

The future of St Mary Magdalene Church, Langridge

Survey was run during December 2021 – 33 responses

Village churches in England are much loved, and no-one wishes to see them neglected or closed. But as the number of worshippers continues to decrease, and those worshippers get older, it becomes more difficult to find enough people to do all of the jobs that are needed in order to keep rural churches in operation.

Our PCC (parochial church council, i.e. the executive committee) has been meeting regularly over the past few months, with the guidance of Archdeacon Adrian Youings, to discuss the future of the church. Being completely upfront and honest we have discussed all options ranging from:

- a) the closure of Langridge Church
- b) it becoming a festival church (one that holds services only at festival times e.g. Christmas/Easter)
- c) trying to continue with regular worship.

The first two options are very real and have been explored in detail, however we are keen to keep the church running.

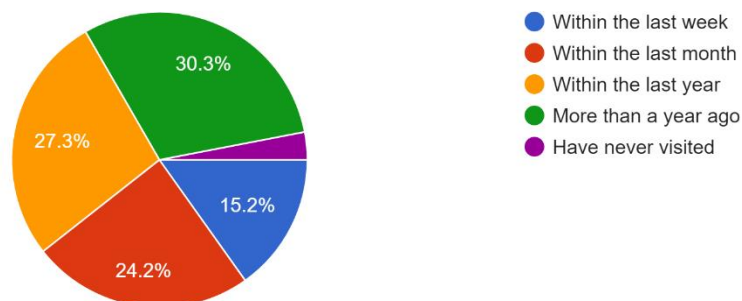
But.... we cannot do it on our own.

Here at Langridge we suspect that amongst those living in, or passing through, the valley there may be an untapped resource of people who are willing to help with some of those tasks. This survey is designed to give us a feeling for how large that untapped resource might be and if, by all pulling together, we can retain Langridge Church as a place of regular worship.

Thank you very much for your time.

When was the last time you were in Langridge Church?

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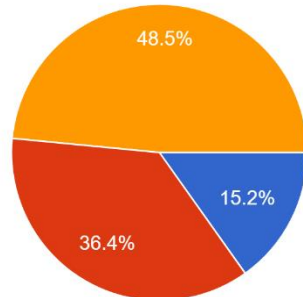


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How often do you worship at Langridge Church?

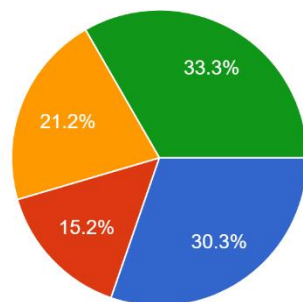
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- At least once a month
- A few times a year
- Very rarely/never

Would you describe yourself as someone who...

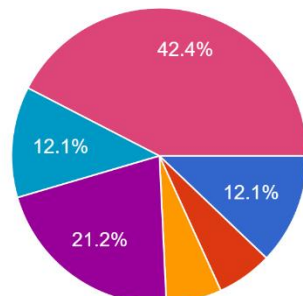
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- Lives in the valley
- Passes through the valley
- Comes to the valley specifically to worship
- Supports Langridge from afar?

Where do you live?

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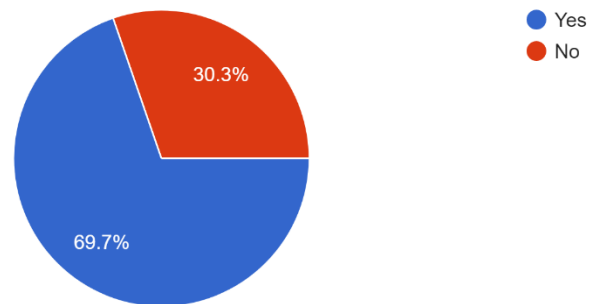
- Langridge
- Tadwick
- Swainswick
- Larkhall
- Weston
- Central Bath
- Other

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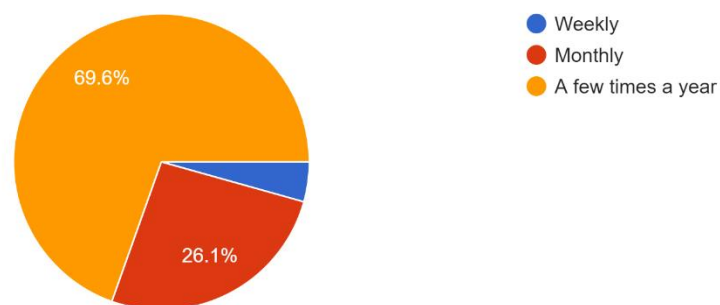
Are you willing & able to help with the maintenance & upkeep of Langridge Church (this could be regular or ad hoc)?

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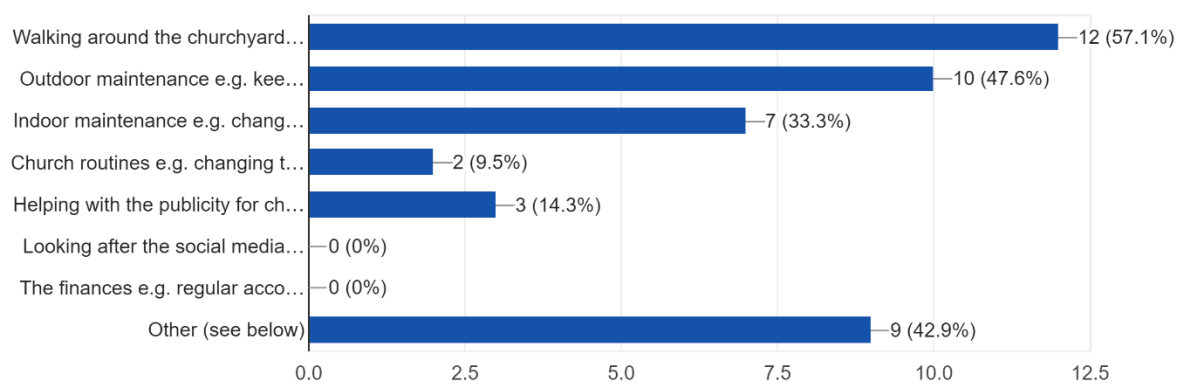
If you selected yes, how often could you help out?

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If you selected yes, what areas could you help us with? (please select as many as you wish)

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If you selected other, please explain how you could help below.

1. Keep the Church Car Park tidy
2. Occasional Churchyard pruning.
3. Hedge trimmer & chain saw pruner on long 10 foot pole to do up trees
4. Undertake repairs and/or specialist cleaning for the tapestry, embroidery & textiles
5. Cleaning & fundraising
6. Cleaning the brass / newsletter
7. Gardening type tasks
8. Polishing and cleaning
9. Building advice (informal)
10. Flowers
11. Brushing the path, arranging flowers
12. Occasional maintenance

Do you have any other suggestions for greater community use of the building?

1. Make the space more versatile with chairs instead of pews
2. Install a toilet
3. More recitals - both organ and choral
4. Location of the building is not in the right place for community events
5. Quiet retreat space

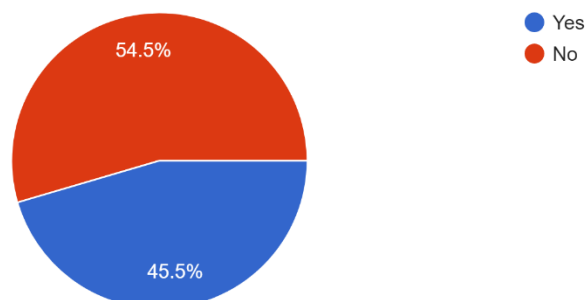
Any other comments?

1. The three valley churches should be united and communicate more closely
2. Get the community together to discuss the survey results.

Friends of Langridge

Would you be interested in joining the Friends if we were able to reinstate it? [If you select yes, please make sure you add your contact details in the next section]

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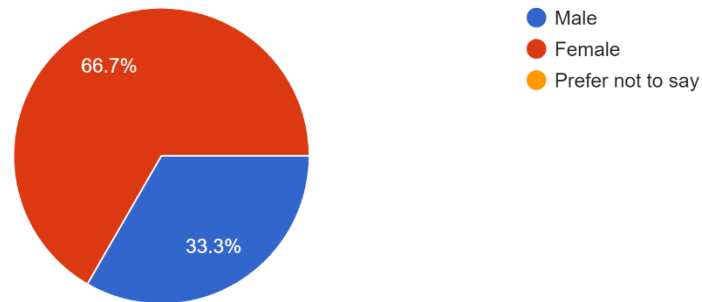
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Demographics

Gender

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Age

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