



Our Lady Help of Christians & St Helens

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Stewards of the Gospel

As mentioned in last week's newsletter here are the questions which will help in the renewal and redesign of the parishes in the Southend area.

1. In what areas is your parish flourishing now?
2. For your parish community to continue to flourish in 2025 and to be focused on mission not maintenance, what do you think are the 3 most important things to consider as we plan for the future?
3. In what ways do you think you can work more closely with neighbouring parishes so that we can continue to look after the pastoral and spiritual needs of our communities when there are far fewer priests available? Which neighbouring parishes do you think naturally fit with your own and why?
4. For which areas of parish community life could trained lay men and women be given responsibility? Given appropriate training, what would you personally be interested in helping with?

These questions are also available on our website and you can respond by email if you wish. Alternatively please write your responses and post them through the Presbytery letterbox by Sunday 2nd April 2017. A report from every parish in the Diocese has to be sent to Brentwood before Easter and this will include your feedback.

Thank you, Andrew Downey – “Steward of The Gospel” for the Parish