

## **St. Laurence Church Downton.**

### **LET US TALK**

#### **Question 1**

##### **What is the “Personality and Character” of your local church?**

We are friendly, welcoming and integral to village life. We are the village church, fulfilling an important role in “special services”. Is Downton still a village or is it growing into a town? Church members are involved widely in village activities.

#### **Question 2**

##### **What are the priorities of your local church?**

1. Reaching out to the community using the assets of our building.
2. Worship. Giving God ‘worth’.
3. To raise money to be able to reach out. We need money to resource what we would like to do. What would we do if we were not continually fundraising?
4. We asked, ‘do we know our neighbours as well as we should’. We should listen more – have better communication. Listening is important.
5. We need to ‘reach out’ more into the community. We need more tools to do it better. We need to ‘reach out’ individually as well with the church.

#### **Question 3**

##### **Is there one thing you would like to take on in the coming year (recognising that may mean you may need to stop doing something else?)**

Take part in “Link”

Take part in Roads to God.

Develop our Ministry with the very young: Recently 8 nursery school age children attended our Sunday school

#### **Question 4**

##### **Are there ways in which we can work together to achieve more?**

Working more closely with other Anglican Churches in our team: Holding a Vision day on 27<sup>th</sup> April to explore further.

Working more closely with other Denominations within the village of Downton through Downton Church’s Together (DCT)

#### **Question 5**

##### **How can we best measure the quality and impact of church life?**

Where is the base line? We all measure quality by what is important to each person. Impact can react differently to different people.