



# Holy Trinity, Cornforth



Part of the Parish of Cornforth and Ferryhill, with Chilton

St Aidan's, St Luke's and Holy Trinity are part of the Diocese of Durham  
*'Blessing our communities in Jesus name for the transformation of us all'*

## Holy Trinity Church Community Questionnaire

Please can you spare the time to fill in this short questionnaire  
and return it to:

CORNFORTH PARTNERSHIP 68 HIGH STREET CORNFORTH  
**by 12th September 2025**

*The questionnaire can also be download from our website  
and a version of it will be available online.*

### Why fill in this QUESTIONNAIRE?

The Parish Church Council are making important long -term decisions about the future of church buildings, including Holy Trinity Church. In September and October this year the PCC will be considering the proposal: ***"that the PCC resolves to request via the Archdeacon of Durham and the diocesan Governance Support Manager that the legal process is begun with a view to the closure of the church of Holy Trinity, Cornforth"***

If this resolution is passed then it begins an 8-9 month or longer process leading to the permanent closure of the church building ( NOT the churchyard). Holy Trinity Church held two public meetings at the community centre earlier this year to raise awareness.

**Your answers to these questions are an important part of  
the decision-making.**

## For you to keep:

# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH UPDATE

In February 2025 Holy Trinity Church hosted two community conversations in the Community Centre about the future of the church and the challenges it is experiencing:

- small & elderly congregation,
- few people to take on essential roles of responsibility,
- increasing running costs and falling income,
- a church building in need of costly repairs (estimated at over 200,000)

At the community conversations in February, when it became clear the church building might need to close, someone asked;

**'How can we make a difference?'**

I think the answer is very simple: **Turn Up**

**Turn up to worship** with the church community regularly - ideally twice a month.

**Turn up & commit** to following Jesus - loving God with all your heart soul mind and strength and your neighbour as yourself.

**Turn up to offer** your gifts & talents, your time &/or money (it doesn't matter if you don't have much to give: every little bit counts.)

COME ALONG...



## WORSHIP @ 11

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month 11am

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,  
CORNORTH



Other services  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
Earlier service 9.30am St Luke's  
Ferryhill  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.  
11am at St Aidan's, Chilton



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Begins again 15th Sept...

COME ALONG...



## MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

MONDAYS  
6.30pm - 8.30pm



WEST CORNFORTH PARTNERSHIP -  
UPPER ROOM



- Food
- Faith
- Friendship
- Conversation
- Prayer & Bible Study

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## Questionnaire

*(Please circle your answer)*

Holy Trinity church building should close.      **Agree**   **Disagree**   **Don't mind**

Holy Trinity church building should stay open.   **Agree**   **Disagree**   **Don't mind**

***(Tick all the answers that apply)***

I am willing to:

- ☐ Worship at Holy Trinity regularly  
(Regularly 12+ times a year, Sunday Services are 11am )
- ☐ Take on a position of responsibility eg Churchwarden, PCC member,  
Sidesperson *(Please speak to Reverend Lindsay Southern)*
- ☐ Volunteer to help clean and take care of the building
- ☐ Volunteer/Become involved in another way  
*(Please say what and contact the church)*
- ☐ Commit to giving regularly to the church  
*(Please give an idea of how much and how often? ..... )*
- ☐ Give a one off financial gift of .....
- ☐ Fundraise to help with the repair & maintenance of the building

**I would like the local church to prioritise**

*(either tick two, or number them 1-4 with one being the highest priority)*

- ☐ Engaging with young children, youth and young adults (18 - 25's)
- ☐ Caring for God's Creation ( the environment)
- ☐ Challenging poverty
- ☐ Energising growth (growing in number and breadth & breadth of people, churches  
strengthening discipleship, reach and influence in our communities)

☐ Other priority (What?:.....)

**I am interested in...**

- ☐ Exploring the Christian faith
- ☐ Becoming a Christian/Baptism / Confirmation
- ☐ Prayer
- ☐ Bible study
- ☐ Social Justice/Community action

***Please circle your answers***

I currently worship regularly at Holy Trinity Church      **Yes**      **No**  
(Regularly means at least monthly. eg. 12x a year or more)

I currently occasionally worship at Holy Trinity Church      **Yes**      **No**  
(eg. 3x a year or more)

I have attended a baptism or wedding or funeral at Holy Trinity during the past two years      **Yes**      **No**

I have not worshipped at Holy Trinity Church, Cornforth in the past two years      **Yes**      **No**

I am aged: Under 18, 18-25, 25-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 71-80, 81-90, 91+

Now please tear this section off and return it to:  
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**by 12th September 2025**

Thank you very much for completing this Questionnaire.

The information you give is anonymous.

**If you would like the church keep in contact with news and updates -**  
please fill in a contact form available from Holy Trinity Church or contact  
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