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ST. JOHN'S SILVER JUBILEE THANKSGIVING

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Worship

(a) Please tick the ONE of these which more nearly describes your own attendance of church services.

Frequently  93 1

Sometimes  21 2

Rarely  4 3

(b) Which word most closely describes your experience of public worship.

Helpful  110 4

Difficult  5 5

Pointless  1 6

(c) In our worship at St. Johns would you like to see:-  
(please tick no more than 3 boxes)

A monthly "family" communion in which the children play a full part  55 7

The involvement of more members of the congregation in leading our worship  39 8

More silence for private prayer and reflection  37 9

Informal sermons/teaching (including use of visual aids)  35 10

Greater use of visiting preachers  26 11

More occasions when we join with Christians from other Churches  42 12

More occasions when we join with Christians in other Churches  14 13

More "one-off" special services (e.g. Christingle All Souls, Harvest etc) which appeal to those on the fringe of the church.  65 14

1(c) cont..

Other (please specify) .....  15  
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(d) At St. Johns our main Sunday worship takes the form of a communion service. Would you like to attend other forms of service (e.g. family services, youth services, evening services, pram services etc)

Yes  16

No  17

Not sure  18

2. Prayer

(a) Please tick the ONE of these which more nearly describes your own habit of prayer:-

Frequently  19

Sometimes  20

Rarely  21

Not at all  22

(b) Which word most clearly describes your experience of prayer:-

Helpful  23

Difficult  24

Pointless  25

(c) Would you like help with your prayers from:-

Books  26

Private conversation with one of the Clergy  29

Sermon  27

Other (please specify)  30  
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Prayer Groups  28

3. The Bible

(a) How often do you read the Bible?

- Word: Daily  17 31
- Word: Weekly  16 32
- Word: Irregularly  67 33
- Word: Not at all  20 34

(b) If you use study notes to assist you in your reading, please put a tick in the box.  12 35

(c) Which word most clearly describes your experience in reading the Bible?

- Helpful  60 36
- Confusing  41 37
- Pointless  1 38

(d) Would you like help in understanding the Bible by:-

- Joining with others in a Bible Reading Scheme  16 39
- Joining a Parish Bible Study Group  32 40
- Other (please specify).....  2 41

4. Christian Literature

Which of the following have you read in the last three months:-

- Parish Magazine  113 42
- National Church Newspapers/magazine  16 43
- Other Religious Books  30 44

5. Family Life

In what ways does the Christian Faith affect your family life?  
(please tick no more than 3 boxes)

Makes us more caring/tolerant/sympathetic	<input type="checkbox"/> 70	45
Unites us as a family and strengthens us	<input type="checkbox"/> 24	46
Generally helps us in every way	<input type="checkbox"/> 52	47
Helps us in times of crisis or difficulty	<input type="checkbox"/> 73	48
It is a foundation and guide for our family	<input type="checkbox"/> 33	49
I live alone and have no immediate family	<input type="checkbox"/> 15	50
It divides our family - not all of us have faith	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	51
Any other way (please specify) .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	52
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6. Giving

The Bible teaches and the Church of England asks its members to consider giving a proportion of their income regularly as an offering to God.

Do you agree with this (please tick appropriate box)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 83	53
	No	<input type="checkbox"/> 30	54

7. Christian Service

The Church is involved in the following kinds of service. Which 3 do you think are most important? (please tick 3 only)

Care of the Aged/lonely/sick/bereaved	<input type="checkbox"/> 111	55
Hospital visiting	<input type="checkbox"/> 44	56
Supporting Family Life	<input type="checkbox"/> 66	57
Marriage Preparation	<input type="checkbox"/> 23	58
Marriage Guidance	<input type="checkbox"/> 20	59

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Work with youth	48	60
Counselling	18	61
Proclaiming the Gospel (Evangelism)	26	62

8. Social Issues

(a) Do you believe that the church should encourage its members to:-

Discuss social issues	61	63
Take action as individuals on social issues	18	64
Take action as a church group on social issues	45	65

(b) Which of the following issues should concern the church most (please tick 3 only)

Education	55	66
Alcohol	9	67
Divorce	35	68
Drugs	24	69
Unemployment	36	70
Gambling	3	71
Racial Problems	37	72
Poverty	46	73
Times of War and Peace	18	74
Environment	30	75
Sexuality	6	76
Abortion	15	77
Underdeveloped countries	19	78

9. Evangelism

Which of the following do you regard as the Three most effective means the church can use to win "the man/woman in the street" to the Christian Faith? (please tick three)

Personal Witness	<input type="checkbox"/>	79
Clergy Visiting	<input type="checkbox"/>	80
Visiting by Church Members	<input type="checkbox"/>	81
Better Preaching and Teaching	<input type="checkbox"/>	82
Better Services of Worship	<input type="checkbox"/>	83
More work with young people	<input type="checkbox"/>	84
Use of press, T.V., films	<input type="checkbox"/>	85
Parish Missions	<input type="checkbox"/>	86
More Social Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	87
Other (please specify) .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	88
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10. The Clergy - *We could not collate this question - very few people seemed to read the question properly.*

Which of the following do you believe should be the priorities for the clergy in their Ministry? (please number in order of importance)

Parish Administration	<input type="checkbox"/>	89
Care of the Aged/lonely/sick/bereaved	<input type="checkbox"/>	90
Counselling	<input type="checkbox"/>	91
Teaching and training the <u>Unity LAITY</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	92
Praying	<input type="checkbox"/>	93
Study	<input type="checkbox"/>	94
Worship Preparation	<input type="checkbox"/>	95
Administration of the Sacraments	<input type="checkbox"/>	96

Visiting Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	97
Visiting church-goers	<input type="checkbox"/>	98
Visiting non-church-goers	<input type="checkbox"/>	99
Liaison with other churches in the area	<input type="checkbox"/>	100
Liaison with other community groups/institutions in the parish	<input type="checkbox"/>	101
Fund Raising	<input type="checkbox"/>	102
Looking after the church buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	103

11. Youth

How would you describe the work among young people at St. Johns?  
(please tick one box only)

Poor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	104
It has good leadership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	105
Better facilities needed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	106
It is positively christian	<input type="checkbox"/>	107
Suffers through lack of parental interest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	108

12. The Church's main task

What do you regard as the main tasks of the church today?  
(Tick three only)

For all the churches to unite	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	109
Help the Third World	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	110
Preach the Gospel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	111
Maintain moral standards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	112
Provide Fellowship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	113
Maintain and Foster Missionary Work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	114

Lead and Advise People

25 115

Set a standard for the nation

25 116

Foster cooperation with other churches

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Foster and preach peace

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To be caring

44 119

Get more people into church

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Please state your own opinion if different from above .....

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*How would you rate the work among young people in St. Johns?*

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