



QUICK QUESTIONNAIRE

The Church is called to work with God in the proclamation and nurturing of the Kingdom, transforming both individual lives and the communities in which we live: local, national and worldwide; human and embracing the whole of Creation. But many factors can help or hinder us as we seek to pursue that calling.

So we have put together this questionnaire, in the hope that through it we might examine how our structures help or hinder that work, and what might be done to encourage that which helps and minimise that which hinders, and also to see how resources – especially human experience and expertise – might be pooled and shared within the Diocese for that work.

We hope that you will find time in and with your churches to work with us in those aims and hopes by finding time, among the pressures and demands of church life, to answer this questionnaire.

1. YOUR NAME (optional):

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2. NAME OF PARISH/TEAM/BENEFICE (optional):

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3. Are you able to give any examples or stories of Kingdom ministry from your church that has encouraged life in people?

4. What were the things that contributed to these things working well?

5. What obstacles do you regularly or occasionally have to overcome to achieve such things?

6. Which of the following things prove to be hindrances or obstacles to what you are seeking to become and do as a church?

(Tick as many as you wish)

Finances

Structures in a parochial context

Structures in a deanery context

Structures in a diocesan context

Lack of legal or financial advice and expertise

Lack of people with the right skills or necessary time

Too few people already doing too much

Issues relating to buildings and faculties

Needing to or not being able to do things jointly or ecumenically

Struggling to share a vision widely

Other – please be specific:

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7. On a scale of 1-10, to what extent do you feel the Diocesan structures and processes help or hinder you in the work of the Kingdom in your parish/team/benefice?

real hindrance very helpful
1 2 3 4 5

Please give us some examples of help or hindrance factors:

8. What three things would make the biggest difference to your future as a church (e.g. more money, better physical spaces, more time etc). Please give details of why!

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