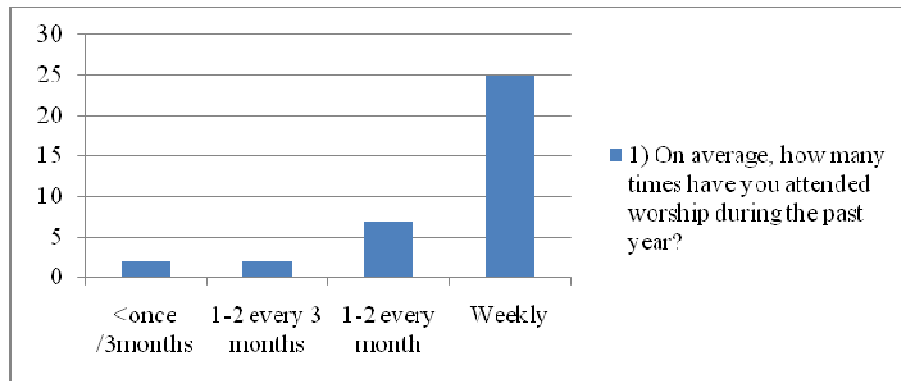


## Chilton Congregational Survey Results

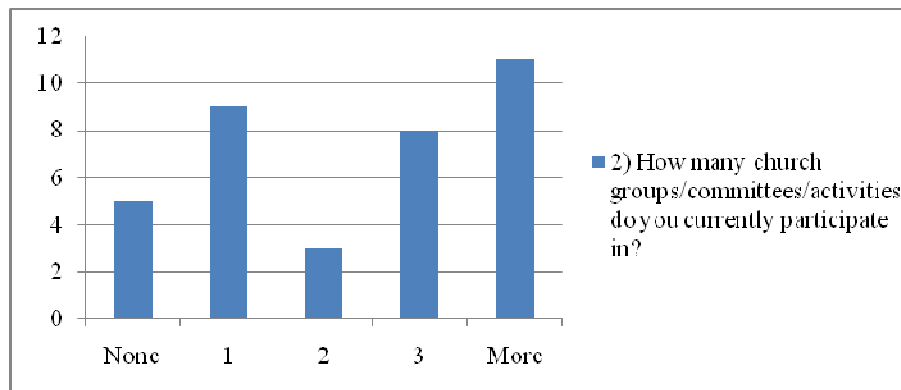
The following information summarises the results of the survey of the congregation of All Saints, Chilton carried out in November 2009.

A total of 76 surveys were distributed to members on the electoral roll. 36 were returned, giving a return rate of 47.4%. **(These results did not take into account the age of people completing the questionnaires so there may be some bias)**

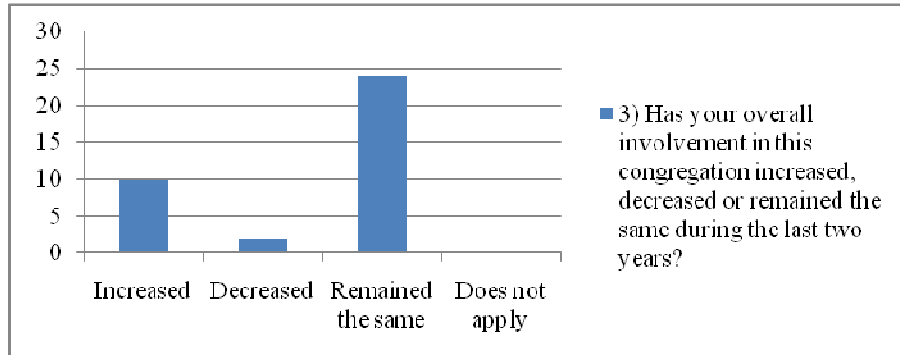
Q1. On average, how many times have you attended worship during the past year?



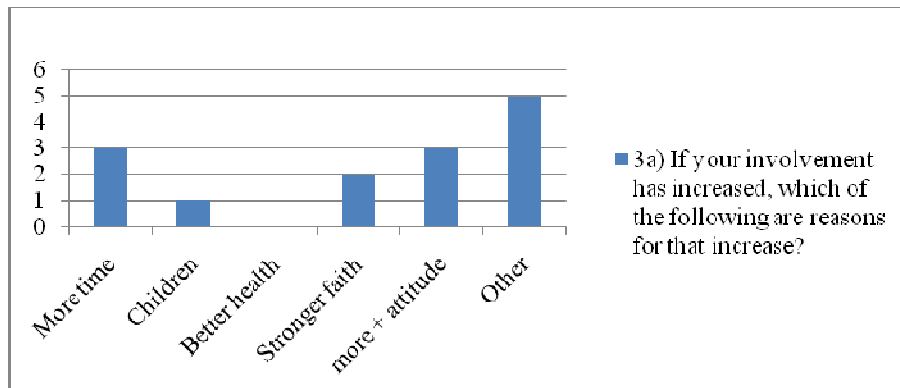
Q2. How many church groups/committees/activities do you currently participate in?



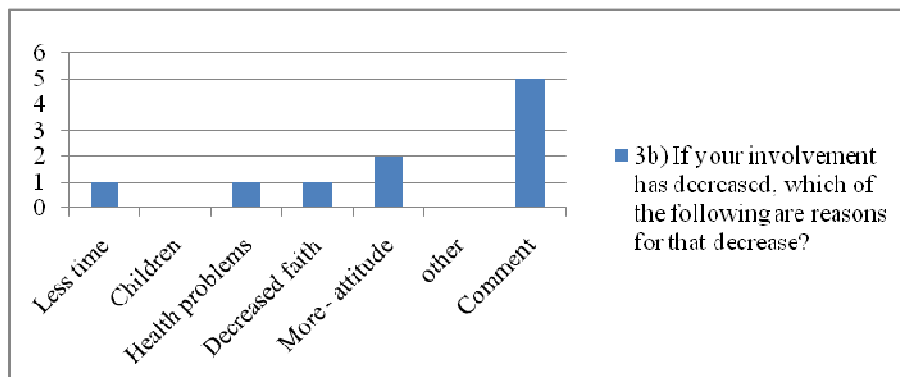
Q3. Has your overall involvement in this congregation increased, decreased or remained the same during the last two years?



Q3a. If your involvement has **increased**, which of the following are reasons for that increase?



Q3b. If your involvement has **decreased**, which of the following are reasons for that decrease?



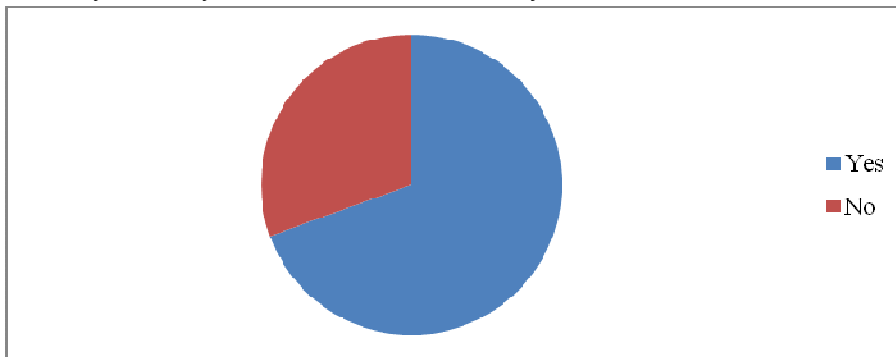
Q4. If you feel that you would like to increase your overall involvement in the congregation, what one thing could the church/others in the congregation do to help you to do so?

- No need to at the moment
- More secular outreach
- It is a question of time. When I am retired I should like to increase my involvement
- More imaginative programme with wider appeal

Q5. How could we communicate things that are happening in a better way?

- Make clearer in Newsheet whether it refers to Chilton or Harwell or both
- More posters particularly in RB, notices & Chronicle
- Not sure we can
- To include a PCC message in the Broadsheet occasionally
- Regular update in Broadsheet or news sheet
- Maybe a 'What's on' notice board
- More use of email
- Produce a lot of publicity but people don't always read it. Need to be concise and not overload people with info.
- Add in Broadsheet
- More regular updates on charity missions
- More Advertising
- Use Oxford Radio
- Can't think of any improvements
- Give out notices at end not beginning with leader of event explaining in more detail
- Attractive posters
- The Broadsheet is a good tool and would be hard to improve
- Better quality publicity and posters - more eye catching

Q6. Do you always know who does what in your church?

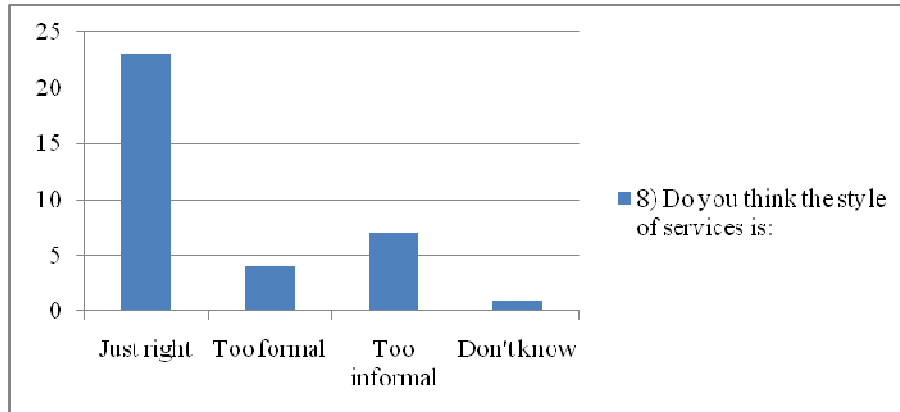


- Know the names of people doing things but can't always put face to name

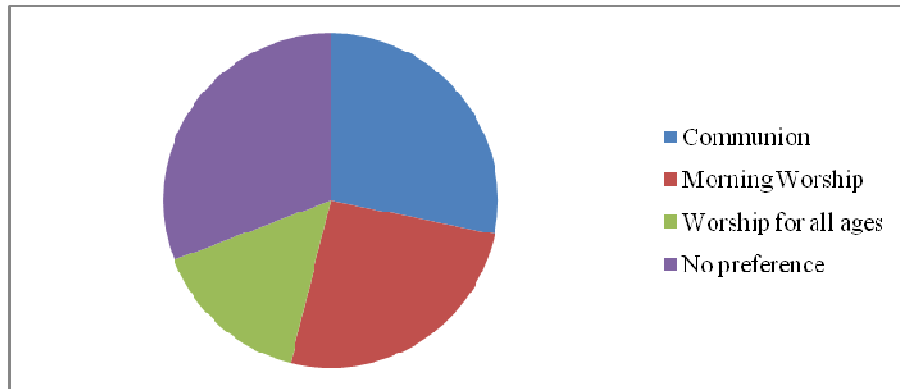
Q7. What other information would you like to have?

- Would like to see Martin Speed's planner displayed
- Future plans
- Earlier info
- Deaths in both parishes. Earlier info.
- Regular film reports from our charity people to be displayed on our new screens before and/or after services.
- Not sure when and where home groups are taking place
- Who really makes decisions: a greater variety of participants and input

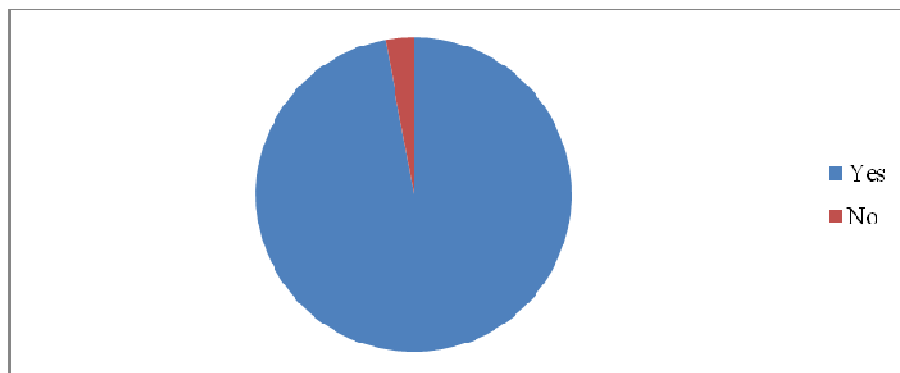
Q8. Do you think the style of services is:



Q9. Which is your favourite service?

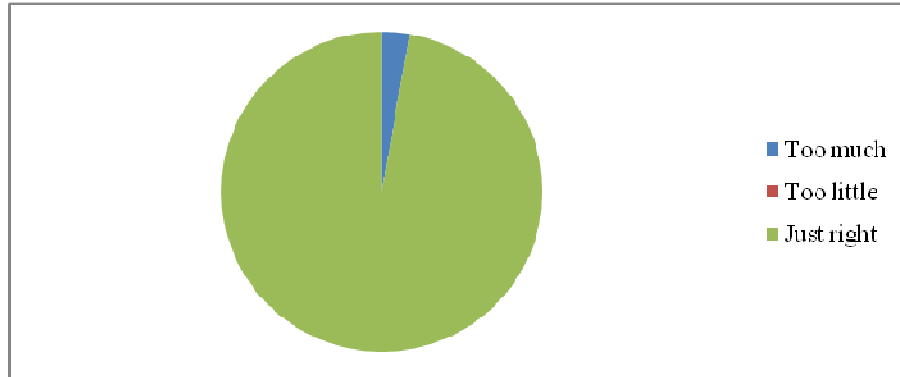


Q10. Do you think the services are easy to follow?



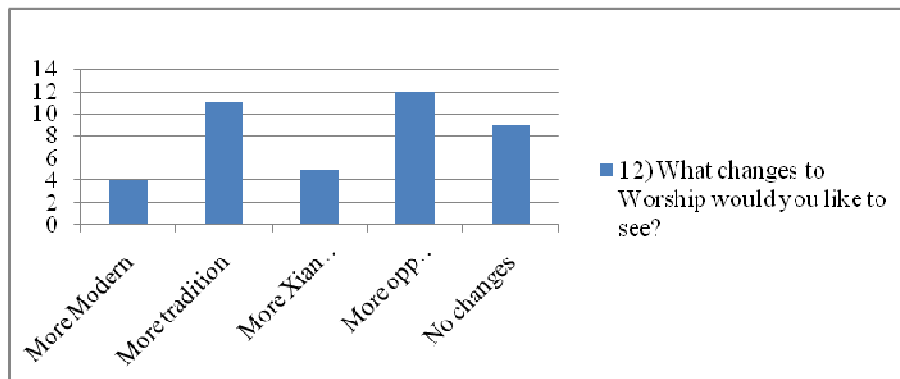
- On the whole but sometimes too condescending
- Too many books/papers. Whole service including hymns printed on sheet
- But pew bibles do not match Psalm sung. Perhaps could have it digitally displayed and more hymns as well.

Q11. Is the amount of opportunity for socialising before and after the service



- Not possible to speak to Chris as he has to rush off
- A little too much discussion beforehand
- Too much before Communion
- It would nice to have more socialising not just on a Sunday

Q12. What changes to Worship would you like to see?



- Definitely not A or B
- Like links between Christian teaching/bible and today/everyday life
- 50:50 modern/traditional
- Maybe not always use the organ, try piano and have more modern songs on the piano
- open to change if the majority wish
- A service during the week
- Sung Eucharist

Q13. What do you like most about Worship at All Saints?

- Is inclusive
- Reasonable mix of fairly traditional with more modern services. Good team of leaders/speakers
- The friendliness/small congregation/everyone knowing each other
- The age demographic and balance of formal and informal
- Excellent and varied leadership with a genuine concern for everyone. A real warmth and friendship and hopefully visitors feeling welcome
- Peaceful atmosphere of a country church & friendly congregation
- Most of the congregation are easy to get along with
- Very inclusive for all ages
- A warm welcome
- Good bible teaching, sound doctrine, friendly and warm. Right balance between challenge and comforting
- Friendly people
- The support and encouragement of others in the church family
- Friendly atmosphere. Welcome children. Choir leads singing. Traditional pews
- Friendliness
- Friendly & communication i.e. Working together
- it's all inclusive
- the feeling of belonging to a large family
- Friendly, music, articulate
- Its informality
- Homely atmosphere
- Worship for all ages
- Variety of services, very friendly atmosphere, Always welcoming
- A friendly atmosphere
- Friendly. I am new to religion & would imagine some churches to be a bit intimidating. All Saints wasn't.
- The fellowship
- Willingness to be active outside the immediate church family
- Standards of xian teaching very high and very enjoyable
- Ambience of church
- A sense of belonging and continuity
- The building. Some respect for Anglican Liturgy

Q14. What do you like least about Worship at All Saints?

- Traditional services can be watered down
- Would like more Communion services
- Can't think of anything
- Sorry, I can't think of anything
- Length of service
- So few teenagers
- Detail of people's illness in some prayers
- I don't like the old fashioned morning service with the old fashioned language- too formal
- Long sermons, some of the hymns
- The children's spot when it is lengthy and only one or two there
- Children distracting during service but I am aware children are the future of the church
- Limitation on layout
- I don't like noisy/uncontrollable children. Having said that most of our kids are well behaved.
- Repetitive hymn verses. Uncomfortable seating
- Sometimes too many hymns
- Book of Common Prayer

- Singing, because I can't !
- Watered down liturgy
- Most projected displays. The Peace. Wider choice of real hymns
- Alteration to text I learned as a child
- Slow singing. Worship for all ages that do not hit any level. Poor presented OHP. Being preached at rather than helped or inspired

Q15. If you could change just one thing about All Saints, what would it be?

- To not feel that Harwell takes precedence. I.e. comment that Chris rushes off. Christmas carol service always so much earlier in December to Harwell etc
- Its image
- Reduce to a minimum joint PCC meetings. For people who are working I don't think starting detailed discussions at 9pm on important Chilton matters is either best practice or beneficial
- Keep its interior in its present form
- More traditional hymns at festivals
- I would like more child friendly with area for children. The pews are constrictive. Box of quiet toys in main church
- Interior layout. Chairs instead of pews
- To see more children and young people in our congregation
- Inclusion of local Brownie & guides
- More room between pews
- Layout
- Seating
- Cushions on seats
- More regular updates on our Charity mission
- A more even heating system
- Change pews for chairs
- Alpha on another evening than Wednesday so I could attend. Pebble paths are difficult for pushchairs & wheelchairs
- A larger congregation - need to convince more people of relevance
- Sometimes the singing might be better if the choir led from the front
- Speed up organ - more lively.
- Prayer book version of Lord's Prayer
- A better modern hymn book but not one that has too many self centred songs