WESTBURY PCC – response to Bishop Nicholas’ ‘LET US TALK’ dialogue…

What is the ‘Personality and Character’ of your local church?

Eucharistic;
Welcoming, active and outward facing (with outreach, e.g. Family Fun Days, Crosspoint – Welcome/Information Centre for the whole community);
Inclusive (including children and young people);
Visible in the community;
Willing to take risks;
Striving for Excellence

What are the priorities of your local church?

Centrality of the Eucharist;
Prayer, learning and teaching;
Serving the wider community through Occasional Offices;
Encouraging widest possible use of the church buildings;

Is there one thing you would like to take on in the coming year?

Review our work with children and young people in terms of admission to Holy Communion and the provision of Eucharistic Worship as part of (all age) Sunday Praise (drawing on new liturgical material)
Develop Workplace Chaplaincy (linked to Job Club at Crosspoint)
Encourage more people to get actively involved in all aspects of the activities of the Church (including a new ‘talent survey’ - to find out more about ourselves), creating a culture of involvement, ensuring a more efficient, coordinated and sustainable way of working.

Are there ways we can work together to achieve more?

Continually explore ways of working across the Benefice and the Deanery;
Share experience and good practice.

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

Press coverage and other feedback;
Reaching more people (numerical).
What is the 'Personality and Character' of your local church?
An elderly congregation;
A good outlook – in good heart, befriending, attempting to be community based - strong community links (e.g. School and College)
What we do – we do quite well;
There are few 'doers'

What are the priorities of your local church?
Keeping going – trying to draw newcomers into the Church;
Improving the building – e.g. toilet, meeting space etc.
Attracting/reaching out to children and families;
Continue to develop links with our Church School;
Recognition of financial shortfall;
Need for numerical growth – ‘Friends of Holy Trinity’?
Outward involvement in the community

Is there one thing you would like to take on in the coming year?
“buddying” – looking out for people;
Regular children’s work (linked to major festivals)

Are there ways we can work together to achieve more?
More sharing of events between parishes (in Benefice and beyond)

How can we best measure the quality and impact of church life?
Numbers;
Qualitative feedback;
“What do you value about Holy Trinity?” questionnaire