

Our Future

Our Parish took part in the National Church Life Survey (NCLS) - in November 2011 - after which there was a significant delay in the results being returned. However, now that we have them, they can be used as a basis for thinking and planning action.

The NCLS examined three key areas:

- ◇ ***Internal Core Qualities*** – faith, worship and belonging
- ◇ ***Inspirational Core Qualities*** – vision, leadership and innovation
- ◇ ***Outward Core Qualities*** – service, faith sharing and inclusion.

Attendance history and patterns were also examined. The results underline what our Parish Mission Action Plan (MAP) has already told us - we are growing older, our links to the community should be much stronger, and ministry to youth and children needs to be enhanced. Copies of the MAP were distributed just prior to Christmas. Extra copies are available from the Parish Office.

A question now is “What do we do with all this information?”

The planning group decided to use a Reflection Action Planning Process which will allow the NCLS results to be discussed in detail, and determine priorities for us to address in the Parish. This will take place as follows:

“Setting up the New Year”

Session 1 - Friday, February 15, meet for a bring-and-share light meal at 6:00pm, in the Parish Centre: commence work at 7:00pm.

This *Session 1* will cover the National Church Life profile, good qualities, matters for attention and identifying sources of life.

and

Session 2 - Saturday, 16 February, from 9:30am until 11:30am [at the very latest].

This *Session 2* will identify areas for special focus and decide ways to put planning into practice.

These two sessions will form links with the Mission Action Plan.

The more people involved, the better -

does this include you??