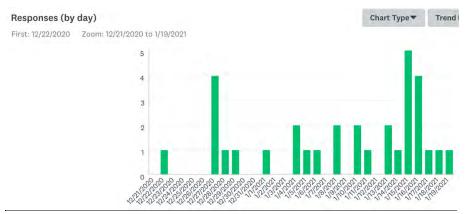
St Benedict Mutual Ministry Review Solicitation for Congregational Comments for MMR December 2020/January 2021 01.20.21 Lorienne/M Lucas

## Process:

- · Weekly announcements at services beginning Sunday, December 27
- Survey Monkey online starting Tuesday, Jan 5 with email invitation
- Hard copies available at 9:30 services starting Sunday, January 3, 2021
- · Distribution to Parish Council and Cloister Leaders Saturday January 2 with questions and phone lists
- PC phone their lists between January 6-17 and each brings results to PC meeting 1.19.20
- · Parish Council on January 19 decide on format for January 31 congregational meeting
- · Results Shared with Congregation at Annual Meeting January 31
- Follow-up for concluding MMR at Parish Council Retreat TBD

#### **Comment Sources:**

Survey Monkey: 32 [new stat this year: typical time spent: 11min 33 sec] Paper: 1 PC Contact [Jane, Esta, Michael, Stef]: likely 14-16 Total Contacts: 45-50



Important to get survey dates out- people contribute early and at the end....

# **Survey Questions for 2021**

Phone intro:

Hello [x], this is [y]. As a [member of the Parish Council] this conversation is part of an effort to canvass our parishioners for their input into the 2020 Mutual Ministry Review we will complete with our Parish Council retreat in March 2021. This is a method where the Parish Council annually can hear from the members as we discern our path for the coming year and beyond. We are particularly interested in what aspects of our ministry and worship draw you close, inspire you and especially knowing your opinion where we could do better. No answer or idea is off the table and we value all comments. You may determine if you wish the comments to be recorded as 'anonymous'. Aggregate comments from the parish will be shared at the annual meeting on January 31.

Later Survey Monkey and PC interview responses since initial version in blue

1. In your personal experience, what gives life to St Ben's? What draws you near? How has that worked during 2020 compared to other years?

#### Survey Monkey Responses

2020 was tough. I like the classes a lot. I really like the outdoor services. Facebook/Zoom, not so much, but a lot of people love them so they are a good thing/necessity. I love the in-person services/liturgy. And some of the people are very special.

The love recieved from the congregation, clergy and other ministers.

Connections with members of the congregation are the most life giving aspect of being a part of the St. Ben's community. I am also attracted my liturgies and by the stimulating programs offered by the Hollister Institute.

St. Ben's is a wonderful community. The Cloisters, secret angels, and other special efforts to stay connected are very much appreciated.

Despite the isolation of Covid, I have really appreciated all the opportunities to come together with the church community through Zoom and Virtual Sunday on Facebook. Although not quite the same as other years, I appreciate what has been offered.

Our care for one another. Inspired and thoughtful preaching. Our commitment to follow Christ's leading together. Those things continue to work, and part of what 2020 has taught me is the difference between what is important and what is essential.

Our community working together for common purposes.

It has been very challenging to stay in touch with everyone, but St. Ben's has found ways to give comfort and support to all of us, as well as allow us ways to share in the rituals and traditions of the church. The very act of caring so much and embracing compassion, especially through all the times of loss and grief, has been vital to keeping the spirit of St. Ben's going.

Commitment of both leaders and lay members/liturgy which remains both worshipful and full of integrity and relevance; it has been difficult in 2020 certainly because it is the person to person communication we all look for to bring some nourishment to our souls. I think it has worked amazingly well, even on screen. Caro has been so terrific and patient with a very difficult process. I think this year has exceeded my expectations.

community of support - supported online in 2020

The people draw me in and they also give life to the church. It has been difficult this year, but the cloister groups and the zoom church and other zoom mtgs. have helped.

the people and their warmth and mutual care. Although good efforts have been made, the reality is this diminished in 2020 without being together in person. I feel disconnected from the church and my church family. This is how I feel and not intended as a criticism.

the quality of worship

The people; the ability to sustain. nurture, and develop our relationship with Christ.

The dedication of leaders, led by Caro

I feel that what gives life to St Ben's is that it is a congregation of people desiring to be an outpouring of the love of God. We also have a vicar that cares well for her flock.

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Before the pandemic I loved worship, especially communion "in the round", and music in the service. I greatly value our commitment to justice of all kinds and caring/support of one another. I think worship services via Facebook are valuable and I participate. Of course, it's not the same. That's just the way it is for now.

Its people: its congregation and leaders. Obviously, it has been difficult to gather together and be with one another during 2020 because of COVID, but I feel the adaptations that were done well.

Caro invites a very introspective approach, and also creates a wonderful space for interpersonal sharing

In my experience, what gives life to St. Ben's is the community of care. People really rally around each other in faith. The online prayer group is really important and often feels like a lifeline. Being able to feel lifted up in prayer during the difficult times means so much.

Caro's words and attitudes. Church location and setting. (No different in 2020 compared to any other years.)

The inclusive nature of this church and it's commitment to social issues/problems. During 2020 it has been even more important to be involved and do what we can to help those in need.

My main contact is through the 8:00 a.m. contemplative service and the Parish liaison committee. In both I have found clear and honest opportunity to worship and provide input to the workings of our church and the form of our worship.on

Spiritual depth and exploration. Joyful and spirit-filled worship. Kind and compassionate people.

Best -- a sense of community -- more difficult this year

Our liturgy and all of the hardworking staff. Especially in 2020, Caro+, Stef, all the employees and all the volunteers have kept this church vibrant. I am drawn near by the online opportunities to worship, pray together, or study. This church is NIMBLE! We figured out online worship and safe practices right away.

I'm glad to see services offered online. This way I don't feel like I have to make a decision on whether to take a chance and go to church.

This year (2020) has been distinguished by the care parishioners have been taking of each other. With virtual services well-attended and coffee hours convivial, I have felt as connected as I would if I were present.

So many opportunities for meaningful worship, learning, and service. All of that has continued unabated in 2020.

Despite the absence of real face-to-face in-person events for most of the year, St. Ben's presence in our lives was never lacking

Keeping in touch with members through worship and church business.

I come to worship and am glad we are offering several means to do so, but each online version has been a disappointment in some way, especially the lack of singing. I enjoy the 'traditional' 10:30 service but find FB awkward, and do not like the more recent contemporary 'praise' music. I have attended and enjoy the 9:30 live service best.

I appreciate how much the Rector has done to obtain a new skill set in a short time and pull off respectable worship in the new media. Her messages in the service have been outstanding.

I now worship around the world and have found online expressions of faith to supplement to restricted forms we have had imposed here.

It would be difficult to continue this way for me.

The continuation of the ministries has been amazing a blessing.

## Parish Council Phone Interview Responses

I would say, under the circumstances of this past year, St. Ben's has done an outstanding job! I'm only glad I'm not in Caro's shoes during these very difficult times!

I feel that I have fallen away from the church because of the technology.

I have felt a great sense of community and that we are there for each other, especially through our community activities, EARTHCARE, etc.

The rector has done an excellent job of keeping things going during difficult times. Live stream worship is good but feels less connected than before. Especially miss Eucharist.

Online worship

Online worship

Online worship

They live at a distance now, so are no longer able to participate. They read the newsletter with interest. They are very impressed with the level of commitment shown by our congregation. They visited another church in their area which is now failing due to lack of financial support, despite being a much wealthier congregation. They watched our online service a couple of times, and though well done, it made her homesick.

One word, Caro. In 2020, Caro is making this the best church experience possible under the circumstances. Doesn't personally like Zoom, but enjoys the 10:30 service on FB and the 9:30 in person service.

The life, enthusiasm, and joy of the community. Not possible to experience this in 2020 because staying at home, and not connecting online.

The church's passion for helping others. In 2020, our continuation of outreach ministries.

Caro: her honesty and willingness to be vulnerable; the care of the church community for one another and for the community at large. In 2020, has felt more a part of the St. Ben's community, has gotten to know more people better through Zoom.

Came seeking community. 2020 has made that a lot harder. Feels too exhausted from work to participate.

Felt many years ago they could help a small church grow, and has continued to feel that way. In 2020, appreciates Zoom 10:30 service.

The joy felt at St. Ben's and Caro. In 2020, prefers the 9:30 in person service. Can't connect with online worship. This year has given them a new appreciation for the church worship experience.

Sense of Community. Worship services.

I miss gathering together with others. I like the personal connections. I don't like online services, meetings, etc and have basically felt disconnected from the community.

### Hardcopy Responses

Life at St Ben's is our special care for people in need within our own community! It's because of this that I continue to support the ministry.

The extreme support by the Rector in providing growth opportunities especially under the pandemic.



Word Cloud Question 1 v1

2. In your experience in 2020, there were a variety of initiatives in response to the pandemic to reach out to our community and to you, our church community. What was a meaningful highlight of this past year to you? These may include, but are not limited to Abundance Shop; Earthcare and Hollister offerings on Zoom; Bible Study, the Gratitude Gathering on Zoom; Worship via Zoom; Worship through Face-book; Worship safely spaced in the parking lot; being part of a Cloister Group; Community and Prado meals; Caro's evening reflections and prayers on Facebook; other. For whom and/or what are you grateful for in these ministries?

## Survey Monkey Responses

I am very grateful for all of Rev Caro's efforts on the internet, but especially for the outdoor services. Also, I think the idea of the cloisters was fantastic. Thank you for all your work, Caro+ and cloister leaders.!

## Worship via Zoom.

The Zoom book study group on Tuesday mornings was the most significant pandemic stimulated initiative in response to the pandemic. Online worship, meditations, and committee meeting were also significant. I am so grateful to the volunteers who have kept Laundry Love going as well as community dinners and Prado meals going. I look forward to the weekly communication from our cloister group leader. So many things were implemented quickly to help us continue to feel a part of St. Ben's. I am so appreciative of Caro's creativity and hard work during this challenging time.

## Earthcare, Gratitude Gathering on Zoom, Cloister Group

We have had multiple opportunities to stay connected to our church friends. I have especially enjoyed and learned from the book studies with so many wise people. It was a blessing for me, as was Caro's evening prayers. I have just discovered the wonderful 9:30 service and will hope to continue with that also. I am grateful that I have more time to be able to cook for Prado and the Community dinners.

Worship on Facebook and Caro's evening reflections have been particularly meaningful. Having the ability to worship outdoors together after so many months apart was a relief and a joy. I'm thankful to all who have made online worship possible.

Facebook worship, in-person worship, getting to participate in worship as a reader/alter server, Caro's evening reflections are all great ways to feel connected, particularly the limited in-person opportunities. It's good to see other human beings in person in safe ways!

I have found the Abundance shop both a wonderful research for item useful in so many ways, but also as a welcome connection with members and the community in general. Just seeing Caro face and hearing her voice every week has been the greatest inspiration and comfort of all. I have been doing the Facebook mostly on as many Sundays as i can. Her reflections are also very rewarding and educational too.

I've continued to be connected with the Hollister group as well as the Prayer group on Tuesday mornings. Both have helped me feel less isolated and provided more intellectual stimulation. Facebook Worship has been a regular part of our Sunday, and very important. Each week I've communicated with my Cloister Group, and felt much gratitude for each of them, even when they've not necessarily contacted me often, or had many concerns to share, I've felt it's kept that web of connection there. About every Prado & Community meal, we've made a food contribution. It feels good to be reaching out and helpful to someone else. I'm grateful to Maureen Titus and Pat Henry for their leadership for the meals. I'm grateful to Caro for her leadership, and also for new faces as they appear on Zoom. The Gratitude Gathering was fun and we got to see one another again! I'm very grateful for LEMs who continued to provide liturgical leadership while some of us didn't feel comfortable participating.

worship, prado, all of Caro's offerings - she offered a lot

Zoom, the cloister groups and Caro. Caro put together some EXCELLENT presentations and gave of herself as well. I am grateful for Caro and all the individuals that led and/or coordinated group functions.

I cannot say that any of these, although well done and good efforts, did much for me.

worship through facebook and the 9:30 open air service, the evening reflections

Vespers; Saturday/Sunday Eucharist; Grief Group

## Parking lot worship

I am so moved as I think of the ways that Caro and our church have communicated love during this pandemic. I was deeply touched with the memorial service held outside at the park to honor a man that had died. I cannot think of his name at the moment. He was one of our unhoused friends. The rules were strict about only having a certain number of people gathered. I heard Caro remark that she would just continue to have repeat the service until everyone that wanted to be there was able to be part. The outdoor service at the end of the street by St Anne's, Cloister Groups, Caro's reflections, Hollister offerings, various zooms, outdoor Worship, online Worship. Although I have not been able to participate all of the time in everything offered, just knowing that there were this offerings was meaningful. Again, it felt like Caro and the Parish Council was doing all they could think of to make sure we were all covered.

I loved the Abundance Shop when it was open. I know it's down to a skeleton crew and hope it will be able to bounce back. Worship via Facebook is valuable (I can't get the live stream to work) and Zoom coffee hour are good for my spirits.

The 8:00 am zoom meetings were my highlight, as well as the evening reflections from Caro as a close second. I feel they spiritually prepped me for my day and evening.

### Worship on zoom

For me, the worship on Facebook is so important. I don't know where I would be without that. I am going to try to start going to the in-person worship. The cloister groups have been great to check in with, and the messages are thoughtful and inspiring. Helps keep me feel grounded and connected. Caro has done a phenomenal job by continuing outreach through technology. I know how hard it is to work online, and she has become a televangelist, it is amazing what St. Ben's is able to do.

Did not participate in any. I appreciate the consistent outreach from my Cloister Group organizer (though I did not participate).

The efforts of everyone involved in the "new" way to connect has been so appreciated by me. The Zoom and FB events have been a good way to connect. Church in the parking lot has been a help to actually see people in the Church family. Helping with Prado, community dinners, Laundry Love and Abundance Shop has been , for me , a way to feel like I am doing something to help. Not just sit at home in fear , like so many others in our community. St Benedicts members are very giving and I am grateful for all of them and our Rev. Caro Hall for all she does to keep everyone involved.

I am impressed by the number of participation avenues offered in these highly restricted times. Well done! My personal contact has been through the Zoom connection for the 8:00 a.m. contemplative service which has been a blessing and an inspiration for me. It has continued without interruption although in a different and necessary delivery system. If anything, I have become closer to Caro and the group through this medium.

Worship on Facebook has been my primary method of staying connected this year. It helps me feel connected to the community and grounded for the weekly challenges. I also got a lot out of the grief group, thank you for doing that. The first iteration of Cloister Groups worked better for me but I understand what it takes to balance everything.

Worship via Zoom -- very appreciated. Cloister group seemed to be mainly Lorienne reaching out

I am grateful to Caro+ for all the work and leadership she provided and all that she carried on her own. The 8:00 Zoom church and 10:30 Facebook worship were truly church. I loved being able to do a Gratitude Gathering and being part of a cloister group. I am grateful for all in leadership who have found new ways to be church.

Caro's evening reflections.

I am grateful for worship through Facebook, and for the opportunity to continue to work at the Abundance Shop on Mondays, when the shop is closed.

Completing the year of EFM on Zoom, resuming work at the Abundance Shop, and leading a cloister group.

The meaningful highlight that was added to all the activities was having Cloister Groups. I thought they made St. Ben's more personal with its parishioners.

It was nice to have options and I dropped in and out as I needed. Online worship and Pausings were important.

Cloister groups were a good idea. While only a portion of my group seem to participate, it is heartfelt.

Virtual worship is rough and a deep chasm for me vs the in-person services. While I attend on occasion, it is not the same in any way.

The maintaining of the ministries in the community is inspiring, especially all the meals, laundry, and the efforts to remain open of the abundance Shop.

## Parish Council Phone Interview Responses

Pausings st 7 pm

Parking lot service

People praying for me

Community dinners and church on FB.

Appreciates calls from Stef and Alice.

Prado, community dinners, laundry love, Abundance Shop.

Appreciates that there are so many offerings, sees Caro as a true Shepard, Abundance Shop, the Angel/Mortal exchange.

Cloister group was ok. Maxed out on computer use at work, so does not Zoom or use FB. Church at 9:30 too early.

Cloister group and calls from Caro.

Book study and Caro's evening prayers.

Abundance Shop, a worthwhile ministry.

I enjoy seeing Caro's evening reflections on Facebook.

I read the Newsletter and the emails I receive so have an idea of what is happening in the parish.

I am grateful to Caro and all the others who put together the services and programs, but I just mostly do not participate.

Hardcopy Responses

Parking lot worship

Cloister groups formed

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Bible topical discussions by Zoom



Word Cloud Question 2 v1

3. In your experience in 2020, what was a gap of our ministry this past year tending to our church family itself? These may include, but are not limited to our online worship service forms and times; the cloister groups; the regular correspondence via email, Facebook, and our website; virtual Coffee Hour, and other such as Benediction Weekly and newsletter. Trusting that these safety procedures need to stay in place for the foreseeable future, how could St. Benedict's do better to make you feel included and involved?

### Survey Monkey Responses

I don't really know. I think a lot has been done. It seems like we could safely start using the church itself for things, safely of course. I think mayabe keep some online activities. Online is not my thing, so idealisticly (sp) maybe, do more in-person, safely and less on-line.

Saint Benedict's, especially Caro+, is doing an amazing job of keeping us connected.

Frankly the only real gap I experienced was the absence of in person time without physical distancing. I missed smiles and hugs. I especially missed the chance to gather physically for memorial services. For the near future keep on doing the things developed so far and possibly when it gets warmer again we can create some other outdoor opportunities for gathering.

Wow, this is tough. I'm not sure. It's just difficult to keep in a routine when the world is topsy turvy.

I miss the in person participation in the music. The cloister group at times felt awkward and participation wasn't always good.

I do feel more disconnected than I would like: it is hard to enjoy the online activities when I spend so much of my workday behind a computer screen in online meetings. We should put more focus on how we can safely gather in smaller groups to stay connected, and use those forms of worship together that would be appropriate for those settings (morning/evening prayer, etc.)

Can't think of any. Even those opportunities that I don't personally use are probably helpful/useful to others.

Many techniques have worked, others have had a few glitches, but that is to be expecting when trying new things. I think the variety of ways employed to reach out have been very clever and hopeful.

I've felt included and participated to keep myself involved, so I think St. Ben's has been great at communicating.

gatherings but due to covid

It was not a "gap" per se, but the poor internet quality often interfered with meetings. As to how we could do it better, I think it is a work in progress.

this is just unanswerable for me; it looks like people tried everything they could think of in an impossible situation

Can't think of any gaps

I'm amazed at all ministry continues and cannot think of a "gap" in light of the safety procedures we have been faithfully following

Given that these procedures will need to be in place, I cannot think of any gaps that I have experienced. My love and care and appreciation for St Ben's has only grown.

I honestly can't think of anything St. B could do better as far as outreach goes in these difficult times. There are many opportunities for virtual gatherings if one wants to join in.

Nothing egregious comes to mind for me.

I think the church did an amazing job.

Hard to think of a gap. I really enjoyed the drive-in ephiphany party, and maybe we could have more gatherings like that. Doesn't need to be as elaborate, maybe just a parking-lot happy hour (this is just a suggestion, not a gap.)

no opinion.

The first cloister group I was in was on Zoom, that was a great way to "see" others. The current one has been via email only, that hasn't been as pleasant for me. I know I could participate more via the email format, however, I haven't done so. The other formats are working for me at this time.

I've felt really well informed of the the impressive opportunities for church participation. I have no sense of administrative limitations, but rather feel that all the stops have been pulled out to keep running as close to normal as possible. limitations

Communication has been excellent, thank you, I know it takes a lot of work. I feel the primary limitation has been my own time constraints that limit my ability to participate.

I have been concerned about safe distancing and some maskless-ness during Zoom

I am only sorry that some people have not wanted to participate. I'd love to know how we could help or encourage people to participate and feel more involved. Could links to the BW and newsletter be posted on Facebook in the "living room?"

I don't know.

I have been very happy with our adaptations; my only regret is that we didn't find a way to minister to Steve Hirahara in his time of need.

I am completely satisfied.

Perseverance and being patient! We are all St. Ben's people and we want to meet and greet each other in person! Remember when we could be together and bump elbows?

I have been a consistent cloister leader/ communicator, but I don't feel that anyone really communicated with me. The Benefiction kept me informed and in the loop.

Just amazed it kept running as well as it did and appreciate the Rector and staff and leaders for their efforts on behalf of us all.

The live music and singing was a cherished part of our worship for me. John's loss, the choices of Ron for the FB service, and lack of a choir lessened an important part of the worship experience for me. The Christmas Concert was a noble effort for first time. I wish we could have more special music/musicians at services- I love when Ann Lucas, Anne Kantor and Lorienne play, and we have some wonderful soloist singers.

# Parish Council Phone Interview Responses

I don't know how Zoom works.

I miss the Christmas concert. I miss John directing - I know he can't play any more, but he is such a constant.

Gap was no communion for so long, but that was not something Caro could remedy.

Gatherings just to enjoy community, without a church-related agenda.

Church in person with music, but that can't be helped.

Thinks everyone is working very hard, doing the best they can under the circumstances. Was sorry they missed the chance to participate in an in person small group gathering before the virus cases increased, but that was not anyone's fault.

I tried attending a parking lot service, but people just would not maintain the safety protocols. I have heard from others that they, too, are scared to come back again after having been continually approached by people who would not keep their distance. This must be enforced. I am in a high-risk health position and can't afford to put myself in that situation.

## Hardcopy Responses

I don't see any gaps in ministry! Just the opposite!!

I miss our 'Men's Ministries' and mix of age groups generally.



Word Cloud Question 3 v1

# 4. Are there any new concerns/topics, a continuing concern/topic, socializing opportunities such as virtual Coffee Hour, or one or more which we may abandon as we plan our life together in 2021?

#### Survey Monkey Responses:

I have experienced people making vitriolic comments about certain political groups/individuals. Untruths, actually (mostly in small groups) I don't think the church is the place to voice that kind of thing or if you do, be kinder. I have really been put off by that. Of course, I realize this cannot really be controlled. But people need to think before they speak. It is just a disappointment, and I am surprised. Sometimes St. Ben's seems like a closed group and cliquey.

None that I can think of.

Not that I can think of at the moment.

This is a time to be especially patient with one another as the distance and virtual connections create more occasions for incomplete communication and potential misunderstandings.

Cloister by email was odd

Even with the small attendance I continue to enjoy Second Saturday worship and would like to see it continue. I would like to resurrect our music program in some form beyond the A Capella app as I don't enjoy making bad music, but I know this situation is really complicated.

None that I can think of. If some things are not well-attended, they might still be quite important to those who do attend.

I think those who have been more active should decide that items might need to be abandoned. I cannot check in as often as I would like to.

I haven't participated in Coffee Hour and it seems like it might be something that could be done at another time in another format. For example, a couple of times over 2020, Caro called to get some of us together, outdoors It was a great way to get to know others better & meet in patios/ backyards. If others took responsibility for getting a few together, rather than leaving that for Caro, it could be helpful.

Until we can meet as a full on face to face church, I think we should leave some things in place and shore up others. By others I mean ways of REALLY getting others to participate in things.

i think if something is not working or well attended, cutting it loose is not a bad thing. when restrictions ease, our "usuals" can go back into place

I guess a new concern might be if the violence we saw at our nation's Capitol continues, or spreads to state capitals or local communities, we would want to be prepared to address or respond to that threat

Its hard for me to know what might be abandoned since I have so little input from others and what is working or not working for them.

I cannot think of any at this time

Can't think of any

I like all the services currently being provided; I try to attend as much of them as I can.

I'm concerned about those who are grieving losses when we all feel extraordinarily isolated. An online funeral/memorial doesn't really cut it. Can we think about a grief support group? I can't think of anything that should be abandoned.

no opinion

Continuing as we are now seems to be the safest for health reasons. I am concerned that some of our more senior members aren't participating and could they feel left out and isolated.

I'm not much of a socializer and probably not a good one to ask about abandoning anything. I certainly have no sense of any activity being superfluous but would understand if the effort to maintain it all is unsustainable and some things would be more crucial than others to continue.

I wish there was a way to check in social that had more balanced participation. Something like a moderated coffee hour so that everyone had an opportunity to check in or say something if they would like. Either that or I need to get into a group that does a semi regular informal group check in.

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VCH is awkward. I hate to suggest it be moderated, but maybe there could be three questions per Sunday and everybody get a chance to answer. Something like that to spark conversation and involvement. I would like some other clergy to give Caro+ a break a little more often. I would like to see regular Zoom gatherings, maybe every 2 months? Potlucks from our own homes.

No

I hope we are able to continue all our present activities this coming year, adapting to the level of safety required to prevent any of our parishionsers from contracting Covid.

I would not be opposed to cutting back as the Rector sees fit. We have an incredibly full calendar. I do like the the 9:30 in person service.

Caro may have a better perspective on this as she would know which venues have the fewest number of participants.

Socializing on Zoom does not seem to be that great. Dropping off a dessert for the Gratitude dinner seemed fun.

Coffee hour did not appeal to me.

More outdoors in-person events at the church like Star Party and 9:30 service.

I likely do not attend or participate in the online offerings as I did before.

### Parish Council Phone Interview Responses

My cloister has fallen apart. Berkeley was great but now it's gone to someone else and she doesn't communicate.

Only scale back if necessary to avoid burnout.

### Hardcopy Responses

These ?? determined by the council based on ministry responses- by community and members.

# 5. What ministries might you be willing to take on in this era of online worship? We are looking for readers, altar servers, and online hosts, especially.

## Survey Monkey Responses:

I would like to do something at some point, but don't know what yet.

I am already participating in two of the three mentioned.

I am currently a part of the online worship rota.

I'm pretty committed with Earthcare and the trees. Not sure that I should take on too much more than helping with People's Kitchen, Laundry Love, and advocating for our unhoused neighbors.

**Doing several** 

I enjoy being a reader and altar server. I would not enjoy being an online host. Are there other needs?

Already participating in these areas

I can't take on anything right now as I live in Arizona and am so busy with my mom's needs while I am in Los Osos. I have thought about getting more involved, but it is just not practical for me right now. Sorry.

Online host I'm willing to do now.

Online hosting is a good one for me, due to my health concerns.

i already read and have other worship commitments on a regular basis for 2021

I already assist or participate in several of these

Im not sure what some of the above involve, but I would be willing to consider.

None

I would be willing to be a reader, or an online host for something.

not at this time

Pamela: online host, reader

none

I can do ushering, reading, online hosting, flowers and whatever else I need to be trained to do. If we all do one it lightens the load for others.

I'm not sure I would be a reliable asset in these tasks.

I anticipate the next few months will continue to be very time pressured for me and I don't feel I should be making new commitments.

I will not enter the church building, sorry

n/a

I can continue with Alter Guild.

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AT this time, I prefer to continue my behind-the-scenes duties, such as the Stewardship Committee and the Finance Committee.

I am willing to be a reader as long as it requires no technical ability.

None

I am available to assist as noted with Lorienne

Parish Council Phone Interview Responses

[none]

Reader.

Hardcopy Responses

My age has too many limitations for most listed.

# 6. Would you be interested in participating in a Bible Study or Hollister book group or event if it were held at a different time?

Wednesdays would be good.

Not at the moment.

The current time for book group works the best for me.

I'm more interested in Hollister events at 7 p.m.

Will continue book group when time allows. Sometimes the morning group doesn't always work for my schedule. I would certainly be open to an evening book group if there are others who are interested.

I would like to say yes to something that wasn't during the workday, but if it were a zoom meeting I think I would find it exhausting despite my good intentions.

Not really. I can't do any more zoom during the week.

The Hollister book group is intriguing. Perhaps at some point when my mom passes, I might be able to join in more discussion and study groups.

I'm happy with Tuesday morning's book group.

Maybe.

possibly. Many members are not retired and have weekday conflicts.

changing the time wouldn't matter much; i do not look forward to being in meetings onlineings

yes I might if the topic was important to me; I work full-time, so it would need to be in the evening

Perhaps a Hollister book group in the afternoon, 2 p.m. or later, or evening ...mornings do not work for me.

I am interested in both of these offerings. However, my work schedule is such that I am not always available to participate.

No

Morning times are very difficult for me; if they were held in the afternoon or evening I would attend

Perhaps

Not at this time

timing is not a barrier for me to participate.

Due to some work related commitments I join in whenever I can during the day. Some evenings I am volunteering with other events. I join in the groups when I can.

Timing is not a problem for me generally. I must look closer at the topics.

Yes; I'm still working M-F

It's always a question of other things coming up. Med appts have kept me from some groups

yes

# Don't know

As my time is relatively open, the subject of the discussion will be the deciding factor in my participation.

Not this year.

Afternoons are better than mornings.

I don't know

Exhausted with on-line, no. In person Saturday morning, outside, maybe.

# Parish Council Phone Interview Responses

No, the times are fine.

The books haven't been quite it.

I am not ready.

Yes, maybe evenings.

Time is good.

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Yes! Always grow from the studies in the past- especially hearing from others, re the topic under discussion The times of day they are offered has little affect on my response.

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