

St Mary's Church Survey

Statement Scores



- ▶ Each “tick statement” is given a score depending on how people responded:
 - ▶ **100** = **everyone** agreeing **strongly** with the statement
 - ▶ **50** = equivalent of **everyone** agreeing with the statement (not strongly)
 - ▶ **0** = agreement and disagreement exactly balanced
 - ▶ **-50** = equivalent of **everyone** disagreeing with the statement (not strongly)
 - ▶ **-100** = **everyone** disagreeing **strongly** with the statement

Overall Strong Agreement (score of 50+)

- ▶ I enjoy being part of St Mary's Church **[78.8]**
- ▶ St Mary's Church building is kept to a good standard. **[71.2]**
- ▶ St Mary's Church is good at fundraising for charities. **[69.7]**
- ▶ St Mary's Sunday School helps children learn about the Christian faith in a fun and relevant way. **[65.2]**
- ▶ St Mary's Church is good at fundraising for church causes. **[64.4]**

Overall Strong Agreement (score of 50+)

- ▶ There is a strong sense of community within St Mary's Church. **[62.1]**
- ▶ St Mary's Church provides good opportunities for adults to grow and develop in their Christian faith. **[56.8]**
- ▶ The sermons / homilies at St Mary's Church are relevant and thought-provoking **[54.5]**
- ▶ St Mary's Church provides a good range of social events for adults. **[54.5]**
- ▶ The worship at St Mary's Church is attractive and high quality. **[53.0]**

Overall Agreement

(score of 25.0 to 49.9)

- ▶ It is easy and straightforward to find all essential information about St Mary's Church. **[48.5]**
- ▶ St Mary's engages well with the local community of High Crompton. **[45.5]**
- ▶ St Mary's Church provides a good level of care and support for individuals who need it. **[40.9]**
- ▶ Newcomers to St Mary's Church are made to feel welcome and included. **[38.6]**
- ▶ Families with children are made to feel welcome and included at St Mary's Church. **[37.1]**

Overall Agreement

(score of 25.0 to 49.9)

- ▶ St Mary's Church cares well for elderly and vulnerable residents of the parish of High Crompton. **[37.1]**
- ▶ The choice and range of hymns and worship songs at St Mary's Church are appropriate. **[34.8]**
- ▶ During the week, St Mary's Church provides a good range of clubs and activities for primary school children (5-11). **[34.8]**
- ▶ Others have encouraged me to volunteer within the life of St Mary's. **[31.1]**
- ▶ Children are able to participate in the worship at St Mary's Church, when they are present. **[28.8]**
- ▶ I would be willing to volunteer (or more than I currently do) within the life of St Mary's Church. **[27.3]**

Overall Weak Agreement

(score of 0.0 to 24.9)

- ▶ St Mary's Church offers a good provision for families with young children. **[21.2]**
- ▶ During worship services at St Mary's Church, members of the congregation behave appropriately **[12.1]**

Overall Disagreement (score of less than 0.0)

- ▶ During the week, St Mary's Church provides a good range of clubs and activities for secondary school children and young people (11-18). [-4.5]

Biggest Differences



- ▶ There were marked differences in how different groups responded.
- ▶ In particular between what I am calling:
 - ▶ **established attendees** (those who have attended St Mary's Church for more than 10 years)
 - ▶ **new young families** (those who have started attending St Mary's Church within the last 10 years **and** have children aged under 11)
- ▶ The following statements show the most marked differences:

Biggest Differences



- ▶ #5 “Others have encouraged me to volunteer within the life of St Mary's Church.”
- ▶ Established attendees: **37.8**
- ▶ New young families: **20.0**
- ▶ Difference: **17.8**

Biggest Differences



- ▶ #4 “St Mary's Church cares well for elderly and vulnerable residents of the parish of High Crompton.”
- ▶ Established attendees: **29.7**
- ▶ New young families: **48.0**
- ▶ Difference: **18.3**

Biggest Differences

- ▶ #3 “I enjoy being part of St Mary's Church.”
- ▶ Established attendees: **89.2**
- ▶ New young families: **64.0**
- ▶ Difference: **25.2**

Biggest Differences

- ▶ #2 “During the week, St Mary's Church provides a good range of clubs and activities for secondary school children and young people (11-18).”
- ▶ Established attendees: **-12.2**
- ▶ New young families: **14.0**
- ▶ Difference: **26.2**

Biggest Differences



- ▶ #1 “During worship services at St Mary’s Church, members of the congregation behave appropriately.”
- ▶ Established attendees: **-4.1**
- ▶ New young families: **32.0**
- ▶ Difference: **36.1**

Comments

- ▶ The comments in each section have been categorised.
- ▶ Numbers in brackets indicate number of comments.
 - ▶ (66 people completed surveys in all).
- ▶ There are also a couple of “word cloud” graphics
 - ▶ (The size of each word is based on how often it came up in the comments).

One Thing You Value Most (60)



- ▶ Friendship / community (50)
- ▶ Worship / prayer (6)
- ▶ Exploring / expressing faith (6)
- ▶ Family / child focus (4)
- ▶ The church building (3)
- ▶ The fact the church is there (2)

If You Could Change One Thing (56)

- ▶ Start time of the service (8)
- ▶ More family friendly (7)
- ▶ Disruption in worship (7)
- ▶ Choice of hymns (6)
- ▶ More welcoming / inclusive (5)

(continued...)

If You Could Change One Thing (56)

- ▶ Aspects of building / grounds (5)
 - ▶ *2 about lack of hall*
- ▶ More volunteers (4)
- ▶ Events for youth aged 11+ (3)
- ▶ Clearer information (2)
- ▶ Other things (8)
 - ▶ *all unrelated!*

Worship (25)

- ▶ Disruptive behaviour (16)
- ▶ Choice of hymns (7)
 - ▶ *Desire for more “modern” / “new” / “child friendly” hymns*
- ▶ Difficulties for families (5)
- ▶ More child-friendly preaching (3)
- ▶ Lack of participation of children (2)

Welcome & Community (13)



- ▶ General welcome in church (5)
 - ▶ *1 positive, 2 negative, 2 mixed*
- ▶ Difficult for newcomers to find information (4)
- ▶ Unwelcoming for families (3)
- ▶ Lack of care / support for parishioners (3)

Opportunities For Adults (7)

- ▶ Faith activities (3)
 - ▶ *1 positive; 2 about poor uptake*
- ▶ Lack of information about events (3)
- ▶ Accessibility of social events (2)

Children & Families (16)

- ▶ Lack of activities for young people aged 11+ (7)
- ▶ Worship not child-centred (6)
 - ▶ *2 about pre-school children*
- ▶ Lack of weekday provision for children (5)
 - ▶ *3 about pre-school children*
- ▶ Sunday School (3)
 - ▶ *2 about mismatches with Gospel reading in church*
- ▶ Families “using” St Mary’s for secondary school places (2)

Fundraising & Volunteers (13)

- ▶ Volunteering (7)
 - ▶ *5 about lack of volunteers*
- ▶ Information about volunteering (3)
 - ▶ *2 negative, 1 mixed*
- ▶ Fundraising (3)
 - ▶ *1 negative, 2 mixed*

Practical Issues (10)

- ▶ Information (7)
 - ▶ *3 positive, 1 negative, 3 mixed*

- ▶ Security of church & grounds (2)