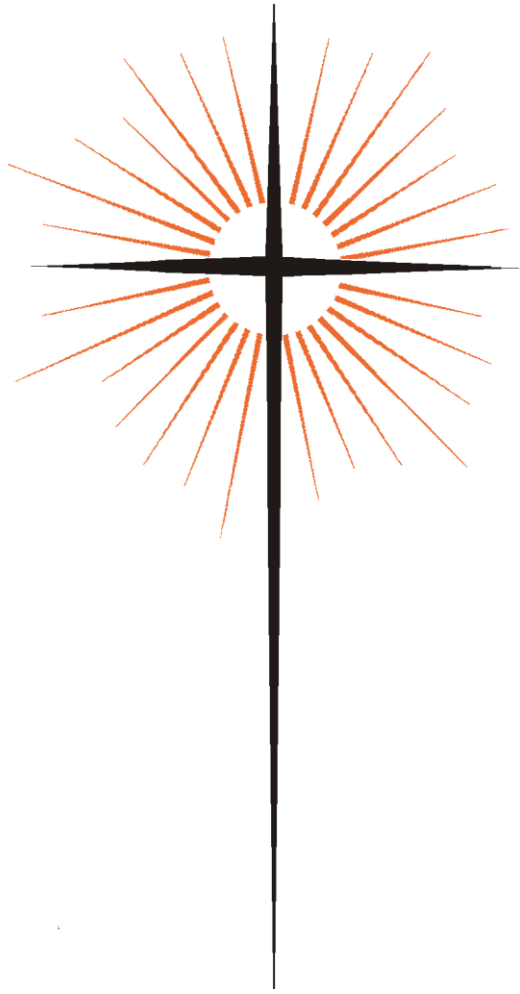


St. John's Congregational Survey from December 2020

This survey was conducted prior to the St. John's becoming aware of the opportunity to seek a shared minister with St. Patrick's.

The following pages include the presentation on the results of the survey to the congregation in a Zoom meeting early in 2021.

Following that are the responses to some survey questions which are summarized in the presentation.



St. John's 2020 Congregational Survey

Age and Education

- 53% of respondents are age 70 and above; 78% were age 56 and above
- 57% were women, 43% men
- 94% had attended college
- 69% are retired

Marriage and Children

- 72% of respondents are married; 14% are widowed
- Only 5 respondents have children below college age

Where We Live and Travel to St. John's

- 64% of respondents live within 5 miles of St. John's; 86% live within ten miles
- 80% drive to church, another 11% walk

What faith were you raised in?

- Episcopal 31%
- Roman Catholic 34%
- Lutheran, Methodist, Baptist 16%
- Other 19%

Episcopal Experience

- 76% of respondents have been Episcopalian 11 or more years
- 14% have never been confirmed or received
- 73% have attended St. Johns 11 or more years

Preferred Liturgy and Time of Services

Eucharist Rite 1 19%

Eucharist Rite 2 46%

No Liturgy Preference 35%

8 a.m. 11%

10 a.m. 87%

No Time Preference 2%

Reasons for Choosing St. John's

Closest Episcopal church to home	28%
Recommended by a friend	25%
Sampled churches and chose St. John's	25%
Attracted to the building and setting	17%

Reasons for Staying at St. John's

Supportive Community	83%
Style of Worship	57%
Fellowship and Social Activities	46%
Church Programs and Ministries	43%
Rector	40%

Focus of Sermons

Everyday life issues 57%

Spiritual development 51%

Biblical Teaching, Current Events,
Social Justice issues (combined) 75%

What skills, gifts, and talents are most important in Clergy?
Select three as “A’s” and three as “B’s”

Clergy Gift	A Votes	B Votes	Total Votes	Points (A=2; B=1)
Preacher	17	10	27	44
New Member Growth	18	6	24	42
Pastoral Care	16	9	25	41
Administration	13	11	24	37
Worship	11	12	23	34

What personality traits are most important in clergy?
Select three as “A’s” and three as “B’s”

Trait	A Votes	B Votes	Total Votes	Points (A=2; B=1)
Accepting of all people	22	4	26	48
Personable / Outgoing	13	9	22	35
Open to New Ideas	12	10	22	34
Good Sense of Humor	10	13	23	33

What do you want our new rector to focus on?
Check your top three priorities.

Focus Area	Responses
Grow church membership	28
Develop opportunities for spiritual growth	14
Provide vision and mission for parish; help ministries understand their connection to mission	14
Strengthen outreach into local community	12
Strengthen pastoral care efforts	10

What do you seek most from worship services?
Choose your top three.

Category	Responses
Sermons that teach and inspire	34
Spiritual growth	18
Fellowship with parishioners	17

What do you seek from St. John's in general (outside of worship services)?
Choose your top three priorities.

Category	Responses
Sense of a parish family	21
Inclusiveness	17
Community/Friendship	16
Spiritual growth	15

How many activities are you involved in at St. John's?

Number of Activities	Number of Responses
0	2
1	1
2-3	9
4-5	5
more than 5	18