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

Saturday, September 21, 2024

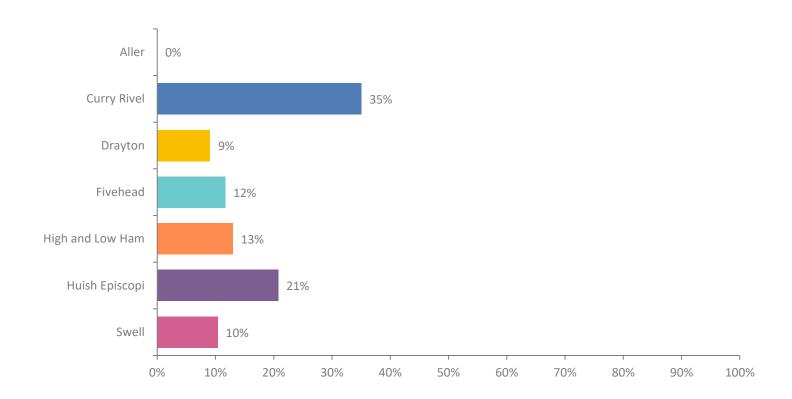
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Total Responses

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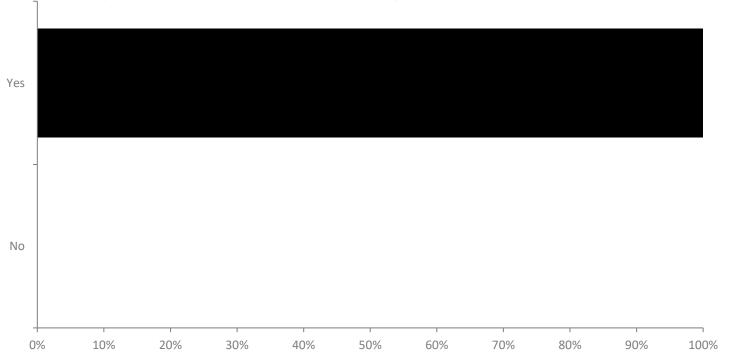
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES per parish as % of total | Numbers | % of Electoral Roll |
|------------------|------------------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Aller | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Curry Rivel | 35% | 27 | 40% |
| Drayton | 9% | 7 | 18% |
| Fivehead | 12% | 9 | 23% |
| High and Low Ham | 13% | 10 | 27% |
| Huish Episcopi | 21% | 16 | 27% |
| Swell | 10% | 8 | 36% |
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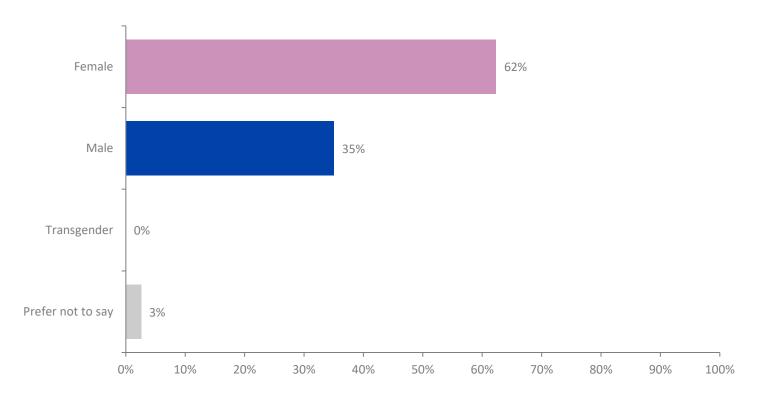
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|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 100.00% | 77 |
| No | 0.00% | 0 |
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Q3: But first a few questions about you. These are voluntary but will allow us to check that we are speaking to a proper cross section of the worshippers in the new Benefice. They will be treated in the strictest confidence. What is your gender?

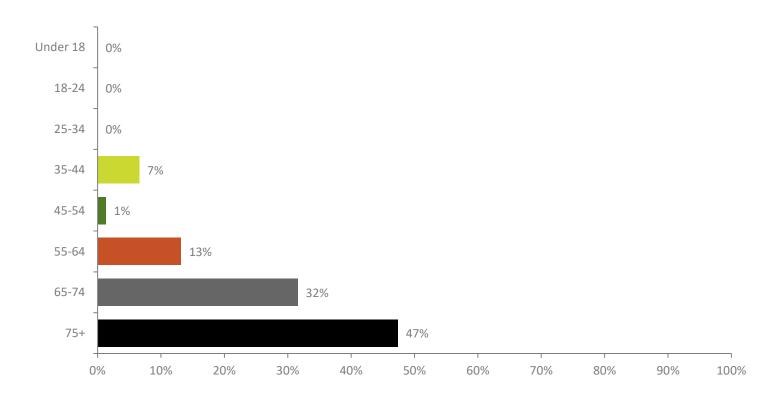


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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-------------------|-----------|----|
| Female | 62% | 48 |
| Male | 35% | 27 |
| Transgender | 0% | 0 |
| Prefer not to say | 3% | 2 |
| TOTAL | | 77 |

Q4: What is your age?

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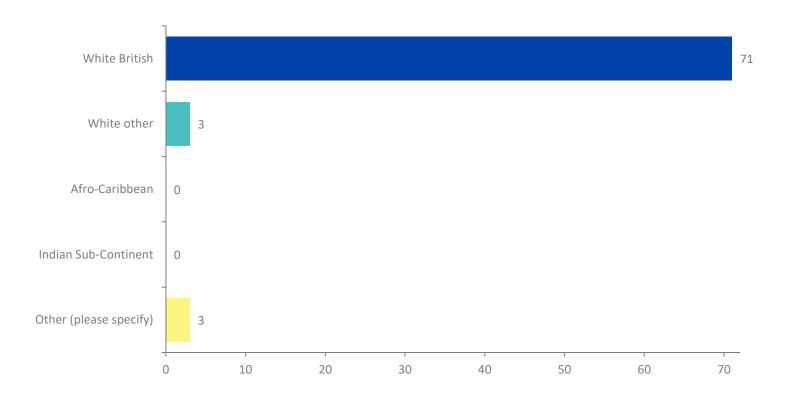


Q4: What is your age?

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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 |

Q5: What is your race?

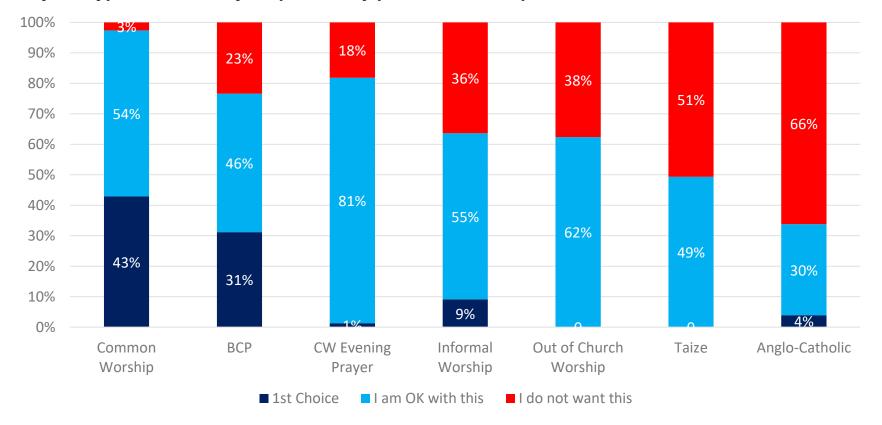




Q5: What is your race?

| 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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Q6: There are many types of churchmanship and services in different CofE churches. Please say the type of services you, personally prefer or do not prefer.



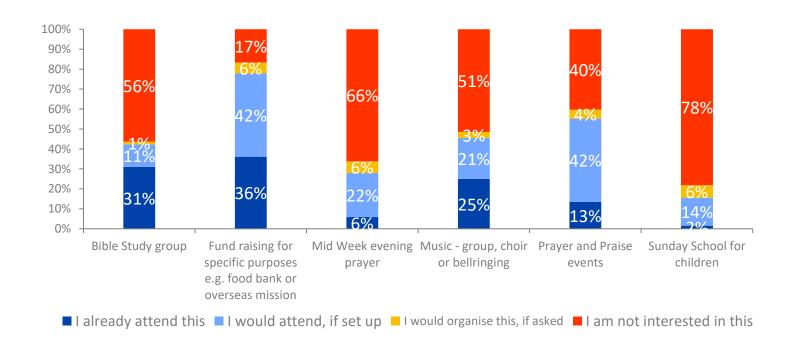
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| | 1ST CHOICE | I AM OK WITH THIS | I DO NOT LIKE THIS | TOTAL | WEIGHTED AVERAGE |
|--|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Common Worship Communion | 43% 33 | 54% 42 | 3% 2 | 77 | 3.38 |
| 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 | ВСР | 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 |

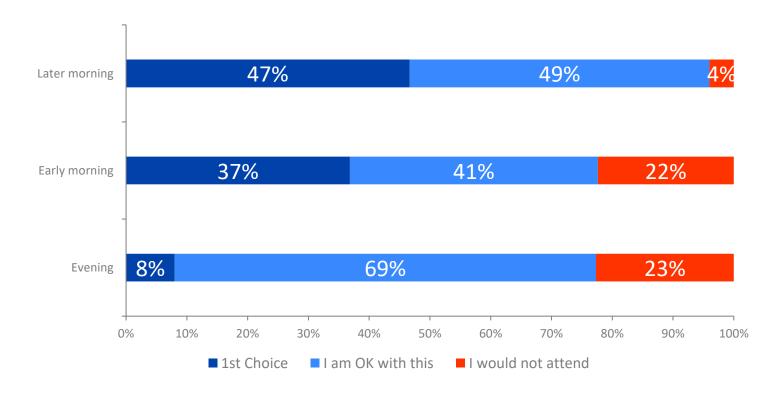
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| | I ALREADY ATTEND THIS | I WOULD ATTEND, IF SET UP | I WOULD ORGANISE THIS, IF ASKED | I AM NOT INTERESTED IN THIS | TOTAL |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|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

Q8: What is your preferred time to attend church on a Sunday?

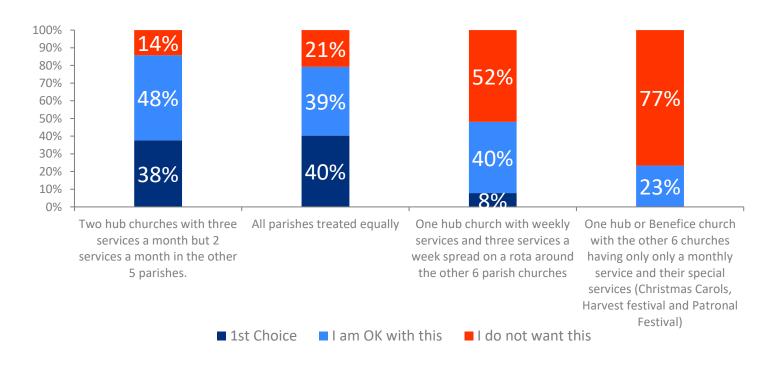




Q8: What is your preferred time to attend church on a Sunday?

| | 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 |

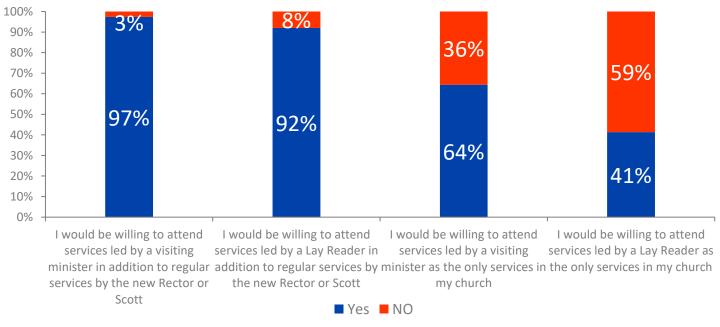
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| | 1ST CHOICE | I AM OK WITH THIS | I DO NOT WANT THIS | TOTAL | WEIGHTED AVERAGE |
|---|------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Two hub churches with three services a month but 2 services a month in 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.



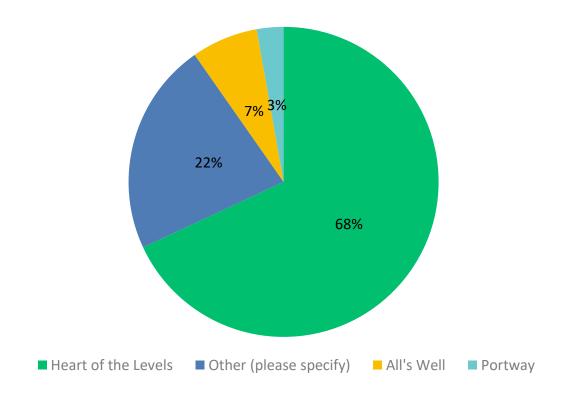


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| | YES | NO | TOTAL | WEIGHTED AVERAGE |
|---|-----------|-----------|-------|---------------------|
| I would be willing to attend services led by a visiting minister in addition to regular services by the new Rector or Scott | 97% 75 | 3% 2 | 77 | 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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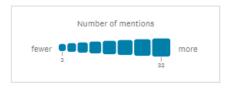
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| Heart of the Levels | 68% | 49 |
| Other (please specify) | 22% | 16 |
| All's Well | 7% | 5 |
| Portway | 3% | 2 |
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Q12. How would you describe your ideal new Rector – what values are important to you?

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Approachable sense humour

inspiring care Bible young
listen Someone oneparishioners

attend parishes church good Empathy
known work
love people will community family
children need make understanding
congregations good communicator
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Q12: How would you describe your ideal new Rector – what values are important to you?

- 4 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

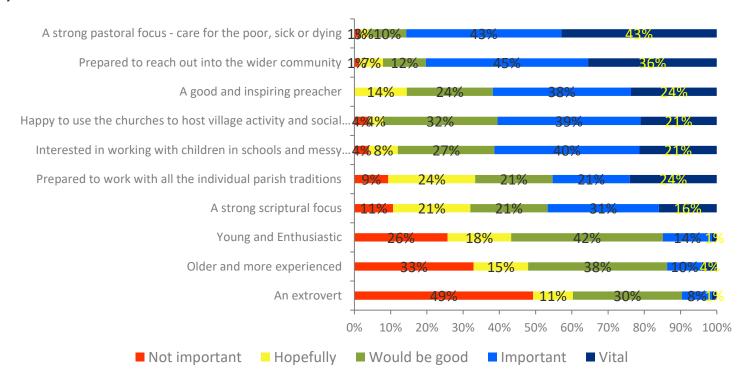
Q13: What would you not want the new Rector to be like or do?

- 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
- 4 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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| | 39% 30 | 21% 16 | 76 | 3.70 |
| Interested in working with children in schools and messy church 4% 8% 27% 3 6 20 | 40% 30 | 21% 16 | 75 | 3.67 |
| Prepared to work with all the individual parish traditions 9% 24% 21% 7 18 16 | 21% 16 | 24% 18 | 75 | 3.27 |
| A strong scriptural focus 11% 21% 21% 8 16 16 | 31% 23 | 16% 12 | 75 | 3.20 |
| Young and Enthusiastic 26% 18% 42% 19 13 31 | 14% 10 | 1% 1 | 74 | 2.47 |
| Older and more experienced 33% 15% 38% 24 11 28 | 10% 7 | 4% 3 | 73 | 2.37 |
| An extrovert 49% 11% 30% 36 8 22 | | 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