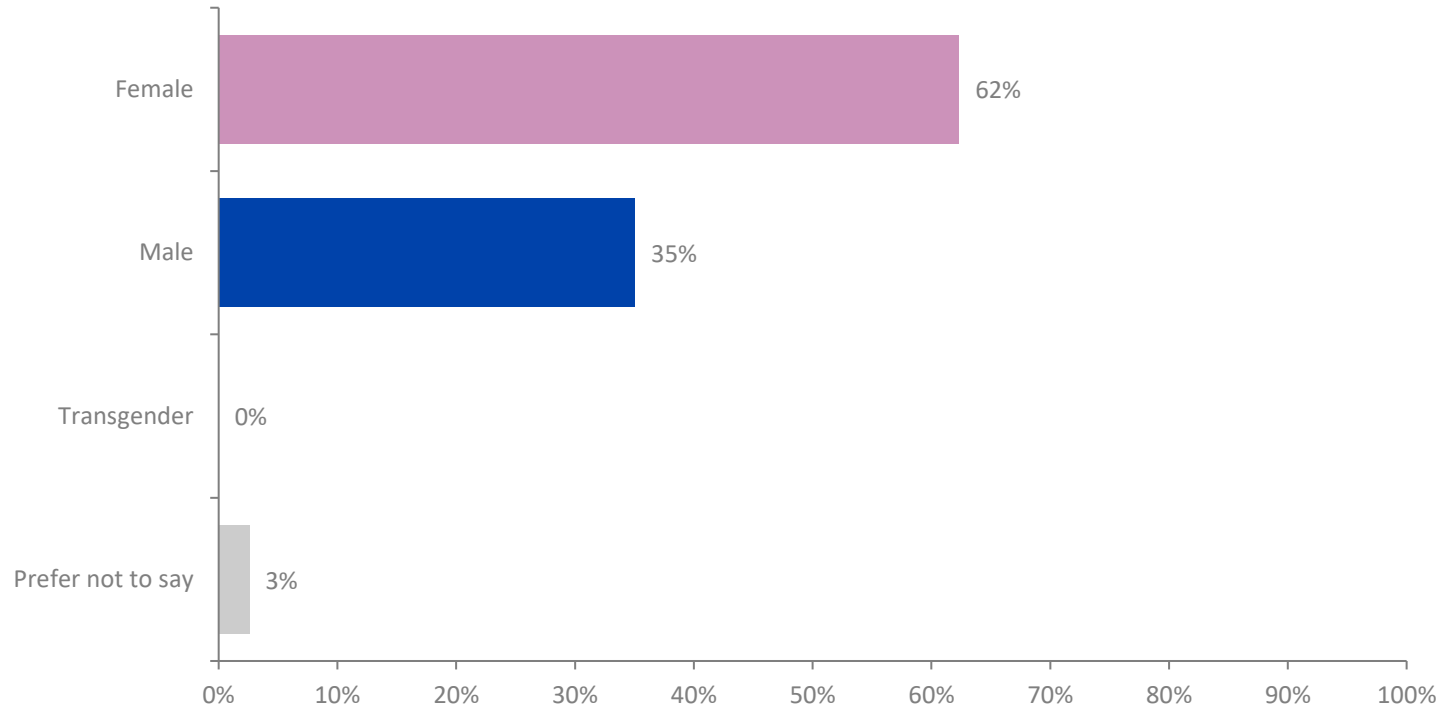
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	77
No	0.00%	0
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Q3: But first a few questions about you. These are voluntary but will allow us to check that we are speaking to a proper cross section of the worshippers in the new Benefice. They will be treated in the strictest confidence. What is your gender?

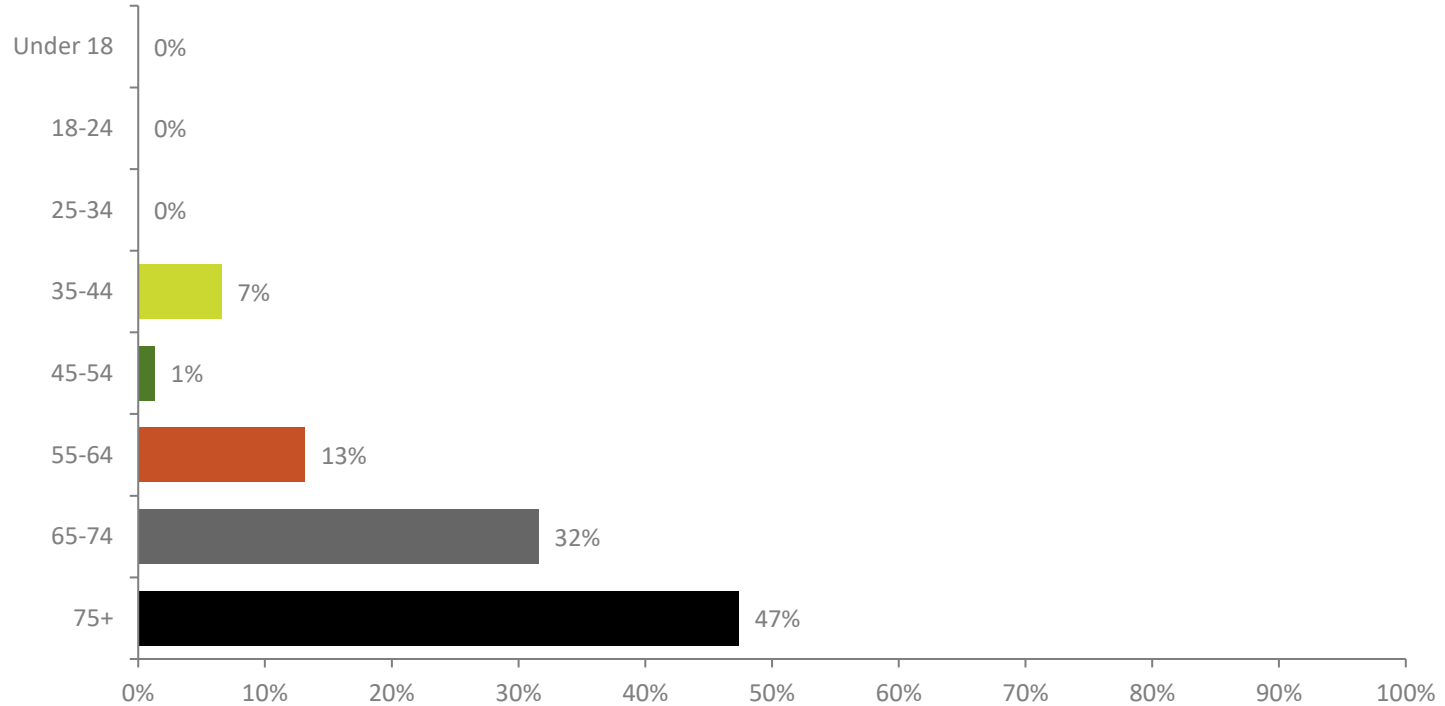


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Female	62%	48
Male	35%	27
Transgender	0%	0
Prefer not to say	3%	2
TOTAL		77

Q4: What is your age?

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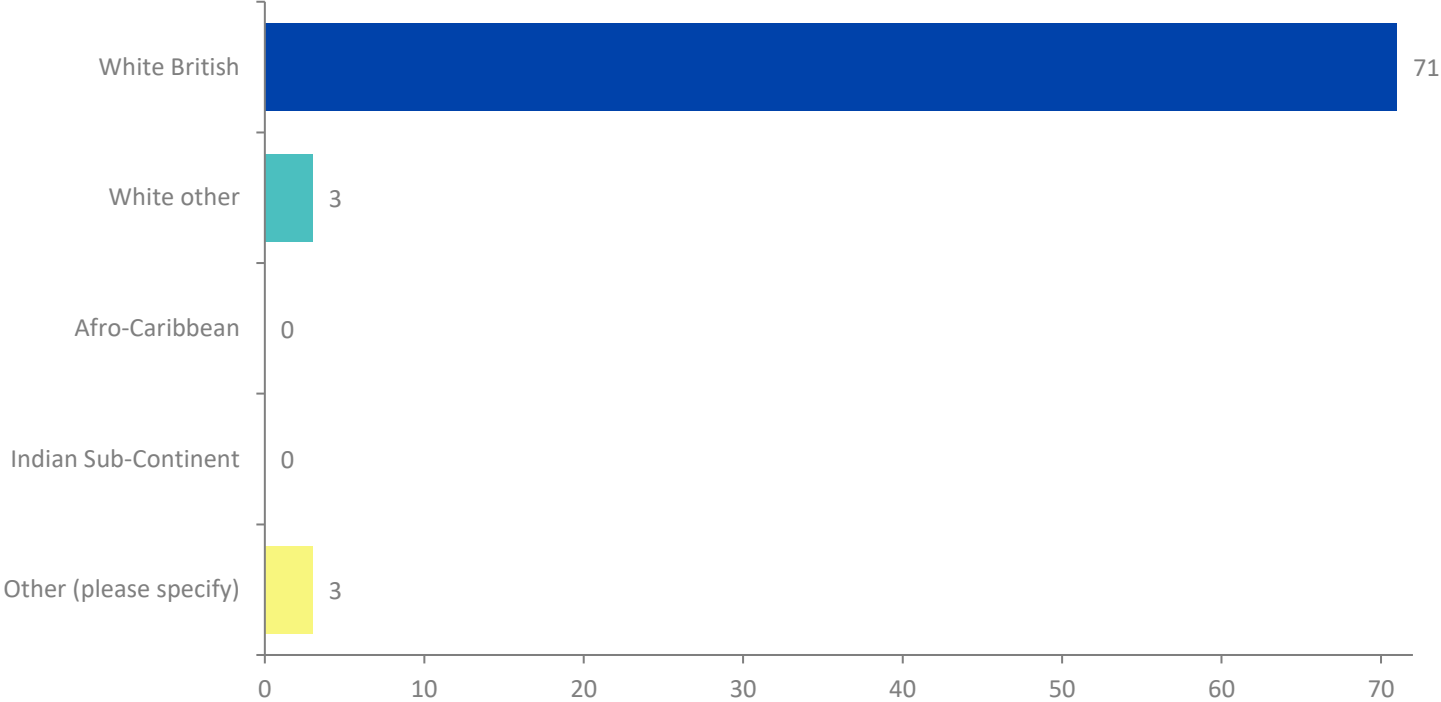


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0%	
18-24	0%	0
25-34	0%	0
35-44	7%	5
45-54	1%	1
55-64	13%	10
65-74	32%	24
75+	47%	36
TOTAL		76

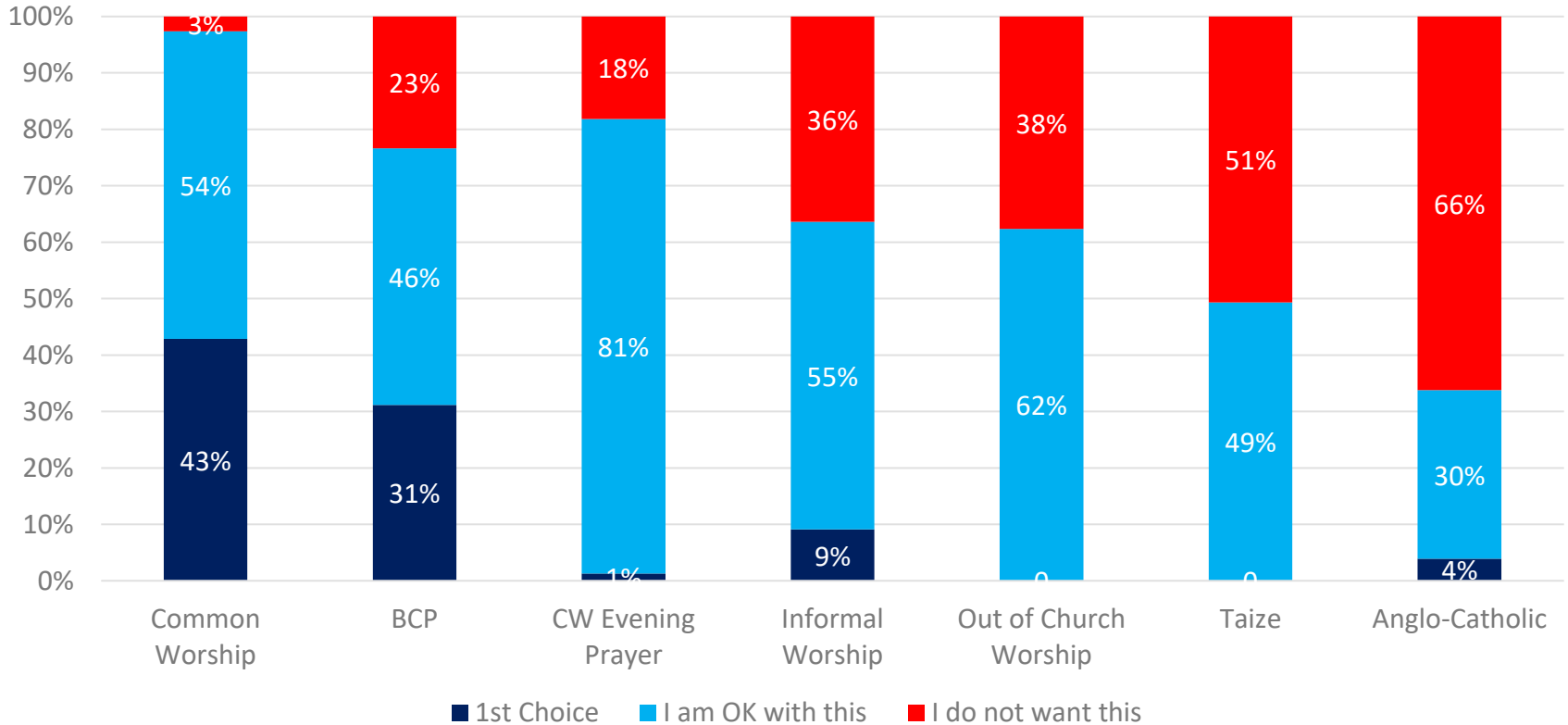
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
White British	92%	71
White other	4%	3
Afro-Caribbean	0%	0
Indian Sub-Continent	0%	0
Other (Welsh, Keltoi and Malaysian)	4%	3
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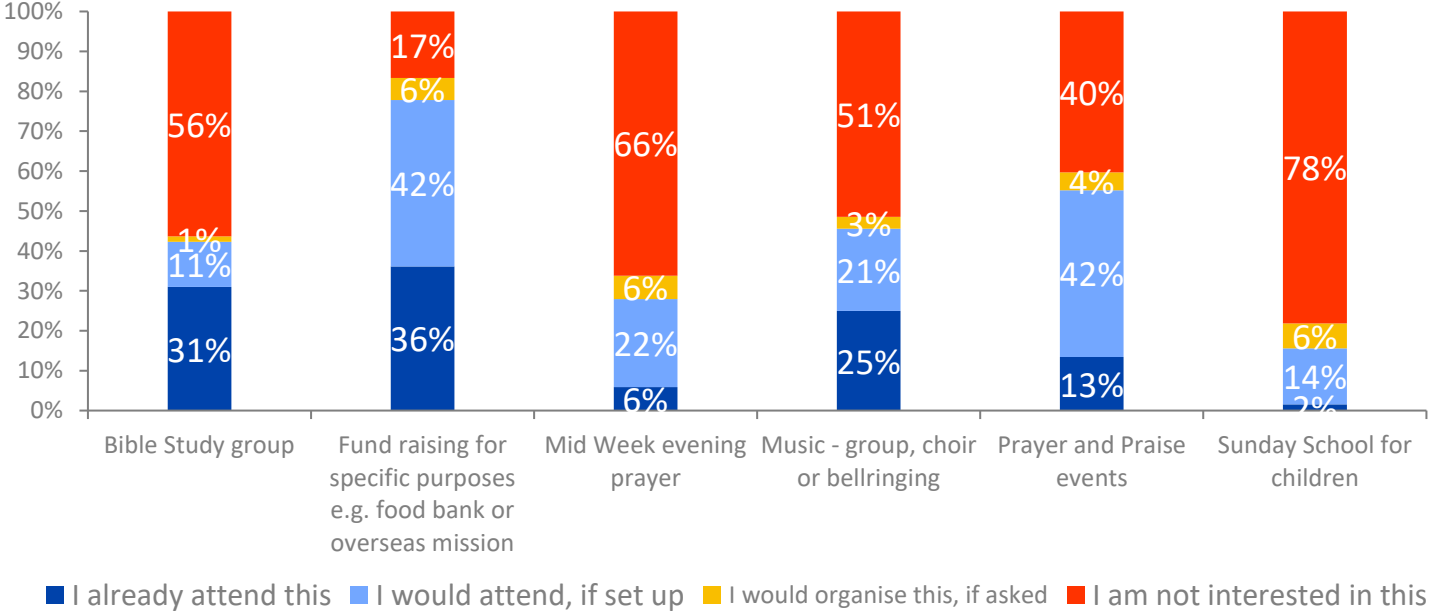
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	1ST CHOICE	I AM OK WITH THIS	I DO NOT LIKE THIS	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Common Worship Communion	43% 33	54% 42	3% 2	77	3.38
Book of Common Prayer 1662	31% 24	46% 35	23% 18	77	2.84
Common Worship Evening Prayer	1% 1	81% 62	18% 14	77	2.65
Informal Church Worship without a formal liturgy	9% 7	55% 42	36% 28	77	2.36
Worship outside a church setting	0% 0	62% 48	38% 29	77	2.25
Taize or Meditative worship	0% 0	49% 38	51% 39	77	1.99
Anglo-Catholic High Mass	4% 3	30% 23	66% 51	77	1.71

Q6: Preferred Churchmanship by parish

	Common Worship	BCP	CW Evening Prayer	Informal Worship	Non-Church Worship	Taize	Anglo-Catholic
Benefice	3.38	2.84	2.65	2.36	2.25	1.99	1.71
Curry Rivel	3.59	2.30	2.81	2.63	2.56	1.96	1.44
Drayton	3.29	2.71	2.43	2.57	2.43	1.86	2.14
Fivehead	3.33	3.11	2.78	2.44	2.33	2.11	1.00
High Ham	3.30	3.50	2.80	2.10	2.00	2.00	1.60
Huish Episcopi	3.31	2.81	2.50	2.38	2.13	1.75	2.44
Swell	3.00	3.75	2.25	1.50	1.50	2.50	1.75

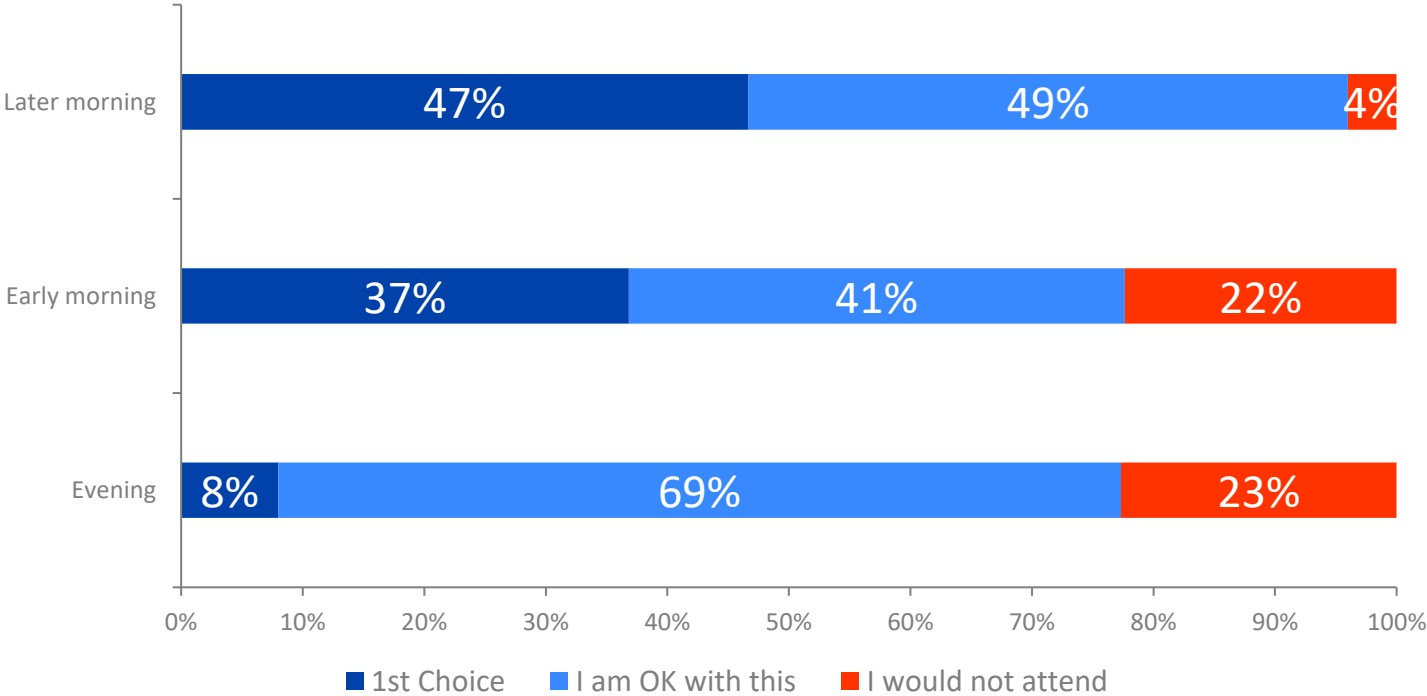
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	I ALREADY ATTEND THIS	I WOULD ATTEND, IF SET UP	I WOULD ORGANISE THIS, IF ASKED	I AM NOT INTERESTED IN THIS	TOTAL
Bible Study group	31% 22	11% 8	1% 1	56% 40	71
Fund raising for specific purposes	36% 26	42% 30	6% 4	17% 12	72
Mid-Week evening prayer	6% 4	22% 15	6% 4	66% 45	68
Music - group, choir or bellringing	25% 17	21% 14	3% 2	51% 35	68
Prayer and Praise events	13% 9	42% 28	4% 3	40% 27	67
Sunday School for children	2% 1	14% 9	6% 4	78% 50	64

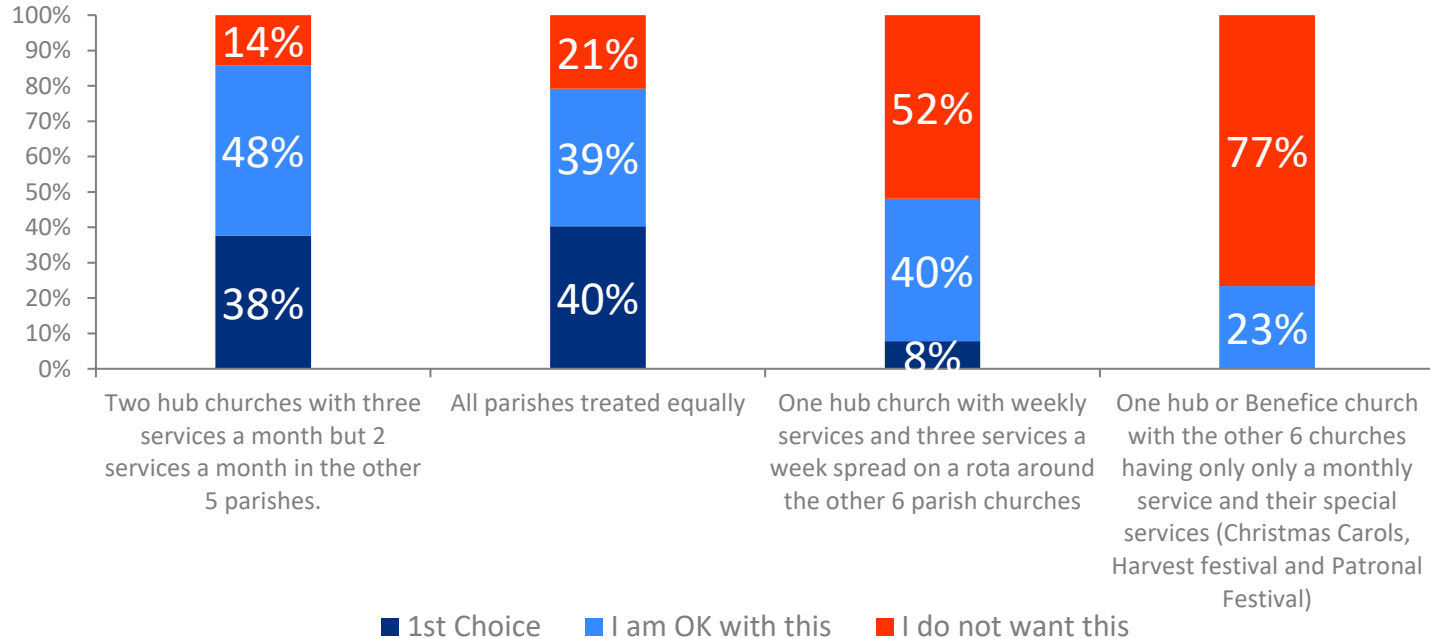
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	1ST CHOICE	I AM OK WITH THIS	I WOULD NOT ATTEND	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Later morning	47% 35	49% 37	4% 3	75	3.39
Early morning	37% 28	41% 31	22% 17	76	2.92
Evening	8% 6	69% 52	23% 17	75	2.63

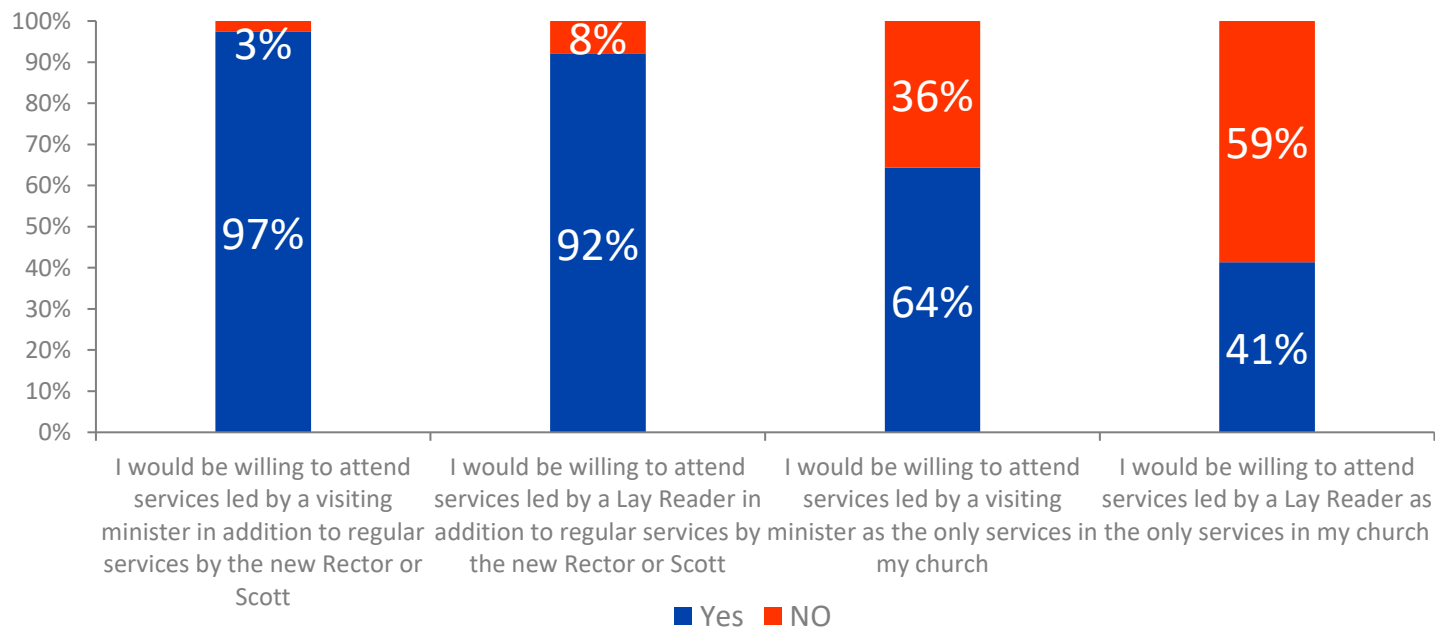
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	1ST CHOICE	I AM OK WITH THIS	I DO NOT WANT THIS	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Two hub churches with three services a month but 2 services a month in the other 5 parishes.	38% 29	48% 37	14% 11	77	3.09
All parishes treated equally	40% 31	39% 30	21% 16	77	2.99
One hub church with weekly services and three services a week spread on a rota around the other 6 parish churches	8% 6	40% 31	52% 40	77	2.04
One hub or Benefice church with the other 6 churches having only only a monthly service and their special services (Christmas Carols, Harvest festival and Patronal Festival)	0% 0	23% 18	77% 59	77	1.47

Q10: Of course, the new Rector and Scott are not the only people who can conduct services. Would you be happy to attend services offered by a visiting minister or Lay Reader, either instead of services from the Rector or as an additional regular service. Please tick all that apply.

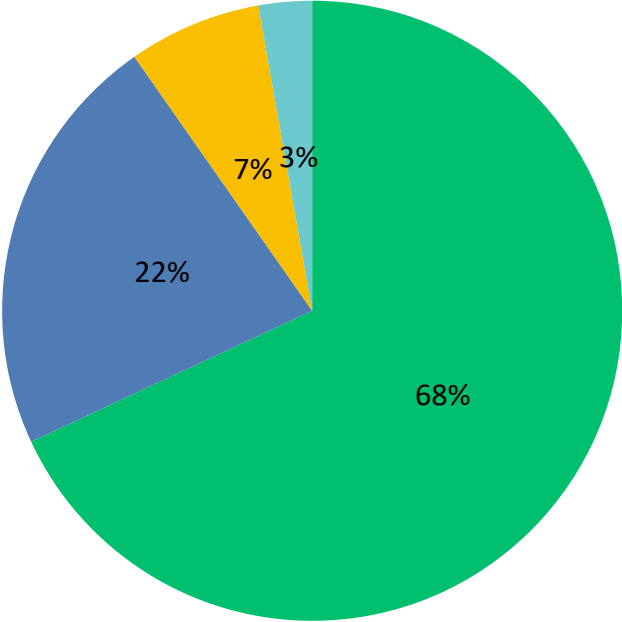


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	YES	NO	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
I would be willing to attend services led by a visiting minister in addition to regular services by the new Rector or Scott	97% 75	3% 2	77	0.97
I would be willing to attend services led by a Lay Reader in addition to regular services by the new Rector or Scott	92% 69	8% 6	75	0.92
I would be willing to attend services led by a visiting minister as the only services in my church	64% 47	36% 26	73	0.64
I would be willing to attend services led by a Lay Reader as the only services in my church	41% 31	59% 44	75	0.41

Q11: We are looking for a name for the new benefice. What do you suggest?

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■ Heart of the Levels ■ Other (please specify) ■ All's Well ■ Portway

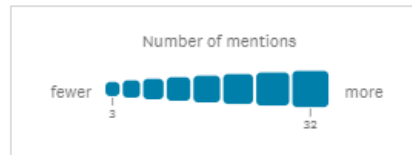
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Heart of the Levels	68%	49
Other (please specify)	22%	16
All's Well	7%	5
Portway	3%	2
TOTAL		72

Q12. How would you describe your ideal new Rector – what values are important to you?

Approachable sense humour
listen inspiring care Bible young
Someone oneparishioners
attend parishes **church** good Empathy
known work person sermons
love people will community family
children need make understanding
congregations good communicator



Q12: How would you describe your ideal new Rector – what values are important to you?

- ❖ 16 Sociable, sense of fun
- ❖ 14 Strong or Bible based faith
- ❖ 13 Strong on pastoral care – including house calls
- ❖ 12 Will work in and with the community
- ❖ 12 A good communicator
- ❖ 12 An organized manager and team worker
- ❖ 10 Keen to work with children
- ❖ 8 Will work with all traditions
- ❖ 7 Compassionate
- ❖ 7 Approachable
- ❖ 6 Good listener
- ❖ 6 A Leader
- ❖ 6 Learned
- ❖ 6 Open to new ideas
- ❖ 5 Common Sense and Practicable
- ❖ 4 Flexible
- ❖ 4 Inspiring
- ❖ 4 Empathy
- ❖ 3 Enthusiastic
- ❖ 3 Good reputation and Probity
- ❖ 3 Short sermons

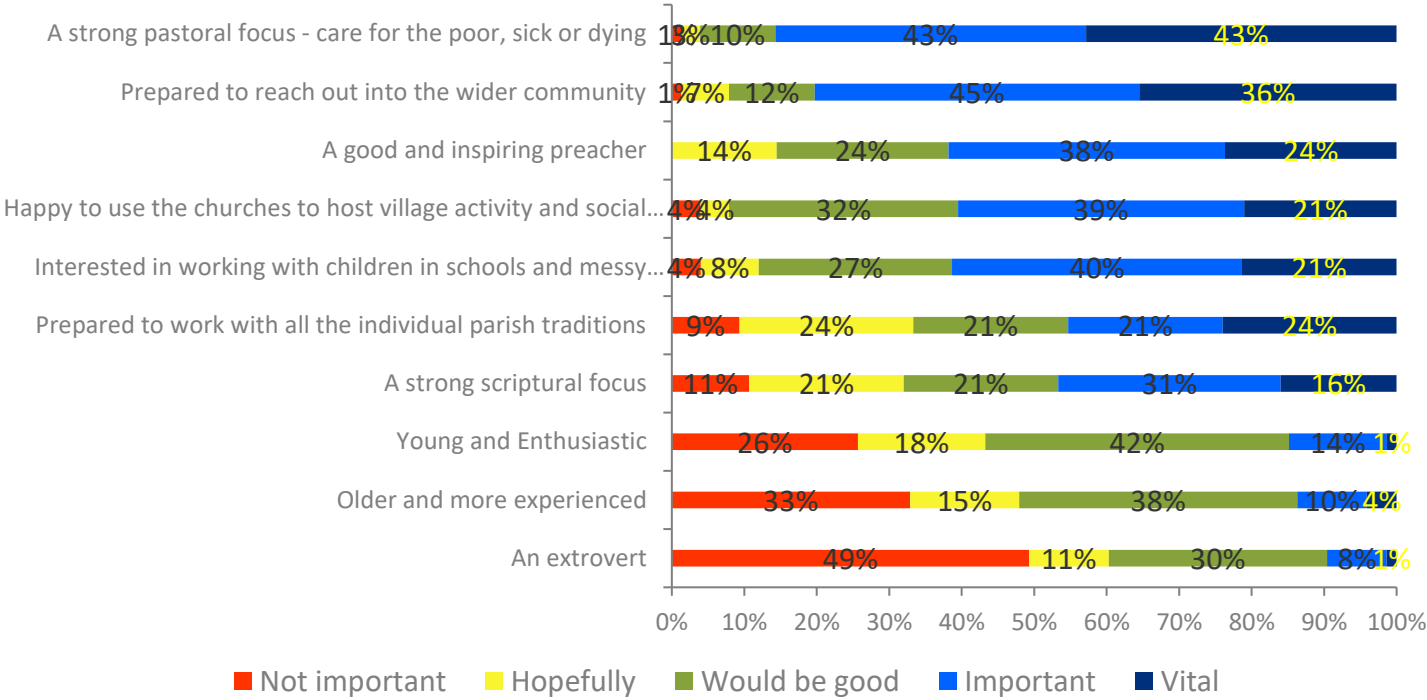
Responses from 69 people

Q13: What would you not want the new Rector to be like or do?

- ❖ 15 Inflexible, wont listen, my way only
- ❖ 8 Only work with one type of service or tradition
- ❖ 8 Unsociable, grumpy, boring
- ❖ 7 Traditional
- ❖ 4 Tied up in admin
- ❖ 4 Try to do it all themselves, wont delegate
- ❖ 2 Jobsworth – things they won't do
- ❖ 2 Long sermons
- ❖ 1 Bee in bonnet

Responses received from 61 people

Q14: We will have to pray very hard to get a “perfect” new Rector, so some compromise may be necessary. Please rate the following facets of the Rector's role in importance to you. ("Vital" means we must not appoint someone who cannot demonstrate this quality, even if otherwise excellent)



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	NOT IMPORTANT	HOPEFULLY	WOULD BE GOOD	IMPORTANT	VITAL	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
A strong pastoral focus - care for the poor, sick or dying	1% 1	3% 2	10% 8	43% 33	43% 33	77	4.23
Prepared to reach out into the wider community	1% 1	7% 5	12% 9	45% 34	36% 27	76	4.07
A good and inspiring preacher	0% 0	14% 11	24% 18	38% 29	24% 18	76	3.71
Happy to use the churches to host village activity and social events	4% 3	4% 3	32% 24	39% 30	21% 16	76	3.70
Interested in working with children in schools and messy church	4% 3	8% 6	27% 20	40% 30	21% 16	75	3.67
Prepared to work with all the individual parish traditions	9% 7	24% 18	21% 16	21% 16	24% 18	75	3.27
A strong scriptural focus	11% 8	21% 16	21% 16	31% 23	16% 12	75	3.20
Young and Enthusiastic	26% 19	18% 13	42% 31	14% 10	1% 1	74	2.47
Older and more experienced	33% 24	15% 11	38% 28	10% 7	4% 3	73	2.37
An extrovert	49% 36	11% 8	30% 22	8% 6	1% 1	73	2.01

Q15: Tell us what you want us to hear

- ❖ Too diverse to summarise!!
- ❖ List of responses available as a separate pdf file