

St Mary's Church, High Crompton

Summary of Feedback from Congregation: Part 3

On Sunday 21 May, our congregation gave some initial feedback on St Mary's Church relating to the final two of the "Marks of Mission" of the Anglican Communion:

4. *"To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation";*
5. *"To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth".*

The following are some of the most important specific issues relating to these identified by members of St Mary's congregation.

The Most Important Issues Today

- Overall, we received 35 comments which identified the following as the biggest issues:
 - 6 comments talked about **inadequate resourcing for health and / or social care**;
 - 3 of these specifically mentioned **lack of funding for care of the elderly**;
 - 1 mentioned **lack of funding for mental health services**;
 - 5 comments discussed the growing problem of **homelessness**;
 - 5 comments mentioned **young people**;
 - 3 of these mentioned the **lack of support for young people**
 - 3 mentioned **poor / anti-social behaviour of young people**
 - 4 comments mentioned the related issue of **under-funding of schools**;
 - 3 mentioned local schools in particular;
 - 3 comments related to what I have called a **lack of community spirit**, in terms of respect and care for one another and the surrounding environment

Do these reflect what you think? These are only the first steps on our journey to the St Mary's Mission Action Plan. For the latest updates and opportunities to have your say, keep an eye on the weekly sheets, join our Facebook Group or visit our new website: www.stmarys-stjames.org .