

Questionnaire Summary

Proposals

- 1) That we move permanently to a single service at All Saints on Sunday mornings (except perhaps on the 2nd Sunday - see points for discussion) which is a 'blended service' of contemporary and traditional worship as currently.
 - 2) That we retain the current contemporary service on a Sunday morning at St Andrew's (time could change) and an evening service (but location is up for discussion).
 - 3) That we keep going with Early Birds at 9am at St Andrew's now on 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays (and encourage these families to join 'big church' on 2nd and 4th Sundays).
- Please share any comments you may have on the above proposals.

56 comments

- 47 comments in favour of the proposals
- None 'against'
- Other comments:
 - Concern over whether there is capacity – continue with existing services first and see if it is sustainable
 - Why were these proposals not presented to PCC?
 - Not having services every week (early Birds) might be confusing for some
 - Happy with blended service at AS but organ should be played every Sunday at some part of the service
 - Earlier start for early birds – 8am or 8:30?
 - New pattern really works for my family and gives an option for us if we are unable to make the morning service
 - Blended service at AS still leaning more towards traditional
 - Could have some morning worships at AS not just communion
 - Contemporary service at St Andrew's is often blended with insufficient time allocated for worship
 - Would be good to have some trad services at AS on a Sunday
 - Outreach at AS should be counted as service to the community (e.g. Messy, school services)

DISCUSSION 1

That we look (at some point, and not before Christmas and depending on leadership capacity then) to start a monthly 'All-In café' Church in the Malvern Wells Village Hall on the 2nd Sunday of the month alongside (probably at the same time) the AS service. This would enable the All Saints service to have a more traditional feel once a month, and also give opportunity to reach new families in the community and link in with our schools better. Being on the 2nd Sunday of the month some Early Bird families might choose to come to this also. The intention is that this would be largely lay-led by a team.

Please share any comments, and anything you sense from God on this below.

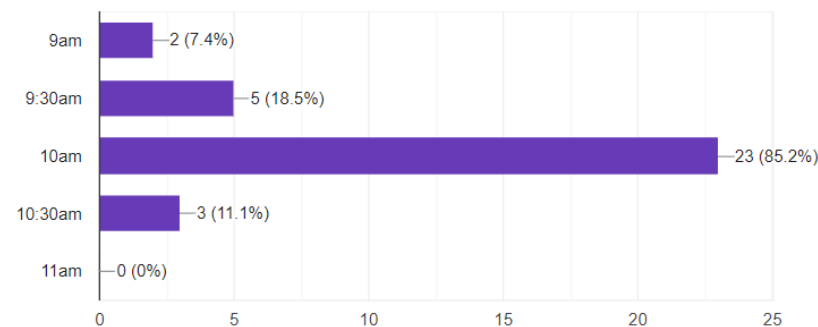
Themes in comments:

- Positive comments about connecting with community (about 20)
- Good idea, but is it God's idea?
- Have we got capacity?/concerns about resources (several)
- Parking is difficult (a few)/would fruitlands families connect?
- Needs strong team to run it (a few)
- Good to have a specific trad service at AS once a month (2)
- Would some just opt out that Sunday?
- Would it replace Messy?
- Have café church in the church itself

DISCUSSION 2

For those who would consider attending the All Saints Sunday Service only.... what time would you recommend for the service – considering what you would prefer and the demands of the staff team with other services (e.g. 9am Early Birds)

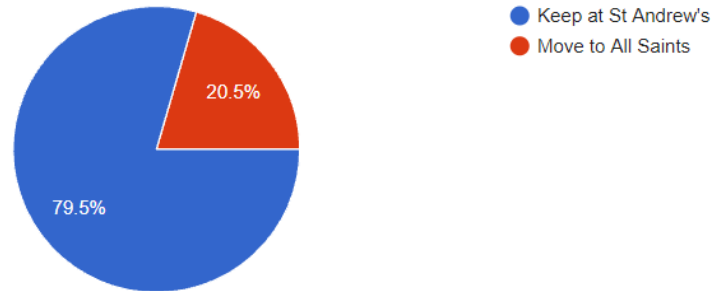
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DISCUSSION 3

What is the right location for 'The Six' Service? – should we keep it at St Andrew's or move it to All Saints where the space is better & CHAOS could use the Youth Room, but the set up more complex and time consuming?

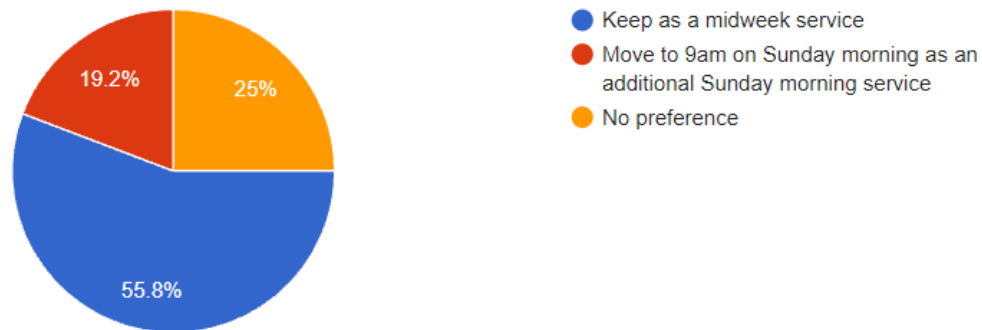
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DISCUSSION 4.

Should the midweek service at St Andrew's (which we would keep in the current 'blended' format) be moved to 9am on a Sunday morning once COVID cases have consistently dropped to negligible levels, or stay permanently as a midweek service and just keep the one service on a Sunday morning at St Andrew's?

52 responses



Notable comments on 3 and 4:

- Keep midweek as it is certainly for now while COVID high.
- Midweek seeming to meet a need/working well (several)
- Could the Six be normally at St Andrew's but occasionally venture up to All Saints? (3 comments)
- Moving midweek back to 9am on Sunday does have 'run on' implications for other services.
- Can't have too many services on a Sunday
- First preference would be for a traditional service, rather than a blended service on either day.
- Having a midweek service gives a positive message to our community that God is not just for Sundays!
- Scope to develop midweek services to include monthly lunch (2 comments)
- Good to have space to chat properly after the midweek service which did not happen as much at 9am service as the next service was coming in.
- A few newcomers have been drawn to the midweek service through bereavement
- Is there a way of accommodating a more traditional service too/ or as part of midweek?
- We really miss the quieter, more traditional early service. (3) A lot is being done for younger folk, do remember the over 65s too.
- Sunday is the traditional day for worship – bring back the early service. (3)
- For those in care or hospitality work a midweek service can meet a need when Sunday is a work day. I think it is important to keep this as it was a long time coming!

43 comments in total

DISCUSSION 5

We are sensing that God might be leading us to start (at some point - and not before Christmas, and depending on leadership capacity then) a new monthly(?) 'fresh expression' Sunday gathering in the Octagon (say 3/4pm) which we hope might connect particularly with CAP clients, folk on the Brook Farm Estate, who might otherwise find it hard to access our current worship services. The intention is that this would be largely lay led by a team. Have you any thoughts on this? Do you sense God saying anything about this?

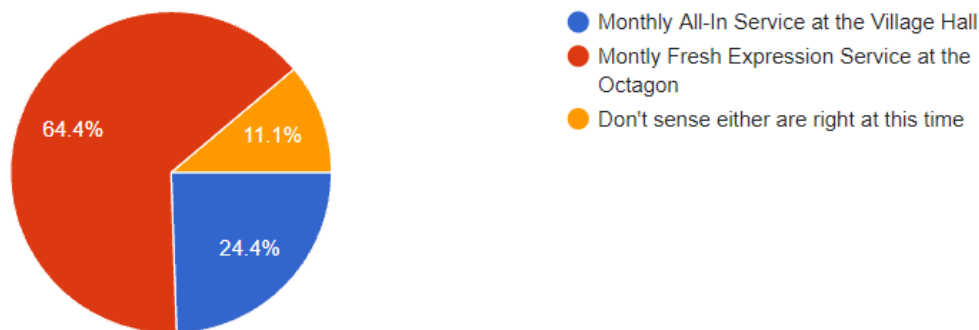
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47 comments in total

- 38 comments on it being a good idea (several very strongly positive)
- Needs a good non clergy team
- Good to be more accessible to CAP/Non-churched people (2)
- Is Sunday afternoon the best time?
- Several people offering to be part of it
- Pray first

Which one of these 'new' services – the Monthly All-In café style service in the Malvern Wells Village Hall or the New Fresh Expression service at the Octagon – do you sense God most leading us to at this moment?

45 responses



Is there anything else that you would like to share? Anything else that you sense God saying to us as a church as we consider these things?

Some selected comments:

- Concerns about staffing/leadership capacity/need for a vibrant team (2)
- Don't fix everything in stone. Give space for things to evolve
- Lunchtime midweek service
- Tread carefully/go slowly/don't rush all at once (6)
- Big question is how can we make all of our services more accessible to those who would not normally enter a church?
- What about ministry to the elderly (Storer court etc?)
- Need to work as a unit of 3 churches with St Mary's
- Is the name right for the evening service? Are visitors put off because they don't know what it is?
- Feel the way forward is smaller, more focussed gatherings. Simplicity is key
- This temporary pattern seems to be working well for many people.
- Online may become more important over the winter. Are the 2 services we are offering the right ones?
- Bring God's heart into the community. Keep what we do simple and heart-felt. Lavish God's love on those who consider themselves outsiders
- My thoughts are that ideally the church buildings would be open and buzzing with Christian activity as much as possible - another reason to keep the midweek service. It seems more uniting to have services on 2 days a week rather than up to 4 options on a Sunday at SA. This is a witness and magnet to the community of God's love and reality. It makes the building a temple of worship, prayer and fellowship and community of believers who 'partner with God in the flourishing of our communities'.
- All Saints should not become an attractive church but should remain a 'living well'. I think we will miss Peter very much and his personal and practical input when he moves on. We should continue to work with other churches to build the Kingdom e.g. the current Alpha setup.
- Exciting ideas, exciting times pray pray pray