**St Mary Magdalene Church, Upper Welland Group of Parishes**

**SERVICE SURVEY**

Hopefully, you will be aware that we have been without a Rector for some months now. You may also know that our Parochial Church Council has agreed to a Deanery proposal to enlarge our benefice to seven parishes: Ashley, Cottingham, East Carlton, Stoke Albany, Sutton Bassett, Weston-by-Welland and Wilbarston. This enlarged benefice will be served by a full-time Rector.

The service pattern of our churches has not changed for many years, and this, together with the enlargement of the benefice, means that the existing pattern is not sustainable for a single full-time priest, and will need to change.

Before a new priest is appointed, we are carrying out a survey of all villagers to find out, in particular, what services you would like to attend, but also what **you** want from the church, as a village asset.

We do not intend to make any major changes to the service pattern until we have a new Rector installed, but we must be able to provide a new priest with a practical service pattern on arrival.

**HELP US TO SERVE YOU BETTER**

**WHAT TYPES OF SERVICES WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND – IF ANY (PLEASE TICK)?**

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| a. | Services at different times on a Sunday (our main service is at currently at 9.30am) …………….. |  |
| b. | Services of Holy Communion …………………………………………………………………………………………………… |  |
| c. | Village Services catering for all the family ……………………………………………………………………………….. |  |
| d. | Services including contemporary music ………………………………………………………………………………….. |  |
| e. | Services using the 1662 Book of Common Prayer …………………………………………………………………… |  |
|  *(at present there is a 9am Holy communion once a month and a 6pm Evensong about six times a year)* |
| f. | Services during the week ……………………………………………………………………………………………………….. |  |
|  | If yes to above, which day of the week…………………………………………………………………………………... |
| g. | Other style of worship? (Please specify) ………………………………………………….…………………………….. |
| h. | Are you willing to travel to other churches within the group for worship (**Yes/No**)……. | YES | NO |

**WOULD YOU, OR YOUR FAMILY, BE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES?**

(\* These activities are already available through the Church within the new group of parishes)

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| a. | Courses on Christianity (eg Alpha, Emmaus)\* ……………………………………………………………………… |  |
| b. | Sunday School ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….…. |  |
| c. | Bible Study\* …………………………………………………………………………..………………………………………….… |  |
| d. | Prayer Groups\* ……………………………………………………………………..………………………………………….… |  |
| e. | Youth Group ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….….… |  |
| f. | Other children’s activities ………………………………………………..…………………………………………….…… |  |

 **Other Activities?**

Are there any other activities you would like to see in the village which we could consider as part of St Mary Magdalene’s Development Plan? (eg talks, musical events, coffee mornings, weekend teas in Church)

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**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY 24 NOVEMBER 2019by any of the methods below*:***

* *Email* *randktilley@outlook.com* *using church survey as the title*
* *Let anyone from church know your ideas / suggestions.*
* *Drop a note to the post-box on the side of 34 Rockingham Road, Cottingham (the driveway on Ripley Road) or to the postbox at Mill House, Mill Road, Cottingham*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP**