



## PARISH CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

### Total completed questionnaires: 157

1. How often do you come to St Bernadette's?

Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Other
13 (8%)	104 (66%)	12 (8%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• up to twice weekly (2)</li> <li>• at every opportunity</li> <li>• 5/6 time per year</li> <li>• Occasionally (9)</li> <li>• when visiting my family (4)</li> <li>• Annually for concert (2)</li> <li>• Easter &amp; Christmas (3)</li> <li>• Once a year</li> <li>• Weekly during winter</li> <li>• Fortnightly</li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;">25 (16%)</div>

2. How long have you been attending here?

Up to 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years or more
26 (17%)	27 (17%)	15 (10%)	88 (56%)

3. Which 3 words would you use to describe St Bernadette's in a positive manner?

<b>Friendly (71) – 45%</b> <b>Welcoming (48) – 31%</b> <b>Community (22) – 14%</b> <b>Caring (18) – 11%</b> <b>Helpful (12) – 8%</b> <b>Peaceful (12) – 8%</b> Spiritual (10) Loving (10) Supportive (9) Home/homely (8) Family (7) Inclusive (7) Faithful (7) Open (6) Prayerful (6) Happy (5) Worship (4) Comfort (3) Family friendly (3) Musical (3) Local (3) Multi-cultural (3) Educational (3) Generous (3) Out-going (3) Holy (3) Lively (3)	Location (2) Peace (2) Sociable (2) Religious (2) Ecumenical (2) Congregation (2) Beautiful (2) Reliable (2) Friends (2) Unpretentious (2) Joyful (2) Uplifting (2) Convenient (2) Spacious (2) Accommodating (2) Modern (2) Devotional (2) Nice (2) Pastoral (2) Reverent (2) Vibrant (2) Enriching (2) Stable Mine Faith Kind Active Iconic	Living Presence Consistent Environment Pray Values Sanctuary Essential Challenging Warm Catholicism Continuity Respite Togetherness Positive Enlightening Enjoyable Open Charitable Relaxed Thoughtful Unique Refuge Alive Safety Closeness Accepting Personable	Sanctum Non-judgemental Familiar Considerate Art deco Timing Serving Belonging Inspiring Accessible Unifying Potential Alive Safety Accessible Unifying Potential Questing Respectful Good
---	--	---	---

4. Is there anything about St Bernadette's that you would change?

Yes: 77      No: 77

- Heating (7)
- Greater involvement with community (7)
- Structural improvements to building (6)
- Interior décor (7)
- Ceiling (4)
- Crucifix back in original place (4)
- Better (more comfortable) seating
- Lighting (4)
- Better toilet facilities (4)
- Better disabled access (4)
- Hall facilities (3)
- Carpets replaced (2)
- More parking (2)

5. What will be the benefits of carrying out this building work?

<b>Ensure structure is sound for future (148)</b>	<b>94%</b>
Will look more attractive (74)	47%
More people encouraged to use it (101)	64%
Used by wider community (111)	71%
Other (12)	8%

6. If we do not undertake this work what do you think might happen?

<b>Building may become unsafe and close (146)</b>	<b>93%</b>
If church closes, many parishioners would be unable to attend another church and left isolated (133)	85%
A shabby building would have detrimental effect on community (91)	58%
Other (14)	9%

7. What issues do you think people in this community are concerned with?

Poverty (80)	51%	Mental Health issues (75)	48%
Homelessness (66)	42%	Brexit (42)	27%
Crime (74)	47%	Unemployment (61)	40%
Terrorism/Extremism (42)	27%	Debt (63)	40%
<b>Loneliness (130)</b>	<b>83%</b>	Other (11)	7%
Substance Abuse (53)	34%		

8. What do you think St Bernadette's could provide to help alleviate these concerns?

Provide more outreach activities (116)	74%
Hire out the hall to community groups (121)	77%
Hold church open days (72)	46%
<b>Work in partnership with organisations eg. For young people or over 60s to provide activities (131)</b>	<b>83%</b>
Run awareness raising workshops with eg. CAB, Mind (100)	64%
Other (9)	6%

9. How do you think we can work together to generate sufficient income to maintain St Bernadette's for future generations?

Hold events to raise awareness in wider community (117)	75%
Advertise that there is a hall for hire (123)	78%
<b>Hold fundraising events/sponsored challenges (126)</b>	<b>80%</b>
Approach local businesses for donations (90)	57%
Other (17)	11%

10. Is there anything else that you would like to add?

- I think reaching out to isolated, lonely parishioners is extremely important. A weekly film night could generate income and get people out.
- St Bernadette Parish is an excellent place of worship.
- As a pupil of St Bernadette's secondary 1970-1976, at that time it was a fantastic way to be part of a great school and having our Church nearby brings back many memories. St Bernadette's Church is so important for the area and for the benefit of many.
- The Church is wonderful for the community and, by its beauty alone, brings more peace and positivity to the parish.
- The new priest is excellent and a breath of fresh air, trying to move us forward in the real hard world.
- This Church led me back to God for which I will always be grateful so it needs to be there for others like me who can find peace and love again (a group of volunteers found to monitor when open, this way it could be open for longer)
- Either develop 4 flats on right hand side of existing Church – ample parking. Be creative in our vision.
- Developer – forward thinking, needs to review and suggest ideas.
- Keep up the good work.

- I feel that the pews on the organ side could be better positioned to enable the community to face the sanctuary in a better way than is currently possible. This way parishioners would be less distracted by the doors and more focused on the Eucharist.
- Vox would be a great event for regular concerts (eg annually)
- Lovely, light modern church in the heart of the community. Well worth preserving. Also a fantastic concert venue – wonderful acoustics.
- St Bernadette's is an iconic church, sitting in a prime position on the main artery road out of Bristol southbound. It should be a flagship for the Catholic Church and used to maximum effect by the local and wider community. It is a stunning venue for concerts.
- We would like to attend more concerts.
- Attention should be brought to the parish for more volunteers for the upkeep of church grounds.
- I think the target should be young families – reach through the schools. We used to have scouts, guides etc.
- Parish/community film night twice a year. Open up and make use of the chair loft.
- I fall in the bracket of being over 60. Loneliness, aloneness and isolation is a place to be avoided but finding people of the same age bracket is almost impossible. Reaching out to anybody feeling isolated by any means of advertising will enhance living and brings people together. The sharing of our life experiences brings a sense of community.
- I think we need to serve those who are single, widowed and who live alone. We need to help and encourage each other, perhaps we could strive to get a lunch club organised with other churches coming together to provide fellowship, food and faith. We could work together to provide a good community centre by using the Church. It is in a good position, on a main road and can be seen by many. We need to open the doors wide. We love our Church.
- Parishioners could encourage friends, lapsed Catholics or non-Catholics, to attend the Church on Holy days eg. Easter, Good Friday and Christmas, Blessing of the children at Holy Communion.
- Really like the idea of awareness workshops. Would like to see more pilgrimages to UK places of interest.
- We are desperate for a new roof for our Church.
- We want our Church safe.
- St Bernadette's is a unique and simple building which provides a central focus for many activities which involve and support the local community (2).
- Unity activities especially with the Anglo Catholic part of the Church of England locally (Holy Nativity) diocese and nationally.
- The parish has huge potential but we need to become a focus for the community, make coming to church more accessible (2).
- It would be sad for this attractive building to close and for the people to lose their parish.
- It would be good to have more family friendly events, hopefully to encourage more young people to attend church regularly.
- The general upkeep of the exterior of the church needs to be addressed ie. the garden, lawn and drive to make the place attractive for potential hirer. The kitchen and hall needs to be modernised. Perhaps a cleaner, once a week to keep it clean.
- We need to expand the use of the building so it's not just a church but a place where people with shared interests or needs can meet and feel welcome.
- Fundraising events.
- It's a great parish but we can do more to support all groups.
- Build a two or three storey apartment building where the presbytery is and using one of the apartments for the parish priest. (2)
- Have St Bernadette's bank details permanently on the weekly bulletin so that people can make online donations.
- Encourage younger members to become involved in church activities.
- Training scheme for altar servers and we should do more events for the 16-25 age group.
- Have a sponsor a tile or part of building campaign