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|  | **Summary of Questionnaire responses – St Marys Church Chadwell December 2021** |  |
| **1** |  **Do you currently live in the Parish of Chadwell with Wycomb?** |  |
|  | yes | **17** |  |  |
|  | no |  |  |  |
| **2** | **Have you visited St Mary’s Church in the past 5 years to attend any of the following?** |  |
|  | Wedding, funeral or christening  | **6** |  |  |
|  | Special service (e.g. Christmas, Easter) | **14** |  |  |
|  | A normal Sunday service | **2** |  |  |
|  | Social events | **10** |  |  |
|  | Educational events (lectures, talks, art classes) | **1** |  |  |
|  | To visit a grave | **4** |  |  |
|  | For a quiet place to sit and reflect  | **9** |  |  |
|  | Local history or genealogy research | **2** |  |  |
|  | **other** |  | *both our daughters’ weddings & 4 grandchildren christenings*  |  |
|  |  |  | *verger, preparation for services, refreshments, flowers cleaning, fundraising, social events - etc, etc etc* |  |
|  |  |  | *not attended any* |  |
|  |  |  | *used to attend harvest festival auctions etc, but not in the last 5 years, when there was a Chadwell Wycomb community spirit* |  |
|  |  |  | *to help my grandma clean for weddings*  |  |
|  |  |  | *Residents meetings to discuss to church* |  |
|  |  |  | *craft fair village meeting* |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **3** | **In the future, how would you feel about the following activities happening in St Mary’s?** |  |
|  | **Cultural events (music, plays, exhibitions)** |  |  |  |
|  | I would probably attend, use or get involved | **12** |  |  |
|  | I would be pleased to see this happening in the church | **4** |  |  |
|  | I don't mind it happening, but it's not for me | **2** |  |  |
|  | Not an appropriate activity to happen in a church | **0** |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Education (art classes, U3A)** |  |  |  |
|  | I would probably attend, use or get involved | **3** |  |  |
|  | I would be pleased to see this happening in the church | **9** |  |  |
|  | I don't mind it happening, but it's not for me | **4** |  |  |
|  | Not an appropriate activity to happen in a church | **0** |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Community services (e.g. community nursing, GP outreach, foodbank)** |  |
|  | I would probably attend, use or get involved | **3** |  |  |
|  | I would be pleased to see this happening in the church | **7** |  |  |
|  | I don't mind it happening, but it's not for me | **5** |  |  |
|  | Not an appropriate activity to happen in a church | **0** |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Social groups (e.g. mums and toddlers group, pensioners’ tea)** |  |
|  | I would probably attend, use or get involved | **5** |  |  |
|  | I would be pleased to see this happening in the church | **9** | *(y) possibly depending on use* |  |
|  | I don't mind it happening, but it's not for me | **3** |  |  |
|  | Not an appropriate activity to happen in a church | **0** |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Space that can be hired by local organisations or for private functions** |  |
|  | I would probably attend, use or get involved | **4** |  |  |
|  | I would be pleased to see this happening in the church | **9** |  |  |
|  | I don't mind it happening, but it's not for me | **2** |  |  |
|  | Not an appropriate activity to happen in a church | **2** |  |  |
|  |  |  | *n/a community too small*  |  |
|  | **Commercial partnership (shop, nursery school, office space, ‘pop-up’)** |  |
|  | I would probably attend, use or get involved | **1** |  |  |
|  | I would be pleased to see this happening in the church | **7** |  |  |
|  | I don't mind it happening, but it's not for me | **3** |  |  |
|  | Not an appropriate activity to happen in a church | **4** |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Special community festival services at Christmas, Remembrance, Harvest or other special times** |  |
|  | I would probably attend, use or get involved | **11** |  |  |
|  | I would be pleased to see this happening in the church | **3** |  |  |
|  | I don't mind it happening, but it's not for me | **1** |  |  |
|  | Not an appropriate activity to happen in a church | **2** |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **4** | **The previous question lists examples of community activities that take place in church buildings that are also used as community hubs. Do you think that there is a need for a community hub in Chadwell? Please explain the reason for your answer** |  |
|  | **Yes** | **9** | *There has to be somewhere that links us all*  |  |
|  |  |  | *The Village (i.e. Chadwell) has lost it's community sprit it once has sadly*  |  |
|  |  |  | *we have always had one and future generations should have the same opportunity*  |  |
|  |  |  | *Distance to the other villages- older residents in particular for not want to drive* |  |
|  |  |  | *we believe that an isolated community like Chadwell needs social, educational, cultural touchpoints for young and old to engage; for rural and urban to meet* |  |
|  |  |  | *Community spirit very strong, determined to ensure a future for our church* |  |
|  | **No** | **5** | *too small a community* |  |
|  |  |  | *not required but would be good for the community* |  |
|  |  |  | *Don't know*  |  |
|  |  |  | *probable lack of community support*  |  |
|  |  |  | *Facilities available nearby*  |  |
|  |  |  | *not interested in community activities* |  |
|  |  |  | *As a small hamlet everyone already knows each other very well so a hub is not essential. The church is more than a community hub* |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **5** | **Would you support some alterations to the inside of St Marys’ Chadwell if this helped to keep the church going as a place of worship?** |  |
|  | I would support this | **12** |  |  |
|  | I would not support this | **2** |  |  |
|  | Don’t know  | **2** | *y- depends on what is suggested - minimal* |  |
|  |  |  | *we don’t mind, as a community hub we'd actively support it* |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **6** | **Given the possible options outlined for the future of the church building discussed today, how likely would you be to seriously consider the following in order to enable the church to stay open as place of worship:** |  |
|  | **Volunteering your time to help with running and maintaining the building.** |  |
|  | Very likely | **9** |  |  |
|  | Somewhat likely | **3** |  |  |
|  | Don’t know | **1** |  |  |
|  | Somewhat unlikely | **1** |  |  |
|  | Very unlikely | **3** |  |  |
|  | **Volunteering your time to help organise and run events taking place at St Mary’s.** |  |
|  | Very likely | **6** |  |  |
|  | Somewhat likely | **5** |  |  |
|  | Don’t know | **0** |  |  |
|  | Somewhat unlikely | **3** |  |  |
|  | Very unlikely | **3** |  |  |
|  | **Commit to donating money each month to support the running costs of the church** |  |
|  | Very likely | **9** |  *have done for years already again only a few!* |  |
|  |  |  | *Already done for the past ten years* |  |
|  | Somewhat likely | **0** |  |  |
|  | Don’t know | **2** | *would want to know if money solely for Chadwell* |  |
|  | Somewhat unlikely | **0** |  |  |
|  | Very unlikely | **4** |  |  |
|  |  |  | *what total funds are required?* |  |
| **7** | **Did you know that churches receive no central funding from the National Church or from Government towards their upkeep?** |  |
|  | Yes | **9** | *y - but only when told at the meeting* |  |
|  | No | **8** |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **8** | **What's your view on how St Mary’s should be managed in the future? Please choose the option you most agree with:** |  |
|  | The local Parochial Church Council should continue to manage and raise funds for maintaining the church independently as it does now. | **2** *(yes- in tandem with \*)* |  |
|  | If a few more volunteers come forward from the community to help the local Parochial Church Council, we can make it work. | **2** *(\*)* |  |
|  | The local Parochial Church Council should hand the building over to the local community so we can all look after it together. | **5** (*yes but we need help to start with funding!!)* |  |
|  | Caring for an important historic building like St Mary’s is too difficult and expensive for a small community - we can't do it without help from a bigger organisation or the Government | **10** |  |
|  | Comments: |  | *There is a feeling/suspicion that no-one other than Chadwell cares what happens to the church*  |  |
| **9** | **St Marys’ Church is nationally listed as a building of historic interest. In your view, does the church's historic and architectural significance make it more or less valuable as:** |  |
|  | **A space for religious worship** |  |  |  |
|  | More valuable | **8** |  |  |
|  | Don’t know  | **3** |  |  |
|  | Less valuable | **2** |  |  |
|  | *Neither more nor less* | **1** |  |  |
|  | **A quiet place to reflect, meditate, think, pray as an individual** |  |
|  | More valuable | **10** |  |  |
|  | Don’t know  | **2** |  |  |
|  | Less valuable | **1** |  |  |
|  | *Neither more nor less* | **1** |  |  |
|  | **A setting for baptisms, weddings, funerals** |  |  |  |
|  | More valuable | **13** |  |  |
|  | Don’t know  | **1** |  |  |
|  | Less valuable | **0** |  |  |
|  | *Neither more nor less* | **1** |  |  |
|  | **A space for cultural events, concerts, plays, exhibitions** |  |  |  |
|  | More valuable | **10** |  |  |
|  | Don’t know  | **4** |  |  |
|  | Less valuable | **2** |  |  |
|  | *Neither more nor less* | **1** |  |  |
|  | **A space for learning** |  |  |  |
|  | More valuable | **8** |  |  |
|  | Don’t know  | **3** |  |  |
|  | Less valuable | **2** |  |  |
|  | *Neither more nor less* | **1** |  |  |
|  | **A space for social events/meeting place** |  |  |  |
|  | More valuable | **9** |  |  |
|  | Don’t know  | **6** |  |  |
|  | Less valuable | **2** |  |  |
|  | *Neither more nor less* | **1** |  |  |
|  | **A symbol of the local community** |  |  |  |
|  | More valuable | **12** |  |  |
|  | Don’t know  | **2** |  |  |
|  | Less valuable | **2** |  |  |
|  | *Neither more nor less* | **1** |  |  |
|  | Comments: | *makes it more valuable as a special place*  |  |
| **10** | **Please tell us how much you agree with the following statements:** |  |
|  | **St Mary’s Church plays a major role in giving Chadwell its unique character** |  |
|  | Agree Strongly | **10** |  |  |
|  | Agree  | **5** |  |  |
|  | Neutral | **0** |  |  |
|  | Disagree | **2** |  |  |
|  | Disagree strongly  |  |  |  |
|  | **Chadwell would be a less attractive place to live if St Mary’s were to close.** |  |
|  | Agree Strongly | **8** |  |  |
|  | Agree  | **4** |  |  |
|  | Neutral | **2** |  |  |
|  | Disagree | **3** |  |  |
|  | Disagree strongly  | **0** |  |  |
|  | **The unique character of a historic church building is taken away when it is altered.** |  |
|  | Agree Strongly | **2** |  |  |
|  | Agree  | **6** |  |  |
|  | Neutral | **2** | *y - depends to what extent*  |  |
|  | Disagree | **5** |  |  |
|  | Disagree strongly  | **1** |  |  |
|  | Comments: |  | *how? Internally or externally altered? Internally fine, externally does affect character*  |  |
|  | **When a historic church is closed for worship it should be converted to a new use, such as a house or a business.** |  |
|  | Agree Strongly | **0** |  |  |
|  | Agree  | **1** |  |  |
|  | Neutral | **6** |  |  |
|  | Disagree | **4** |  |  |
|  | Disagree strongly  | **6** |  |  |
|  | **If it proves impossible to find a viable new use for a closed church building, it should be allowed to fall into ruin.** |  |
|  | Agree Strongly | **2** |  |  |
|  | Agree  | **2** |  |  |
|  | Neutral | **2** |  |  |
|  | Disagree | **3** |  |  |
|  | Disagree strongly  | **7** |  |  |
|  | **St Mary’s is a public asset which should be maintained through public funding.** |  |
|  | Agree Strongly | **7** |  |  |
|  | Agree  | **5** |  |  |
|  | Neutral | **1** |  |  |
|  | Disagree | **2** |  |  |
|  | Disagree strongly  | **1** |  |  |
|  | Comments:  |  | *It is the second oldest church in Leicestershire. It has been evaluated, judged by experts as a listed Grade II\*. 11 houses in Chadwell and perhaps a 1/4 or Wycomb cannot fully take place the financial burden of fully maintaining this regional up asset. Some of us have the passion but not the funds.*  |  |