

# St George's Anglican Church 2010 Survey

This survey is to help the church leaders better understand the composition and needs of St George's. Please do not feel pressured to complete the survey. However, if you can do part or all of the questions and return it to the office that would be greatly appreciated.

- Only those aged 15 or older should complete this survey.
- TICK next to the option that best matches your response.
- Tick ONE OPTION only unless the question says otherwise.

**X1: EXAMPLE: Do you eat fruit?**

- a.  Every day or most days
- b.  A few times a week
- c.  Once a week
- d.  Occasionally
- e.  Hardly ever
- f.  Never

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

Address/email: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

## ABOUT YOU

**A1: In what year were you born? Please complete the year: 19 \_\_\_\_\_**

**A2: Are you?**

- a.  Female
- b.  Male

**A3: What ethnic group do you belong to? (Tick ALL that apply)**

- a.  European/Pakeha/New Zealander
- b.  Maori

**Pacific**

- c.  Samoan
- d.  Cook Island
- e.  Tongan
- f.  Niuean
- g.  Other Pacific

**Asian**

- h.  Chinese
- i.  Indian
- j.  Korean
- k.  Filipino
- l.  Other Asian

**Other**

- m.  African
- n.  Middle Eastern
- o.  Latin American
- p.  Other

**A4: Occupation/Skills/Hobbies? (e.g. Teacher/Woodwork/Sailing)**

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**A5: How often do you go to church services at this church or somewhere else?**

- a.  This is my first time
- b.  Never or hardly ever or on special occasions only
- c.  Less than once a month
- d.  Once a month
- e.  Two or three times a month
- f.  Usually every week
- g.  More than once a week

**A6: How long have you been coming to worship services or activities at this church/parish?**

- a.  I am visiting from another church
- b.  I am visiting and do not regularly go anywhere else
- c.  Less than 1 year
- d.  1-2 years
- e.  3-5 years
- f.  6-10 years
- g.  11-20 years
- h.  More than 20 years

**A7: Before you started coming here, what term best described your religious belief?**

- a.  Christian
- b.  No religious belief but raised in a Christian home
- c.  No religious belief and not raised in a Christian home
- d.  Muslim
- e.  Hindu
- f.  Jewish
- g.  Buddhist
- h.  Spiritualism or New Age Religion
- i.  Other

**A8: Before you started coming here, what type of congregation/parish did you attend? (Tick ONE only)**

- a.  I did not attend another church or parish before coming here
- b.  I attended a religious gathering that was not a Christian group
- c.  Anglican
- d.  Apostolic
- e.  Assemblies of God
- f.  Baptist
- g.  Brethren
- h.  Catholic
- i.  Christian City Church
- j.  Christian Life Centre
- k.  Churches of Christ
- l.  Congregational
- m.  Destiny
- n.  Elim
- o.  Lutheran
- p.  Maori Christian
- q.  Methodist
- r.  Methodist (Wesleyan)
- s.  New Life Centres
- t.  Orthodox
- u.  Pentecostal (Other)
- v.  Presbyterian
- w.  Salvation Army
- x.  Seventh Day Adventist
- y.  Union or Cooperating Parish
- z.  Other

**A9: What is the highest educational qualification you have completed?**

- a.  Primary school
- b.  Some secondary school
- c.  School certificate / NCEA 1
- d.  Sixth form certificate / University Entrance / Bursary / Scholarship / NCEA 2/3
- e.  NZQA recognised trade certificate or equivalent training
- f.  NZQA recognised tertiary diploma or equivalent
- g.  Bachelors degree from a university or equivalent institution
- h.  Post graduate degree or diploma

**A10: What term best describes your current marital status?**

- a.  Never married
- b.  In first marriage
- c.  Remarried after divorce
- d.  Remarried after death of spouse
- e.  In a defacto relationship or civil union
- f.  Separated but not divorced
- g.  Divorced and not remarried
- h.  Widowed

**A11: What is your current employment status?**

- a.  Employed for 30 hours or more per week
- b.  Employed between 1 and 30 hours per week
- c.  Unemployed
- d.  Student
- e.  Full-time home duties / family responsibilities
- f.  Self-employed
- g.  Retired
- h.  Other



## YOU AND YOUR CHURCH

**B1: What is the STARTING TIME of the church services that you regularly attend here? (Tick ALL that apply)**

**Sunday Services:**

- a.  7.45am
- b.  9.00am
- c.  10.45am
- d.  7.00pm

**Church Services on other days:**

- e.  Wednesday 10.30am
- f.  Gathering for AWE
- g.  I don't usually attend here

**B2: Which of the following aspects of this church/parish do you personally most value? (Tick up to THREE options)**

- a.  Wider community care or social justice emphasis
- b.  Reaching those who do not attend church
- c.  Traditional style of worship or music
- d.  Contemporary style of worship or music
- e.  Sharing in Holy Communion/the Eucharist/Lord's Supper
- f.  Social activities or meeting people
- g.  Sermons, preaching or Bible teaching
- h.  Small groups e.g. Bible study, prayer group, Home Groups
- i.  Ministry for children or youth
- j.  Prayer ministry for one another
- k.  Practical care for one another in times of need
- l.  Openness to social diversity
- m.  Presence of a church school or pre-school

**B3: Do you have a strong sense of belonging to this congregation/parish?**

- a.  Yes, a strong sense of belonging, which is growing
- b.  Yes, a strong sense - about the same as last year
- c.  Yes, although perhaps not as strongly as in the past
- d.  No, but a growing sense of belonging
- e.  No, I don't have a sense of belonging
- f.  Not applicable or don't know

**B4: Do you agree or disagree: 'This church/parish is resourcing my spiritual journey well'?**

- a.  Strongly agree
- b.  Agree
- c.  Neutral or unsure
- d.  Disagree
- e.  Strongly disagree

**B5: How often do you feel encouraged after a worship service?**

- a.  Nearly always
- b.  Usually
- c.  Sometimes
- d.  Occasionally
- e.  Almost never

**B6: How often do our church services contain an effective mix of music, prayer, participation, etc?**

- a.  Nearly always
- b.  Usually
- c.  Sometimes
- d.  Occasionally
- e.  Almost never

**B7: How often is the preaching/teaching helpful for everyday life?**

- a.  Nearly always
- b.  Usually
- c.  Sometimes
- d.  Occasionally
- e.  Almost never

**B8: How often is the presence of God evident in our church services?**

- a.  Nearly always
- b.  Usually
- c.  Sometimes
- d.  Occasionally
- e.  Almost never

**B9: How satisfied are you with what is offered here for children under 12 years?**

- a.  Very satisfied
- b.  Satisfied
- c.  Dissatisfied
- d.  Very dissatisfied
- e.  Unsure / not applicable

**B10: How satisfied are you with what is offered here for youth aged 12-18 years?**

- a.  Very satisfied
- b.  Satisfied
- c.  Dissatisfied
- d.  Very dissatisfied
- e.  Unsure / not applicable

**B11: How satisfied are you with what is offered here for adults aged 19-25 years?**

- a.  Very satisfied
- b.  Satisfied
- c.  Dissatisfied
- d.  Very dissatisfied
- e.  Unsure / not applicable

**B12: How many of your children...?**

Write the number in EACH box - leave blank if no children

	No. of children under 12 years	No. of children 12-18 years
...attend this church/congregation		
...attend another church/congregation		
...do not attend another church/congregation		
I am unsure/don't know if they attend church		

**B13: How long have you been attending St George's?**

- a.  Less than 12 months
- b.  1-4 years
- c.  4-10 years
- d.  More than 10 years
- e.  More than 20 years

**B14: How often do you attend a church service at St George's?**

- a.  Most weeks
- b.  Absent once a month
- c.  Occasionally
- d.  Once or twice a year

**B15: What attracted you to St George's?**

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## YOU AND YOUR FAITH

### **C1: Over the last year, do you believe you have grown in your Christian faith?**

- a.  No real growth
- b.  Some growth
- c.  Much growth, mainly through this congregation/parish
- d.  Much growth, mainly through other groups or congregations/parishes
- e.  Much growth, mainly through my own private activity

### **C2: How often do you spend time in private devotional activities (e.g. prayer, meditation, reading the Bible alone)?**

- a.  Every day or most days
- b.  A few times a week
- c.  Once a week
- d.  Occasionally
- e.  Hardly ever
- f.  Never

### **C3: How often do you read the Bible on your own?**

- a.  Every day or most days
- b.  A few times a week
- c.  Once a week
- d.  Occasionally
- e.  Hardly ever
- f.  Never

### **C4: Which statement comes closest to your view of the Bible?**

- a.  The Bible is the word of God, to be taken literally word by word
- b.  The Bible is the word of God, to be interpreted in the light of its historical and cultural context
- c.  The Bible is the word of God, to be interpreted in the light of its historical context and the church's teaching
- d.  The Bible is not the word of God, but contains God's word to us
- e.  The Bible is not the word of God, but is a valuable book
- f.  The Bible is an ancient book with little value today
- g.  Don't know

**C5: Do you identify with any of the following approaches to matters of faith?  
(Tick ALL that apply)**

- a.  Catholic or Anglo-Catholic
- b.  Evangelical
- c.  Reformed
- d.  Charismatic
- e.  Pentecostal
- f.  Fundamental
- g.  Traditional
- h.  Moderate
- i.  Liberal
- j.  New Age
- k.  I do not identify with such descriptions

**C6: I am aware of the presence of God while in my work place**

- a.  Nearly always
- b.  Usually
- c.  Sometimes
- d.  Occasionally
- e.  Almost never

**C7: I am aware of the presence of God while in my community  
(e.g. sports, clubs, shops, school)**

- a.  Nearly always
- b.  Usually
- c.  Sometimes
- d.  Occasionally
- e.  Almost never

**C8: I am aware of the presence of God while enjoying nature  
(e.g. parks, sunsets, animals, plants)**

- a.  Nearly always
- b.  Usually
- c.  Sometimes
- d.  Occasionally
- e.  Almost never

## YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY

**D1: Are you involved in any community service, social action or welfare groups NOT CONNECTED to this congregation/parish?**

- a.  Yes, community service, care or welfare groups
- b.  Yes, social action, justice or lobby groups  
(e.g. environmental, human rights or local issues)
- c.  Both of the above types of groups
- d.  No, I'm not involved with such groups

**D2: Which of the following best describes your readiness to talk to others about your faith?**

- a.  I feel at ease talking about my faith and look for opportunities to do so
- b.  I mostly feel at ease talking about my faith and do if it comes up
- c.  I find it hard to talk about my faith in ordinary language
- d.  I do not like to talk about my faith; my life and actions are sufficient
- e.  I do not have faith, so the question is not applicable

**D3: Would you be prepared to invite to a church service here any of your friends and relatives who do not currently attend church?**

- a.  Yes, and I have done so in the past 12 months
- b.  Yes, but I have not done so in the past 12 months
- c.  Don't know
- d.  No, probably not
- e.  No, definitely not

**D4: Do you regularly take part in any activities of this congregation that reach out to the wider community (e.g. visitation, outreach, community service, social justice, welfare)?**

- a.  Yes, in evangelistic or outreach activities
- b.  Yes, in community service, social justice or welfare activities of this congregation
- c.  Yes, in both of the above types of activities
- d.  No, we don't have such activities
- e.  No, I am not regularly involved

## YOU AND YOUR INVOLVEMENT HERE

### E1: Are you regularly involved in any group activities here?

- a.  Yes, in small prayer or home bible study groups
- b.  Yes, in fellowship, clubs, social or other groups
- c.  Yes, in both of the above types of groups
- d.  No, we have no such groups
- e.  No, I am not regularly involved

### E2: Do you currently perform any of these leadership or ministry roles here?

**(Tick ALL that apply)**

- a.  Teaching or preaching at church services
- b.  Music ministry (e.g. choir, organist, band)
- c.  Lead, plan or assist in church services (e.g. worship leader, liturgical assistant)
- d.  Oversight of the church (e.g. Elder, parish council, wardens)
- e.  Member of a committee or task force
- f.  Pastoral care role (e.g. Visitation of the sick, the elderly)
- g.  Small group leadership among adults (e.g. Bible study groups, prayer groups)
- h.  Adult social group leadership
- i.  Children's ministry role (under 12s)
- j.  Youth ministry role / youth group leadership
- k.  Religious education teacher / scripture teacher in schools
- l.  Preparing adults for membership, marriage or sacraments
- m.  Another role not mentioned above
- n.  No such leadership or ministry role

### E3: How much do you think you participate in the activities of the church/parish, compared to two years ago?

- a.  Participate more
- b.  About the same participation
- c.  Participate less
- d.  Not applicable (been coming less than 2 years)

### E4: Have this congregation's leaders encouraged you to find and use your gifts and skills here?

- a.  Yes, to a great extent
- b.  Yes, to some extent
- c.  Yes, to a small extent
- d.  Not at all

**E5: Have you attended an Alpha course?**

- a.  No
- b.  Not yet but I am thinking about it
- c.  Yes – at St George’s
- d.  Yes – at \_\_\_\_\_

## DIRECTION

**F1: Does this congregation/parish have a clear vision, goals or direction for its ministry and mission?**

- a.  Yes, and I am strongly committed to them
- b.  Yes, and I am partly committed to them
- c.  Yes, but I am not committed to them
- d.  There are ideas but no clear vision, goals or direction
- e.  I am not aware of such vision/goals or direction
- f.  We need to go back to the way we did things in the past

**F2: Of the following, which one best describes your opinion of the future direction of this congregation/parish?**

- a.  We are currently moving in new directions
- b.  We are currently deciding on new directions
- c.  We are faithfully maintaining past directions
- d.  We need to rethink where we are heading
- e.  Our future direction is unclear to me

## LEADERSHIP

*Leadership at St George's has been through a period of change. The following questions should be answered on your overall impression of current leadership at St George's.*

### **G1: Which of the following is the best description of the style of leadership at St George's?**

- a.  Leader that tends to take charge
- b.  Leader that inspires people to take action
- c.  Leadership that acts on goals that the people here have been involved in setting
- d.  Leadership where the people start most things
- e.  There is currently no leader here
- e.  We need to go back to the way we did things in the past

### **G2: What do you think are the main roles that are actually carried out? (Tick up to THREE options)**

- a.  Conducting worship or administering the sacraments
- b.  Teaching people about the Christian faith
- c.  Training people for ministry and mission
- d.  Converting others to the faith
- e.  Administering the work of the congregation/parish
- f.  Visiting, counselling and helping people
- g.  Developing a vision and goals for the future
- h.  Offering prayer/being a spiritual role model
- i.  Involvement in wider community groups or social issues
- j.  There is currently no leader here

## STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

**H1: What do you consider to be the three main strengths and weaknesses at St George's?**

**Strengths:**

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**Weaknesses:**

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That's all the questions. Thank you for completing this survey.  
Handing in this survey form will be taken as your consent to have your answers included with those of everyone else in the congregation.  
A summary of results will be available once your congregation's results are processed.