

**St Luke's Church Dunham-on-the-Hill**  
**A church for all**  
**A church at the heart of the community**

**Dunham-on-the-Hill and Hapsford Community Survey**

Over several months this summer volunteers visited homes across the Parish to ask residents what they think about St Luke's Church and the part it plays in the local community. We asked six questions:

1. Do you attend a church?
2. Is the presence of St Luke's church in the community important to you?
3. Is there anything that puts you off coming to St Luke's?
4. What, if anything, would you like to see the church offer as an alternative to Sunday mornings?
5. Is there anything that St Luke's could do for the community?
6. Would you be interested in knowing when special services are on?

If people were out, or if they didn't have time to talk to us, we left copies of the questionnaire so that they could fill them in and return them to us. We also put the questionnaire on our website for people to download. We wanted everyone to have an opportunity to tell us what they think.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who visited homes and collected people's responses. We would also like to thank everyone who talked to them or who returned a questionnaire. Thank you for your many suggestions of things that St Luke's might consider doing for the community and for telling us about the things that you don't like so much. We have noted all of your comments and ideas, and the Parochial Church Council will be looking in more detail at them over the coming year and thinking about what we might do next to make St Luke's more relevant to the community as a whole.

We received 48 questionnaires, which is about 20% of the approximately 250 households in the Parish. Three quarters of respondents said that St Luke's is important to them. 8 people said that they would like to be notified when special services are on, and we have noted their email addresses or telephone numbers so that we can contact them. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

The survey is part of St Luke's Growth Action Planning (GAP), which is an initiative being taken on by churches throughout the Chester Diocese. Our questionnaire has been included in the pack of ideas for GAP year 2, so that other parishes can use this idea in their own communities. Richard Burton, Parish Development Adviser, said "I'm very encouraged by the results of this survey, which shows that St Luke's is a valued part of the community. The ideas that have been put forward will give the PCC plenty to think about and help the church to focus on serving the needs of local people."