

Community questionnaire:

Cornerstone Methodist Church, Partridge Green

Thank you for agreeing to share your thoughts on the work of the Methodist Church in Partridge Green. Your input is vital in helping us understand the needs of our church family, current users, and the wider community for years to come.

There is no guarantee that we will be able to accommodate all the suggestions we might receive and, whatever the outcome of this exploration, if there are changes to be made, we will work with the community to make sure everyone is informed.

Please take your time to answer the questions below. Your honest feedback is greatly appreciated and your responses will be kept confidential and anonymous.

Section 1: About you

To help us understand the different perspectives, please tell us a little about your connection to the Methodist Church, London Road.

1. Which of the following best describes your primary connection to the Methodist Church, Partridge Green? (Please tick one)

- Church Member
- Regular User/Hirer of the premises (eg part of a club, group, or organisation that meets here regularly)
- Member of the wider community (not a church member or regular hirer)
- Other (please specify):

2. If you are a regular user/hirer, please tell us the name of your group/organisation:

3. If you are a regular user/hirer or a church member, how often do you typically use the premises?

- Daily
- Several times a week
- Weekly
- Fortnightly
- Monthly
- Less frequently
- N/A

Section 2: Current use and experience (for church members and regular users/hirers)

If you currently use the Methodist Church premises, please answer the following questions. **If you do not currently use the premises, please skip to Section 3.**

4. What specific areas/rooms of the church premises do you (or your group) currently use? (eg, church sanctuary, hall and kitchen etc.)

5. What do you find most valuable or positive about the current premises?

6. In your opinion, what are the main limitations or challenges with the current premises?

7. Are there any specific facilities or features that you currently lack or find inadequate eg kitchen facilities, toilet facilities, storage, heating/cooling, sound system, internet access etc)?

Section 3: Needs and aspirations for future premises (for all respondents)

8. **What does your group/organisation/community activity do?** (If applicable, or describe your personal interests/needs if not part of a formal group).

9. **How does this activity meet the needs of your 'members' or the community you serve?** (eg provides social connection, learning opportunities, physical activity, support services etc).

10. **Does your group/you have any particular skills, passions, talents, or hobbies that you would be willing to share or discuss regarding potential community activities?** (eg gardening, arts and crafts, IT skills, administrative support, catering etc).

11. **If you imagine 5–10 years into the future, what would be your hopes and dreams for your group/community activity, or for community provision generally?**

12. Thinking broadly, if anything were possible, what would be your top priority for improvements to our chapel to better suit your needs or the needs of the wider community?

Section 4: Accessibility and inclusivity

Accessibility is a key priority for us.

13. Do you have any specific requirements or suggestions related to accessibility for people with disabilities or diverse needs? (eg step-free access, accessible toilets, hearing loops, sensory considerations, clear signage, quiet spaces, adaptable furniture etc).

14. Are there any other features that would make the premises more **inclusive** for a broader range of community members (eg family-friendly spaces, youth areas, spaces for intergenerational activities)?

Section 5: Collaboration and community engagement

15. Are there ways you and the Church community could work together on future community initiatives?

How? (eg volunteering, fundraising, sharing expertise, participating in new programmes).

16. What kind of **new activities or services** would you like to see offered at the Methodist Church premises in the future?

Section 6: Additional comments

17. Please use this space for any other comments or suggestions you have about the Methodist Church premises that have not been covered in the questions above.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Your valuable insights will help us shape the future of the Methodist Church premises to better serve everyone in the Horsham community.
