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Services survey 2023 Printable version

Introduction

Church Council and Ministerial team regularly consider the number, style and timing of worship services. The recent congregational meeting asked Council to again canvas the congregation on the question of reducing the number of services, with a particular focus on combining the 9:15am and 11am services, and this questionnaire is the response. The first question addresses this directly. However it is futile to address the question of whether to combine without addressing the questions on what the combination would look like. The subsequent questions are repeated from a 2015 survey, and seek information on what you value about each service, and how flexible you are.

Are you in favour of combining the 9:15 and 11am services each week, knowing that it will involve changes, including service time, for all of us.

+3	Essential. I will stop coming if we do not combine the services.
+2	Highly positive. Not combining will discourage my participation.
+1	Positive. I would prefer that we combine.
0	Neutral. Combining or not will not affect my participation.
-1	Negative. I would prefer that we do not combine.
-2	Highly negative. Combining will discourage my participation.
-3	Deal Breaker. I am unlikely to come to combined services.

Which worship opportunity do you currently attend regularly (at least one in every four held)?

Attend	Service
	Eight am
	Nine fifteen
	Eleven
	Five pm
	Combined Ten am services
	Live stream or Recorded. Please also tick which service above.
	Other worship occasions, eg Seniors Services.

What are the features that attract you to the service(s) that you attend?

The crucial part of proposing an amalgamation of services is determining what changes we might be willing to make.

For this purpose we have defined a 7 point scale to evaluate the features of worship services listed below.

+3	Essential. I will not come to a service that omits this.
+2	Highly positive. Omitting this will discourage my participation.
+1	Positive. I would prefer that this be included.
0	Neutral. Having or omitting this feature will not affect my participation.
-1	Negative. I would prefer that this be omitted.
-2	Highly negative. Including this will discourage my participation.
-3	Deal Breaker. I will not come to a service that includes this.

Please circle a score of +3 to -3 on the above scale for each of the following features that are included in some but not all of our current services.

Feature	Score						
	+3	+2	+3	0	-1	-2	-3
Organ music	+3	+2	+3	0	-1	-2	-3
Choirs	+3	+2	+3	0	-1	-2	-3
Band	+3	+2	+3	0	-1	-2	-3
Modern songs	+3	+2	+3	0	-1	-2	-3
Congregational involvement in the message	+3	+2	+3	0	-1	-2	-3
Communion every week	+3	+2	+3	0	-1	-2	-3
Held at 8:00am	+3	+2	+3	0	-1	-2	-3
Held at 9:15am or thereabouts	+3	+2	+3	0	-1	-2	-3
Held at 11:00am	+3	+2	+3	0	-1	-2	-3
Held in the afternoon	+3	+2	+3	0	-1	-2	-3
Held in the evening	+3	+2	+3	0	-1	-2	-3
A sense of the holy, and appropriate decorum	+3	+2	+3	0	-1	-2	-3
Tea & coffee, either before or after	+3	+2	+3	0	-1	-2	-3
Some lay leadership	+3	+2	+3	0	-1	-2	-3
Use of electronic media	+3	+2	+3	0	-1	-2	-3
Printed order of service	+3	+2	+3	0	-1	-2	-3
Children's activities	+3	+2	+3	0	-1	-2	-3
Name(optional)							
Other comments							