**Growing in Number**

We aim to grow the numbers of those who attend worship and/or Fresh Expressions of church and belong to our electoral roll

*Please indicate how much you agree with the following statements about your church or benefice (the higher the score, the more you agree)*

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| **Starter** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Our church/benefice builds relationships with the contacts we have, drawing them into the life of God’s kingdom | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| **Statements** |
| ➀ | It is easy for those outside the life of the church to know of our existence and character | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| ➁ | Congregation members regularly invite and welcome others to our services and events | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| ➂ | Our church buildings are welcoming and open during the day, with accessible materials that help people to engage with the Christian faith | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| ➃ | Congregation members are actively involved in mission projects in the local community to draw people into the life of the church | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| ➄ | Our church services and teaching are accessible, inspiring and relevant to those new to church | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| ➅ | There are regular informal opportunities in the life of the parish/benefice for congregation members to build relationships with new people | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| ➆ | We provide opportunities for those relatively new to the church to serve in its ministries, within the church and in the wider community  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| ➇ | We offer opportunities to explore faith and experience Christian community for people who have little or no church background, including our baptism, wedding and funeral contacts | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| ➈ | We are planning to form a new congregation meeting at another time and/or place, reflecting a different culture yet linked to the rest of the parish/benefice | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| ➉ | We use our festival, civic and special services to build bridges to individuals and the wider community. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| **What is our learning from these questions?** |
| **What do we notice that is good/could be even better?** |
| **How may these things fit into our Plan For Growth?** |

****Do you need help to **Grow in Number**? If so contact phil.dykes@cofesuffolk.org