RESPONSES FROM CHRIST CHURCH, CREEKMOOR ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL TO BISHOP NICHOLAS' 'LET US TALK' STRATEGY REVIEW 21ST MARCH, 2013

- Q. What is the 'Personality and Character' of your local church?
- **A.** Vibrant, happy, buzzing, outward looking, charismatic, team work, parts for everyone, diverse, welcoming, open, growing, relationships, loving, friendly.
- Q. What are the priorities of your local church?
- A. Growth spiritually and numerically. To raise up and nurture disciples to 'love and serve' and help to enable them to sustain the journey ahead. Children and older peoples work. Worship, Mission, Outreach and Discipleship are of equal importance to the ministry that we engage in.
- **Q**. Is there one thing you would like to take on in the coming year (recognising that may mean you may need to stop doing something else)?
- A. We have a need for more space for mission and ministry. We have received planning permission for an extension of the building. Our priority is to raise £800,000 and we have no financial reserves! The aim of the building extension is to provide more flexible space.
- Q. Are there ways in which we can work together to achieve more?
- **A**. We would really value support in accessing financial resources for the building plans.

There was a suggestion for the formation of a 'knowledge bank' by the diocese to help with questions that arise.

- Q. How can we best measure the quality and impact of church life?
- A. By each church submitting copies of their annual reports to the diocese. Looking at the vibrancy of the life of church as well as monitoring numerical growth. Looking for evidence of the fruit and gifts of the Spirit being exercised.