

Parish At Home day 19th November 06 – The Portsdown Parish Centre Project

The key points of feedback from the group discussions are summarised below.

Q1 How do you visualise this church building being used in 10yrs time?

Whatever changes are made to the church building it must remain a spiritual place.

Should ideally be open 7 days a week.

Would be supporting the community needs of all ages.

Must have a "quiet" place.

Weekday services for people unable to attend on Sundays.

Development of the building to enable flexible use i.e. Worship, Concerts, Exhibitions.

Concerns regarding "running costs" of a 7 day open church, parking facilities, also about conditions imposed by potential partners.

Q2 Do you feel well informed about the project – if not, what would you do about this?

People need to be consulted **Not** informed

Parish Forum was a good way of consulting and should be repeated quarterly.

Outcomes of these forums should be available on web site.

All forms of communication to be used to keep people up to date, i.e. Magazine, Pew sheets, Web site and word of mouth.

Q3 Do you feel sufficiently involved in the development – if not what would you be prepared to do to become involved?

Most answered yes and some felt they were becoming involved. More events such as parish forums, prayer meetings and two way interaction would help. Suggestions of how to become involved were:

DIY skills, Skills Audit, Fundraising ideas and Individual family saving plans.