

# DOES THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EVER LISTEN?



Pope Francis has asked all Catholics throughout the world to start listening:  
to each other;  
to Catholics who no longer belong;  
to other Christians;  
to other people of faith;  
and to those of goodwill.

He especially asks bishops, priests, deacons and sisters to listen to lay people.

Here at St Anne's, Buxton, we have started this process with our regular parishioners, but we now want to broaden it to all local Catholics, whether they come to mass or not.

We invite you to respond to the following questions as openly and honestly as you feel able. Your responses will be analysed by the Parish Pastoral Council who will produce a summary; all information will be kept confidential.

We hope that by listening to everyone, we can become a better Catholic community, as Pope Francis wants.

1. Do you come to church at St Anne's regularly? Yes/No

2. If you do come, how would you describe St Anne's parish community?

3. If you don't come, what's your impression of St Anne's?

4. If you've stopped coming to church, can you tell us why?

5. What are the issues about the Catholic church or the parish that affect you?

6. What needs to change?

7. Have you been affected by the scandal of child abuse within the Catholic Church, which includes one of our previous parish priests? Has this altered the way you feel about the church?

8. Do you think this issue still needs to be acknowledged and addressed by our parish?

9. In the light of declining church attendance, is there a future for the parish?

10. How do you think this future will be different to the present?

11. How do you see the future of St. Anne's Parish Centre?

12. Are there any ways that you would like St. Anne's to become more engaged with the parish and the community in the future?

13. People often say that the Catholic Church never listens to anyone. Please take this opportunity to tell us anything else that you would like to say to us.

Please return the questionnaire by 4<sup>th</sup> July. You can place your completed questionnaire in the box at the back of church, post it to: St Anne's Presbytery, Terrace Road, Buxton, SK17 6DU or you can return it via your child's school. A pdf version is also available to download from our website: [www.stannes.gbr.cc](http://www.stannes.gbr.cc)

*We would appreciate your contact details to stay in touch, however, this is optional.*  
Name.....  
Address:.....  
Email.....  
Phone.....  
We are committed to ensuring that any information we hold about you is properly and securely managed in accordance with legal requirements (DPA 2018). Your details will only be stored and used for the purposes of analysis of this parish questionnaire. It will only be used by the PPC members for that purpose, unless you have indicated otherwise. Details of how we process your data, and your rights, can be found on our website or the Diocesan website: [www.stannes.org.uk](http://www.stannes.org.uk) <http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/privacy-policy>

*Thank you for taking time to complete this questionnaire ~  
Fr. Gerry and St Anne's PPC*