

WHAT FUTURE FOR OUR CHURCH?

Facing the future for a small church can be unsettling and a very sensitive matter. Many people will have been faithful in their service for the Lord over a long period. Coming together to honestly face the present and consider the future will be helpful.

The following questions could be used both for information gathering and assisting discussion.

It will be helpful if everyone has the opportunity to work through the questions on their own, before speaking together.

Ask the Lord in prayer to guide you.

Circle YES or NO for each question.

1.	Is there a Sunday attendance of more than 20?	YES	NO
2.	Is there a reasonable spread of ages?	YES	NO
3.	Does our regular income exceed expenditure?	YES	NO
4.	Are we prepared for necessary future major expenditure?	YES	NO
5.	Is more than 10% of church income spent on outreach to the local community?	YES	NO
6.	Are there at least two competent leaders?	YES	NO
7.	Does the church have a good reputation locally?	YES	NO
8.	Have there been signs of growth over the past 10 years?	YES	NO
9.	Does our church demonstrate a healthy spiritual life?	YES	NO
10.	Have the majority of members been associated with the church for more than 20 years?	YES	NO
11.	Do people talk more about the future than the past?	YES	NO
12.	Have you sought help from another church or mission agency such as Rural Ministries?	YES	NO
12.	Do people believe that restoration and growth is God's plan?	YES	NO

