Parish Questionnaire 2026 – Summary of Responses

Thank you to all Parishioners who returned a Survey. 69 surveys were received which represented a return rate of approximately 20% which is slightly above average. Below is a summary of the results:

- **Social activities**: Two-thirds of parishioners asked for more social events, yet only a quarter felt able to offer help. There were plenty of suggestions for ideas for social events which will feed into a new Social Committee (see below).
- **Skills and talents**: 55% identified skills that could be useful to the parish. After discounting those already active in a group 21 people offered help, but some people forgot to include their contact details – so please email the Parish Office (frimley@abdiocese.org.uk) if you can help out
- **Support for Fr John / ministries**: Between 11 and 16 people wanted either an overview of special ministries, training to help in those ministries and to support Fr John in other ways.
- **Faith exploration**: Around 50% on average asked for talks about the Church, Bible study, or opportunities to chat about faith, with 38% wanted additional forms of prayer groups and a high proportion asking for groups in the evenings and weekends to accommodate those who work during the day. A third of Parishioners would like some form of centralised access to information about our faith.
- **Communication:** Communication featured heavily overall with Parishioners wanting improved communications such as noticeboards. They noted that it was sometimes difficult to hear the Readers and Fr John.
- **Youth involvement**: 29% saw a need for more youth involvement which is an area we will continue to develop.
- **Loneliness:** Some people surveyed wrote that they felt unwelcome and alone in the Parish.
- **Car parking**: There were a small number of comments that related to unwelcome visitors from Frimley Park taking up spaces in the car park which restricted their access for parking for Mass.

What "We / You" – as a Parish – can do

- A **Social Committee** is being set up. Anyone interested in joining is asked to get in touch with Simon Johnson (email Simon@Simon-Johnson.com) to find out more without being committed to joining.
- Parishioners are not joining **ministries** as they do not fully understand what is required of them, so we will be writing up what they are and what is involved in them, then sharing them to invite as many people to offer help.
- There will be some training of Readers, and a review of the audio technology in the Church to help with **Communication** as well as more use of posters to advertise events
- We need **more volunteers** to support activities in the parish. Whether helping at mass or supporting social activities. Please do come forward and make yourself known via the parish office. We will set up meetings to talk through the activities that need strengthening and your personal preferences. If you offered to **help** but did not provide a point of contact, please get in touch directly or via the Parish Office.
- Keep an eye out for updates in the newsletter, posters in the Church, on the website www.olqh.com and on Facebook and Instagram.