

Survey Results regarding the reopening of St Mary's - July 2020

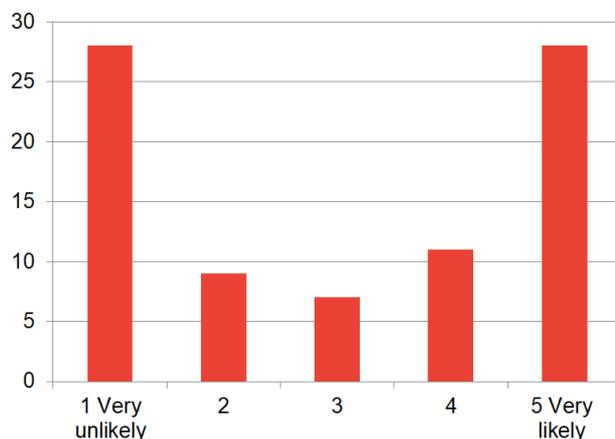


Summary - 82 named replies + 2 anonymous

Thank you so much to everybody who completed the survey. We were pleased to hear from so many people. The responses represented people from the previous 9am service and the previous 10.30am service, people from a range of ages and situations and a good number of families. We therefore felt this was a good representation of the voice of the people of St Mary's.

The following gives the collated results, a brief analysis and the decision from the PCC

How likely would you be to come to St Mary's for a short Sunday communion service?



The responses show that a good number of people would come to a Sunday morning communion service. Responses mainly described missing communion and wanting to take communion.

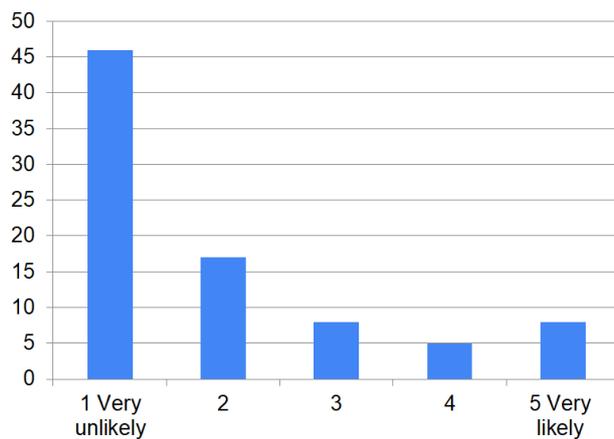
Understandably a number of people are very unlikely to come and responses indicated that this was mainly due to risk factors, vulnerability and health concerns.

In my opinion the data indicates that opening for a short Sunday Communion Service would serve a good number of people.

PCC decision: To re-open the church for a short said Sunday Communion Service at 9.30am from 23rd August and to continue weekly

(This enables the risk assessment to be completed and all necessary requirements to be put into place to ensure we only proceed if it is safe to do so. This date also takes into account staff annual leave. Specific details of the service and what is being put in place will be made available in due course.)

How likely would you be to come to St Mary's if the church was open for prayer and reflection, one day a week, between certain times?



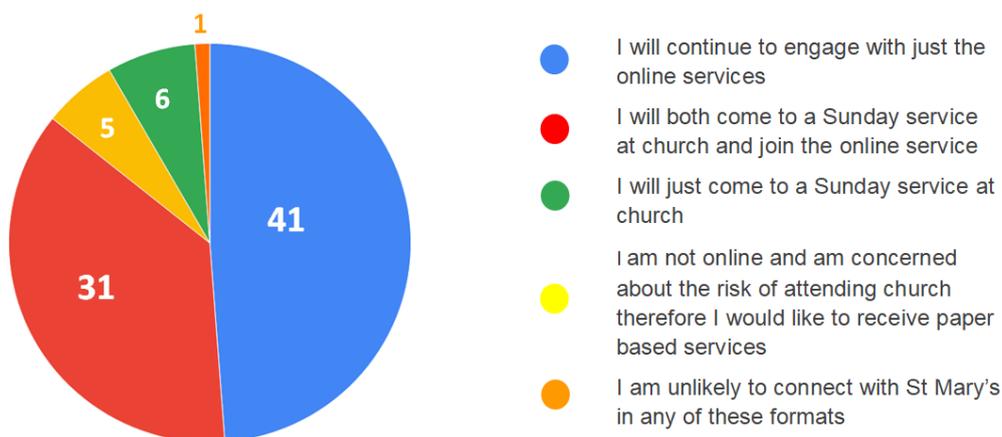
The responses show that the majority of people would be unlikely to come to church for prayer and reflection if it was open on a specific day in the week. A variety of reasons were given.

Some people did indicate that they would come for private prayer, however, further analysis showed that the vast majority of people giving a score of 4 or 5 would also be very likely to come to a Sunday Communion service therefore we hope opening for services will also provide this space for prayer and the connection with church people desire.

In my opinion the data indicates that opening for private prayer would serve just a few people.

PCC decision: The church will not open for private prayer

Please indicate which one of the following applies to you in terms of worship in the coming weeks:



We are so pleased to see that so many people are engaging with online services

PCC decision: The online service will remain the main service of St Mary's for the foreseeable future.

Exploration is being made into how more paper-based resources can be provided for those who are neither online nor able to come to church