

Holy Trinity, Cornforth



Part of the Parish of Cornforth and Ferryhill, with Chilton

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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?'

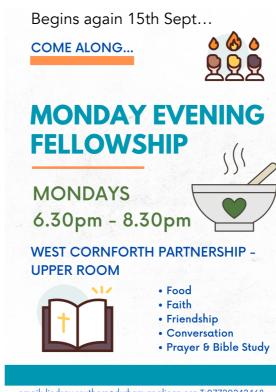
I think the answer is very simple: Turn Up

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.)







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a r	Questionnaire (Please circle your answer)						
h e		y Trinity church building should close.	Agree	Disagree	Don't mind		
r e	Hol	y Trinity church building should stay open.	Agree	Disagree	Don't mind		
		k all the answers that apply) n willing to:					
		Worship at Holy Trinity regularly (Regularly 12+ times a year, Sunday Ser	vices ar	e 11am)			
	Take on a position of responsibility eg Churchwarden, PCC member, Sidesperson (<i>Please speak to Reverend Lindsay Southern</i>)						
•		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 & main	ntenanc	e of the bu	uilding		
		I would like the local church to prioritist ner tick two, or number them 1-4 with on	_	the highe	st priority)		
		Engaging with young children, youth ar	nd youn	g adults (1	8 - 25's)		
		Caring for God's Creation (the environr	ment)				
		Challenging poverty					
		Energising growth (growing in number and brestrengthening discipleship, reach and influence in our		•	le, churches		

Other prid	ority (What?:)
	rested in the Christian faith		
Becoming	g a Christian/Baptism / Confirmation		
Prayer			
Bible stuc	dy		
Social Jus	stice/Community action		
Please circle yo	our answers		
-	hip regularly at Holy Trinity Church ns at least monthly. eg. 12x a year or n	Yes more)	No
I currently occa (eg. 3x a year o	sionally worship at Holy Trinity Church or more)	Yes	No
I have attended during the past	d a baptism or wedding or funeral at H two years	loly Trinity Yes	No
_	shipped at Holy Trinity Church, ne past two years	Yes	No
I am aged: Und	der 18, 18-25, 25-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51	-60, 71-80), 81-90, 91+
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