

Collated Responses from Growing Young Conversations  
November 2020 to February 2021



We asked...

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Answers organised into common themes of **People,**  
**Worship, Community and Children & Young People**

What do you love about Kinross Parish Church? What is there to build on?

People

*Non-cliquey*

*Lively and active*

*Intergenerational*

*Felt at home with like-minded people but opportunity to get to know others from different backgrounds*

*Fellowship, oneness*

*Not just a Sunday church*

*Warm and open*

*Personal welcome to newcomers*

*Personal connection with an individual who attracted*

*A spiritual fellowship shown in practical ways*

*People who get involved and involve others*

*A people among whom others can experience the love of God*

*People became like family/a community, look out for your children*

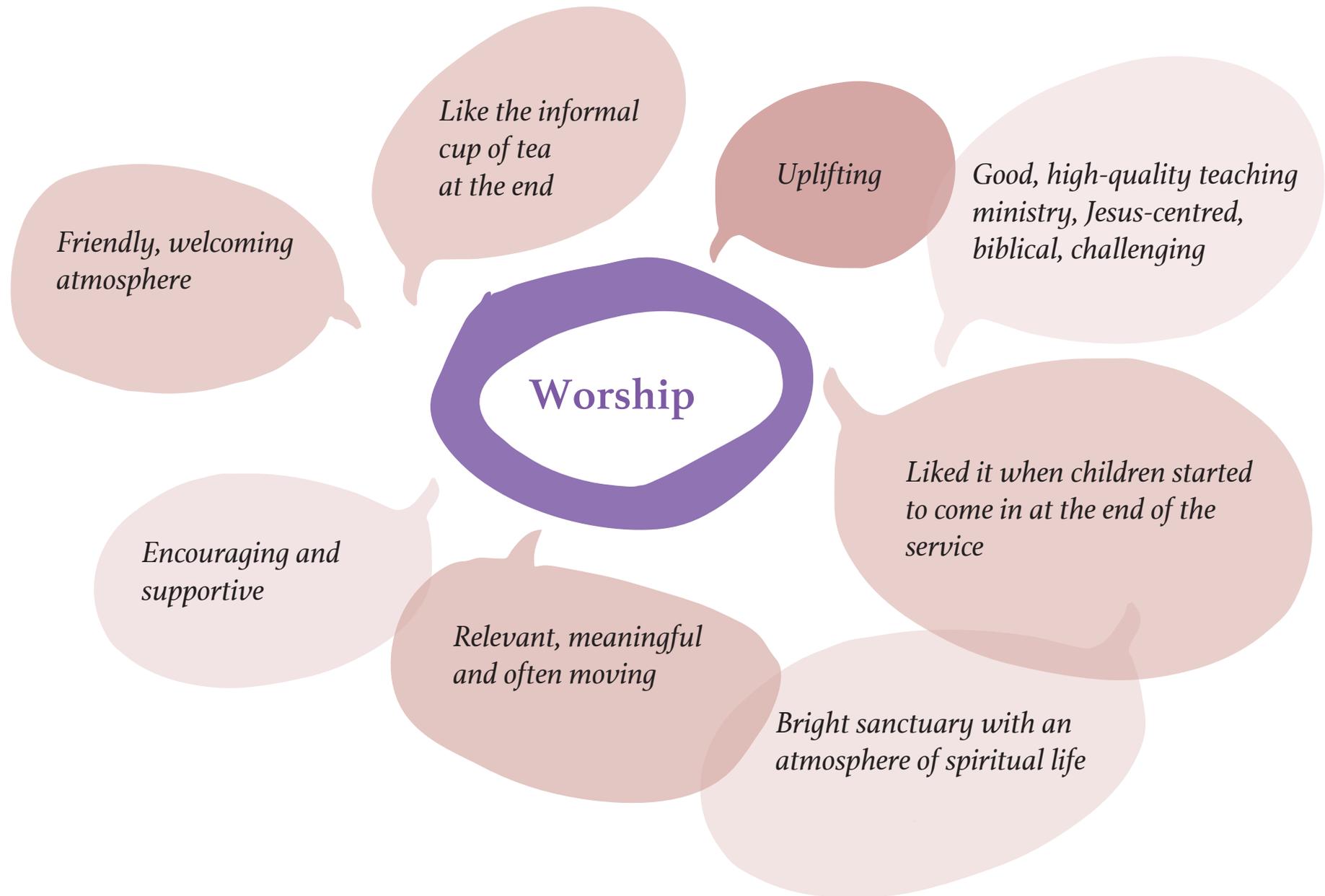
*Balance of togetherness but opportunities for individuals to innovate and use their gifts*

*'Tap on the shoulder' mentality*

*Welcome via Alpha*

*Connection through a group like choir, guild, craft group*

*Has a past heritage but also people from a variety of backgrounds*

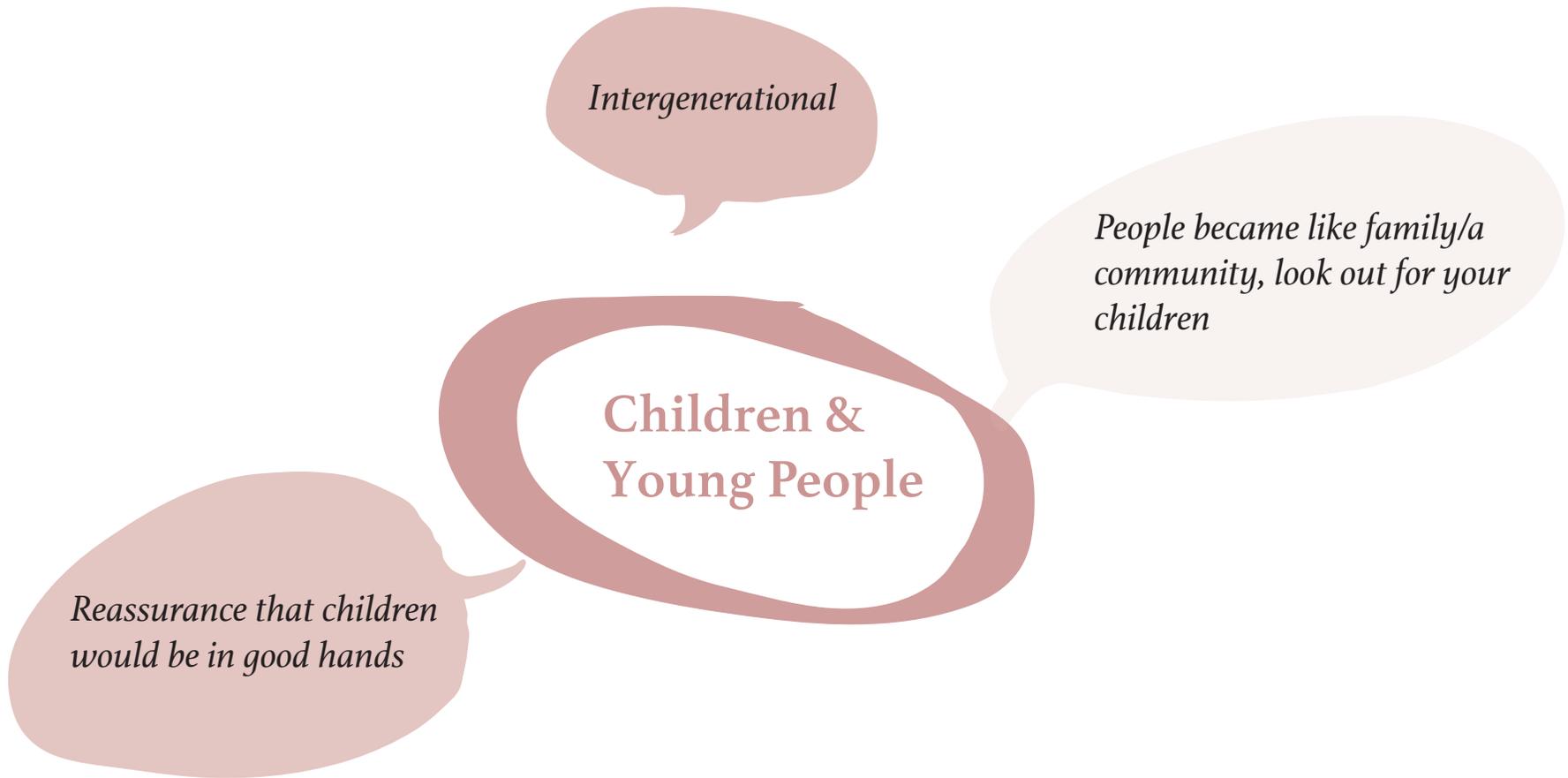


*A safe place*

*Church is part of the wider  
community*

**Community**

*What a church should  
be in the community*



What do you find challenging about Kinross Parish Church? What needs to be addressed?

People

*Cliques at coffee time*

*Unwilling to be open to other church traditions*

*Some people in the church are passengers – unwilling to share the load*

*Not always welcoming to newcomers*

*Getting to know people can be difficult*

*Traditionalism, stuck in the past*

*Many don't attend regularly but still want to call the shots*

*Rules about where people can sit*

*Bureaucracy and structure – too rigid, difficult to be spontaneous*

*Difficult to slip in unnoticed*

*When we try new things we always seem to end up back where we were*

*Communication short-comings*

*Too middle class*

*Lack of training opportunities*

*KPC is a secure bubble that is difficult to break in to*

*Quarterly Kirk Session meetings, no-one under 40*

**Worship**

*Hymns – dirges,  
archaic language we  
don't understand, long*

*Services too regimented and predictable  
– more interviews, fewer hymns, more  
different elements*

*Music ministry needs to  
be revamped – hard to  
get a balance for all*

*Clappy or not, the songs  
are old*

*Too many hymns*

*Some children's  
songs are trite and  
repetitive*

*Some new hymns don't  
have a singable tune*

*Why did the worship band  
not take off?*

*I don't like spoken responses  
during services*

*It's too noisy in church  
– would like more quiet  
before the service*

*Lack of  
diversity*

*Non-inclusive  
language*



*How to encourage those who come to Family Week to get involved through the year*

*Families do things differently now – what we have doesn't fit*

## Children & Young People

*Whole generations missing, lack of young families*

*Is Sunday morning the best time?*

*Difficult to encourage teens*

What are your hopes and dreams for KPC? What could we be proposing for taking forward?

*Laughter*

*Meals and a sense of sharing*

*Regular sandwich lunches after church either with open invitation or focussed groups on different occasions*

*Hospitality and sharing in each others' homes*

**People**

*Building relationships and spending time together*

*How can we make it possible for people to say if they are not alright and ask for prayer/support?*

*Opportunities to share and talk openly about our own situations*

*Rotating duties of office-bearers to allow others to step up*

*Opportunities to build on support networks developed during Covid*

*Greater mixing/integration of groups across the generations*

*Make space at the back of church for a quiet corner with sofas and banners to identify it*

*When we met in the High School during the refurbishment church had a different feel - it took away 'normal'*

*Not cliquey – universal welcome*

*Exciting, relevant, honest*

*Balance of new and old music*

*To deepen and grow faith*

*More focus on spiritual connection and less on administration*

*How can enquirers follow through after a Sunday service?*

*More contemporary music and worship style*

*Make more use of the gifts of members*

## Worship

*More concise services*

*Older and younger people worshipping together*

*Building on the past*

*More training in pastoral work, children's ministry, leadership*

*What will it be like being back worshipping together after Covid? Fruit from these times*

*To bring others to a closer relationship with God*

*Space for interaction during services*

*Speaking about Jesus (rather than about the church)*

*That the church building would be in use all day, every day, buzzing with activities*

*Growth*

What are your hopes and dreams for KPC? What could we be proposing for taking forward?

*Are there ways we can be more involved in good things happening in the wider community?*

*Get better at saying to the community 'We're here'*

*A major building project at the church to allow for more openness and engagement with the community*

*Being church outside the walls*

*That people would discover what faith is*

**Community**

*That we would be active in the community and they would know what we do*

*Visitation of new houses with news and invitations*

*That we would work alongside community groups*

*An extension to the church building for a community cafe and rooms for children's work*

*Online outreach*

*That the church would be at the centre of the community in a more focussed role*

