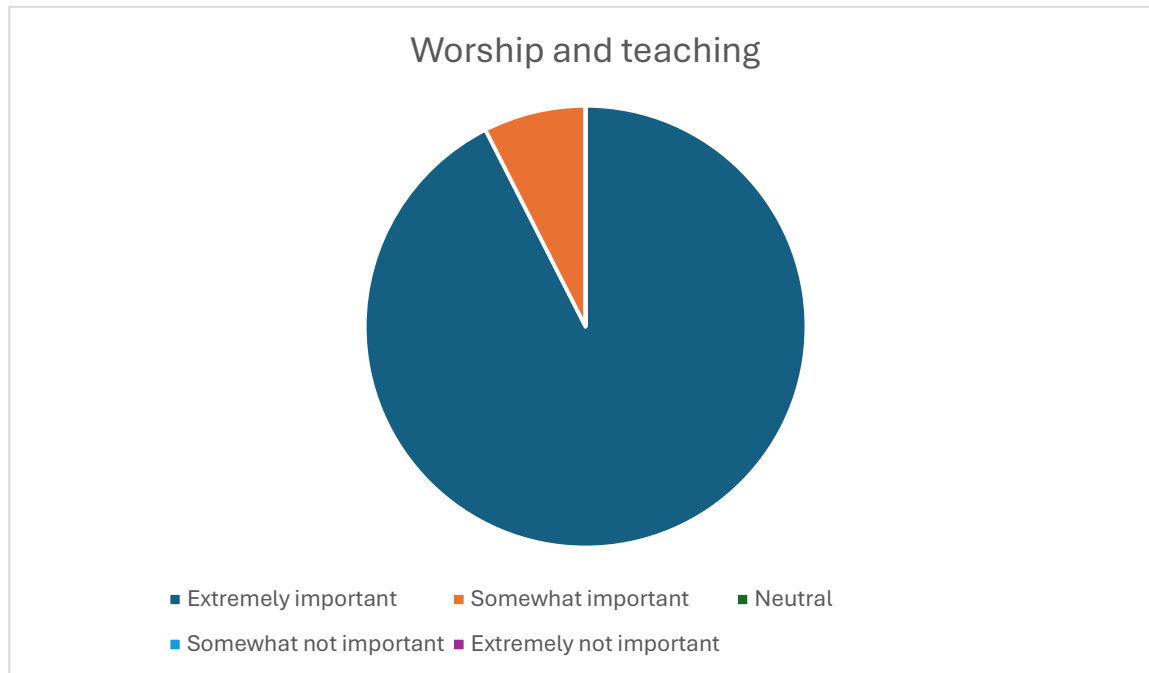


5 Year Action Plan survey results: April 2026

40 responses were received over a period of 27 days, with respondents taking an average of 6 minutes and 43 seconds to complete the survey.

1. How important a role do you feel that worship and teaching play in our church life at the present time?

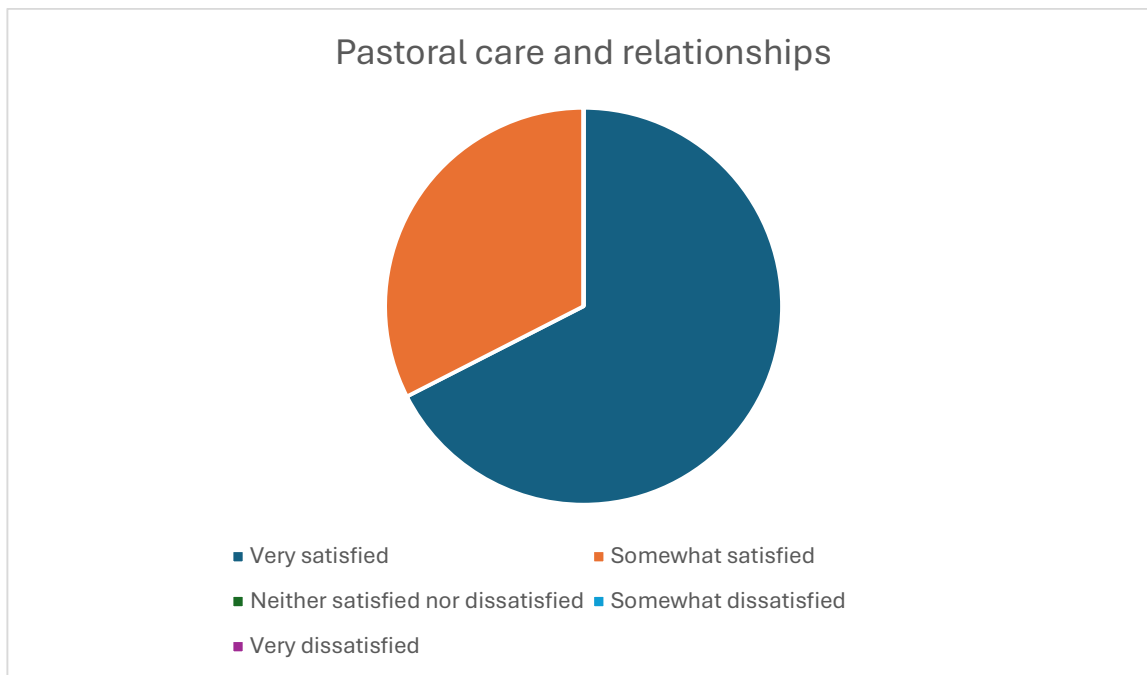


Any comments on worship and teaching in our church?

- *I enjoy the variety of ways in which we worship*
- *Worship is central - we need to have worship that connects with people, that allows people to connect with God and tunes that are relevant and singable. The drop in energy when the organ plays is palpable - we have had Sundays with great singing and energy from the congregation and then a dirge on the organ that grinds everything to a halt*
- *Continue with more enthusiasm*
- *It's good*
- *It's vital, so important to teach God's word*
- *Good to have a mixture of modern and traditional worship. Teaching is good for all ages.*
- *Worship and teaching are very important in our church life just now, as they guide and strengthen our faith. I really appreciate the teaching at St Andrew's Church and find the worship uplifting, and I value the strong sense of community that brings everyone together*
- *Teaching is extremely important as it is how our church will survive*
- *Our house groups are an important way to increase knowledge and build strong fellowships*
- *Teaching/preaching very good. A blessing to have sound teaching. Evening service with more contemporary songs excellent*
- *Interesting teaching topics. Good balance of old and new worship songs*

- *Really enjoy the sermon series that take place over a number of weeks and allow for a deeper exploration of key themes over time. Also important to have a range of worship styles which I think we do very effectively*
- *I love the variety and mix of old with the new in hymns*
- *Could be more varied*
- *I enjoy the variety of worship with others helping during services*
- *Essential for our spiritual growth*

2. How satisfied do you feel with the level of pastoral care and relationships in our church at the present time?

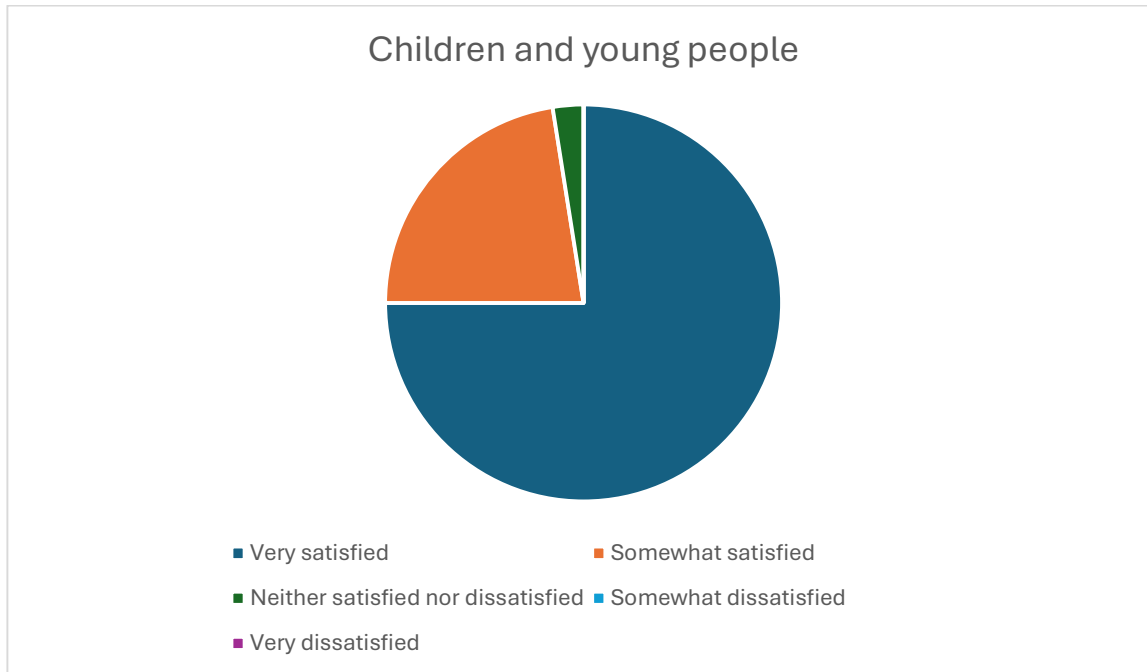


Any other comments on pastoral care in our church?

- *Extremely well carried out in St Andrews, everyone feels supported*
- *Tim has been wonderful in times of strife*
- *I know Tim and others are there if we need them*
- *So vital to the community*
- *As we are new members to the church, we have not yet had enough experience to fully understand the level of pastoral care and relationships. Therefore, our response of “somewhat” reflects that we are still getting to know the church community.*
- *Reaching out to our members in times of need is vital*
- *Feel group looking after this really work hard to cover all aspects of pastoral care*
- *Not every member has a visiting elder*
- *Seems to work well from what I see and experience*
- *Looking In group do a great job in terms of overseeing pastoral support needs and while I myself have not needed any particular support I trust that this takes place regularly*
- *We have a very caring minister who cares about his church family*
- *Pastoral group appears to be one of the most active and noticed of all church groups*

- *If possible, it would be great to be offered a lift to Christian events/occasions outwith our own church.*

3. How satisfied are you with the extent that children and young people are included in the life and worship of our church?

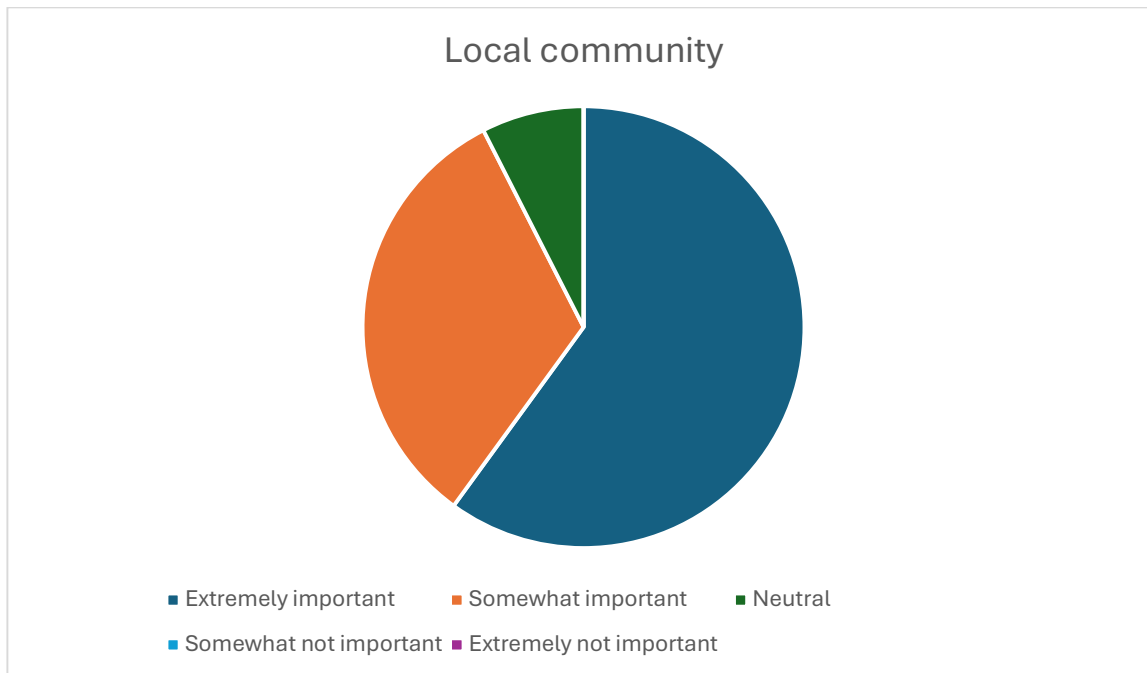


Any other comments on the involvement of children and young people in our church?

- *Great to see teenagers joining our church family*
- *I think the creation of youth church has been fantastic*
- *So good to see children enjoy church*
- *Children and young folk are welcomed and included always*
- *We have regular services that include the children even more than normal and everyone is made aware of how important the children are*
- *Always included in all aspects of worship*
- *The church has a very solid relationship with all youth organisations within the church and runs several all-age services which help to give our young people a full experience of worship*
- *I like the way our children get involved in the children's address and doing actions for the children's song*
- *C & YP are welcome in church and have a good level of involvement. Youth & community worker a blessing & of great benefit*
- *There feels an openness to them being there and comments are always positive*
- *While it would be lovely to have more young people it has been a joy to see the number of young people grow and their confidence in participating in various ways grow too*
- *It's great to see the young people in the church*
- *I would like the children and young people to have a greater involvement and perhaps times out with Sunday morning when they can get involved in the church*

- *Essential to involve our young people more and more in the life of our church*

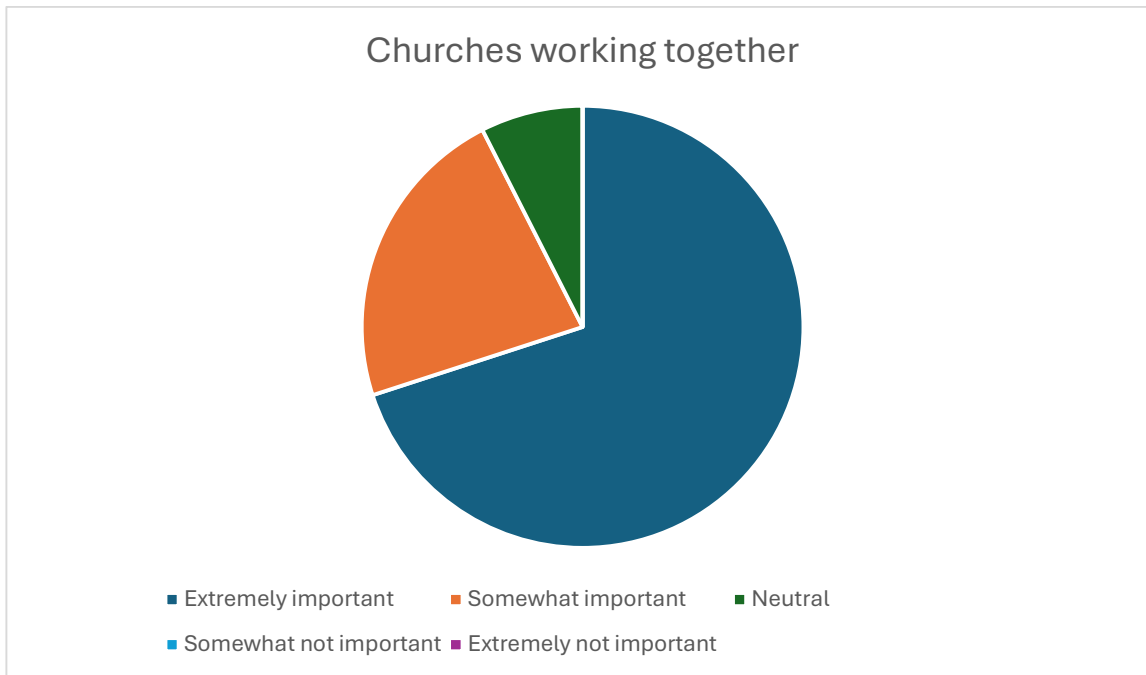
4. How important an impact do you feel that our church makes in the local community?



Any other comments on the impact of our church on the local community?

- *Always room to increase this*
- *I don't know too much about the activities in the community, but I think they are important*
- *We need church for the community, we need hope, help and God close by*
- *Difficult at times due to the diverse mix of local population*
- *I feel that the church has a very important impact on the local community. It provides support, guidance, and a welcoming space for people, and plays a key role in bringing the community together and supporting those in need*
- *Outreach is vital*
- *Our church works hard in this area*
- *The holiday clubs, soup lunches and services at the care home emphasise that the church plays a vital role in making an impact in the local community*
- *I think we make more of an impact than most other churches*
- *Important we continue to look out in this regard and find opportunities to help welcome others into our church*
- *There has been good contact with the local community*
- *Actions speak louder than words*
- *Don't really see our church having much relevance to the community around us*
- *Outreach like Memory Lane, Say One for Me etc have a real impact on our community*

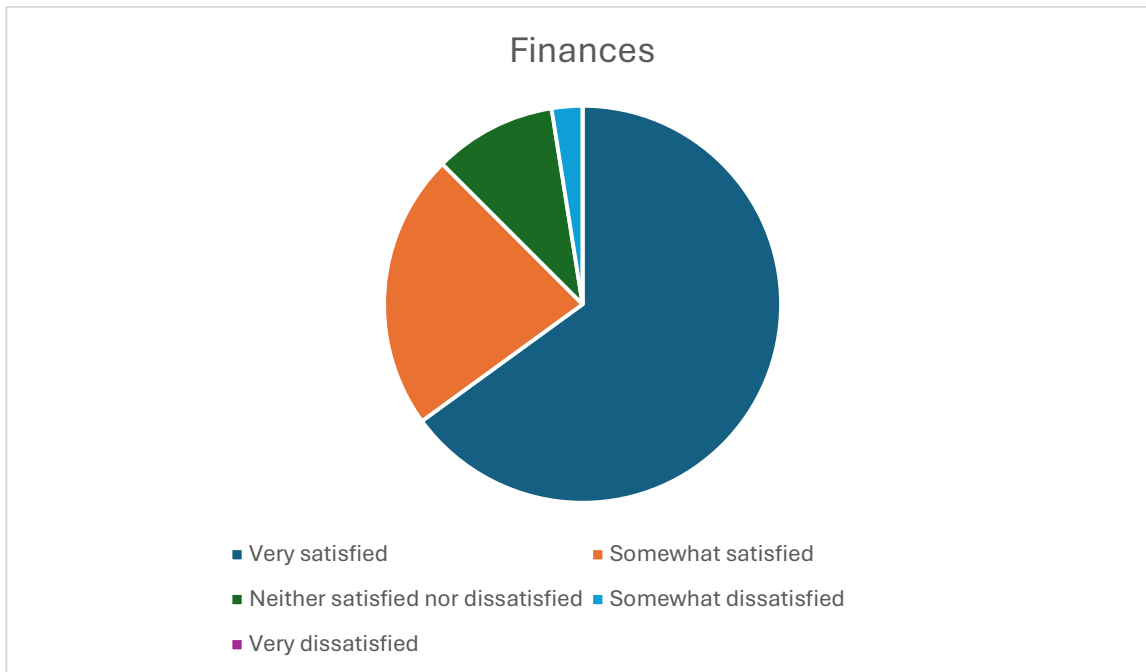
5. How important a role does our church play in local churches working together and other Christian partnerships both locally and further afield?



Any other comments on how we work with other local churches and Christian partnerships?

- *Could do better but getting there*
- *Look forward to joint activities and worship*
- *Together is forever*
- *Very important at this crucial time*
- *We have regular ecumenical activities*
- *We try hard*
- *Action of Barrhead Churches is important for Christian unity in the area. It could perhaps look at more joint ventures*
- *Important to keep ABC alive & active*
- *We have tried as hard or harder than the other churches to foster unity and joint working, but the “success” is limited to the extent the others want to get involved*
- *I think our minister and congregation play a big role in the success of some of the churches together initiatives and would be keen we continue to look for opportunities to do so in the future*
- *We as a church may feel frustrated with the lack of progress in implementing the Presbytery Plan. However, we need to accept it is outwith our control.*
- *Some folk still anti catholic*
- *We need to display more of a leadership role in the linking with other churches*
- *Wonderful to worship together. Breaks down barriers*

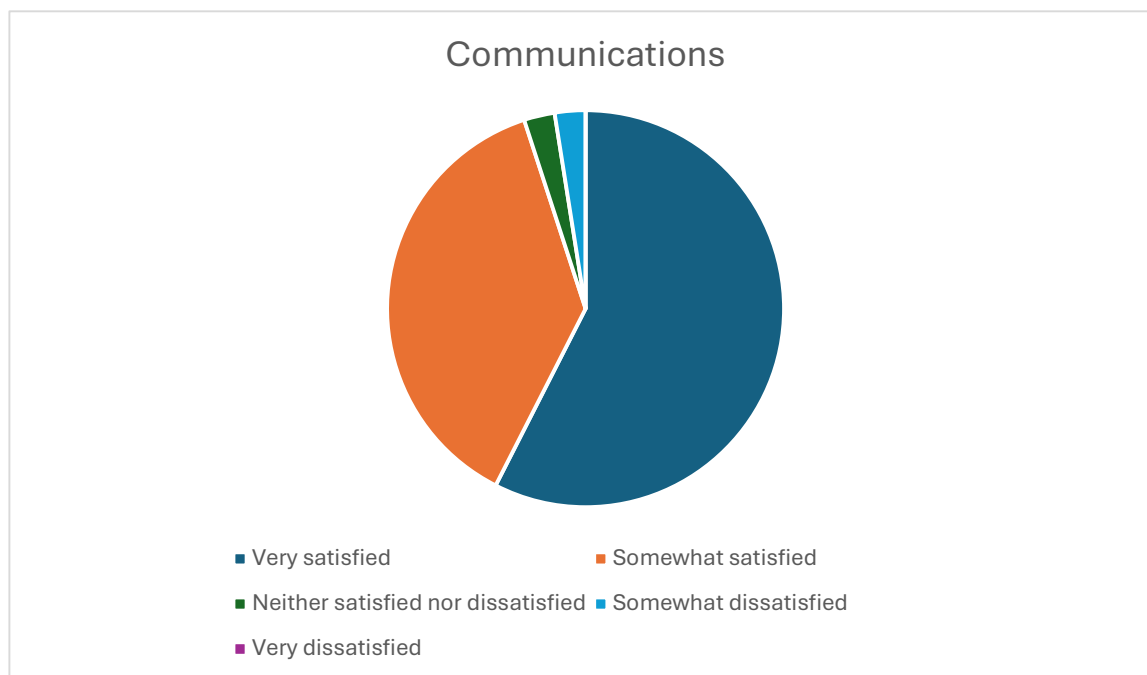
6. How satisfied are you that the church leadership spend our finances on the right things in general?



Any other comments on how the church spends its money?

- *We have good leaders to guide us*
- *Some expenditure is not value for money*
- *There is obviously a sizeable proportion spent on the building at present but there is also good investment in the activities of the church*
- *We are fortunate that our money has been spent wisely to upkeep our buildings but also to enhance the work in the community through the work of the youth worker*
- *Could be more careful with small items. Use in-house printing*
- *More recognition needs to be taken of the ability of our members to provide finances and be careful in needless spending*
- *Not sure if you mean St Andrews or Church of Scotland. Really not able to answer this question and won't be able to attend the ASM to get more info*

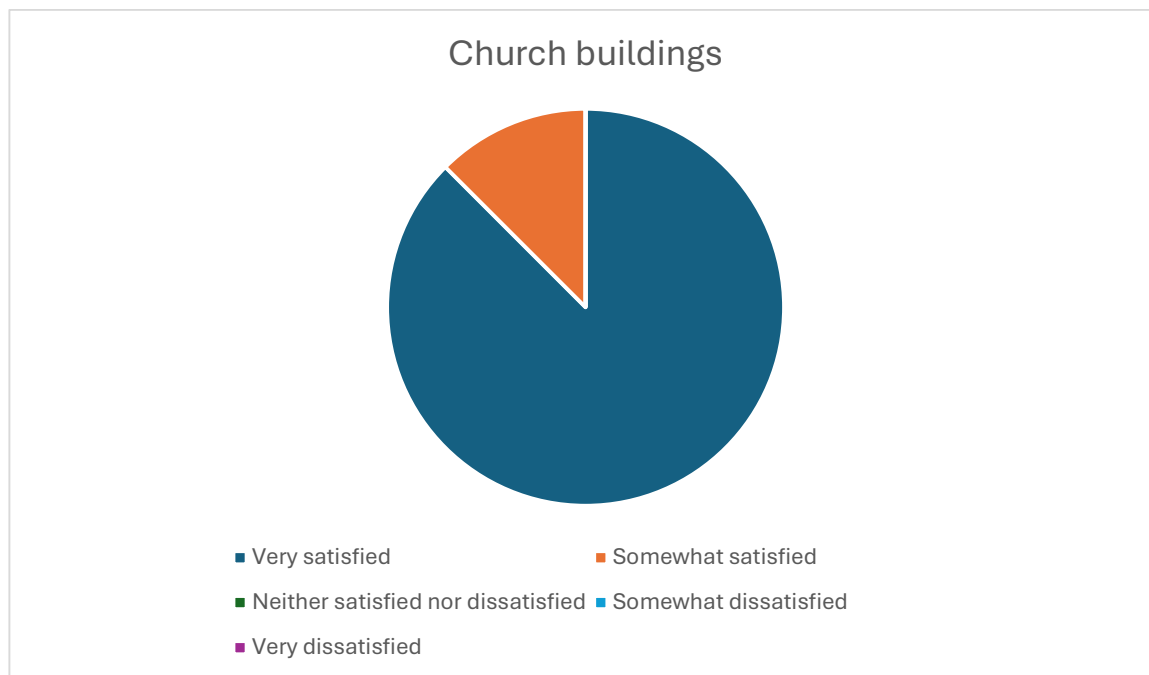
7. How satisfied are you with the level of communications about what is happening in our church?



Any other comments on the communications of the church?

- *This is done mainly by announcements in church, Pew News and a weekly online newsletter.*
- *We have various communications which reach all sections of the congregation - social media, Pew News and Inside Look*
- *The weekly online leaflet is very useful for keeping up to date, especially for people who are ill or frail and can't attend church*
- *Not everyone has access to technology, so we still need 'paper' communication with all relevant news*
- *I feel in the loop about activities, and I know Tim and others work hard to keep people informed via announcements, notice boards, Inside Look, etc*
- *Great to read the inside look and learn about all the great things going on in the church*
- *Need to be more inclusive of those who are not computer literate*
- *Geared for younger people elderly ignored*
- *Too much relevance is placed on online communication when so many of members don't really use this method*
- *Could do with more feedback/reports like Jim Glen's. Communication is vital in life of church. Would have liked a satisfied option in survey as Big Difference between Very Satisfied + 'Somewhat Satisfied' Also would have liked a place for further comments - especially in question 17 to expand on response as age + mobility problems prevent being more involved in work of church*

8. How satisfied are you that our church buildings are serving the needs of our church and the local community?



Any other comments on our church buildings?

- *The fact that yoga is taking place in the sanctuary is really concerning that we allow a spiritual practice from another religion that denies our God. In another part of our buildings some may accept but being in the same space where we worship is an attack in the space (a wooden partition does not change the fact that it is still the same room where we worship. Yoga and practices from Buddhism and Hinduism are not an innocent exercise but a spiritual practice that denies the Holy Spirit, claims the importance of self and tries to say that God is simply nature. Regardless of people's motivations of doing it, this is a spiritual practice that challenges and denies our own faith*
- *We have recently built a Community Hall that is constantly occupied*
- *Hall lets are a great addition to our funds*
- *Community Hall has made a massive difference*
- *The new community centre has made a huge difference*
- *Over 30 community groups using the facilities is testament to meeting community needs*
- *There is a vast range of community groups utilising our facilities*
- *Halls appear to be well used during most weekdays*
- *Church of Scotland could give more help with the upkeep of this much used building*
- *Good to see our hall being used so well by a wide variety of groups*

9. How positive do you personally feel about your involvement with our church at the current time? 10 = most positive

