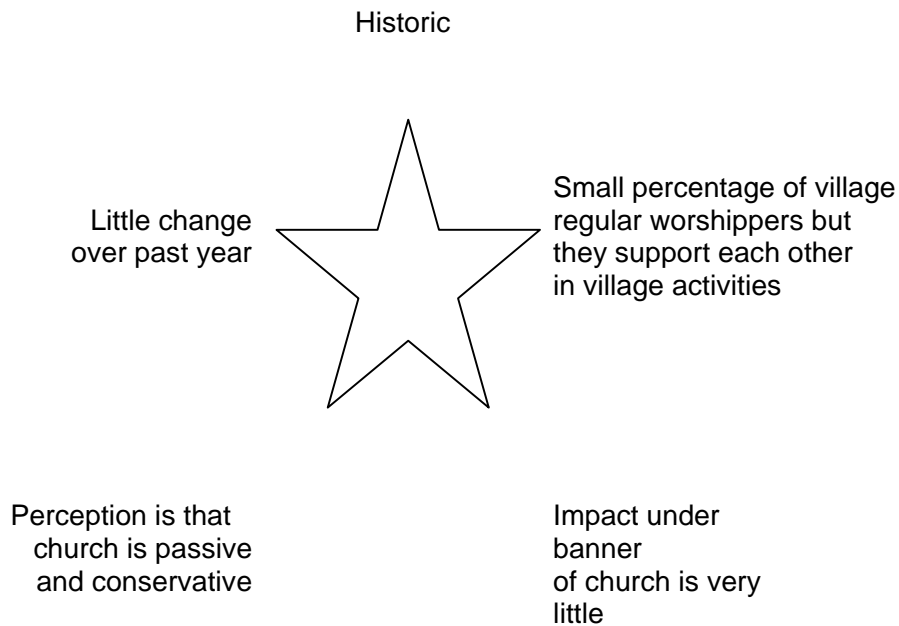


THE BENEFICE OF SEEND, BULKINGTON & POULSHOT

“LET’S TALK”

1. THE PERSONALITY AND CHARACTER OF THE CHURCHES IN OUR BENEFICE:

THE CHURCHES PCCs



	Seend	Bulkington	Poulshot
2. Perceived current priorities	1. Local directory of aid organisations, eg Age UK, Community First etc to whom we can refer issues. 2. Look after the “bedrock” – the aged. 3. Engage and embrace the needs of children through toddler groups, the school and youth groups.	Need to strengthen our resolve to make changes to church to accommodate and attract a wider congregation.	1. Inspire others in our own faith 2. Raise awareness of the Church and its work 3. Raise the profile of the church as a leader in the community 4. Recognise and respond to the needs of the community 5. Work together, in partnership with others for practical matters and marketing the church 6. Be visible in the community 7. Pray together 8. To keep the church open

3.In line with priorities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More pastoral visiting including newcomers to the village. Talk to other churches to see what they're doing (eg St James, Devizes) 2. Link with school with a view to supporting poorer or disadvantaged families in the community 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Maintain support for the older population 2.Strengthen links with the young . Build on our good links with the school. 3.Develop a "Help Line" for the village community and re-introduce the village "Welcome Pack" 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Greater involvement with the Parish Council (attend meetings) 2.Greater awareness of what is happening in the community 3.Identify needs and take action
4.Ways to work together	A more helpful DAC with our reordering.	Greater support from Diocese when trying to make changes – eg reordering	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Be more flexible and willing to take risks 2.Be innovative 3.Work in partnership with others both in practical ways, and in marketing the church 4.Willingness to change and challenge
5.Measuring quality and impact of church life	Improved attendance in church. Keeping it open and functional so that it is there when needed.	Success criteria for church is whether it is making a difference. Consider regular (annual?) analysis on how church impacts on the community. Measurement should <u>not</u> be about numbers attending church on Sundays.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.A feeling of "belonging" and worship are not natural factors. 2.St Peter's is an established church – we are dutiful 3.Increased congregation numbers