

Summer Experiment- Survey results: October 23, 2017 (updated October 25)

Q1	7:45 am	9:00 am	10:00 am	11:00 am
	12	71	70	32

Q2	Music	Not at all				Very Much	DK
	organ	5	11	21	19	49	
	piano	4	3	13	28	57	
	traditional	3	11	21	28	42	1
	praise	4	7	21	28	46	3

Q3	Liturgy	Not at all				Very Much	DK
	BCP	11	16	27	10	22	11
	BAS	3	1	9	32	55	5
	lona	6	10	24	22	19	19
	Islands	12	12	22	14	12	26

Q4	One type of service	Variety of types	Other
	34	64	5

Q5	Almost always -fellowship	One in a while	Never
	70	31	6

Q6	Fellowship before service	After service	No preference
	6	74	26

Q7	Fellowship- 45 min	1 hr	1 ½ hr	No preference
	54	14	0	37

Q8 Perfect time	7:45	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	4:00	5:00	Other
	5	10	30	81	28	12	4	3

Q9 Why choose service?	Not important				Very Important	DK
Convenient time	4	5	15	39	41	5
Majority of congregation	17	9	11	21	39	5
Attended by family/friends	9	5	11	22	41	8
Service speaks to me	2	2	6	17	66	6

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What would be the best outcome?

Whatever would allow the largest number of people to attend and enjoy services that speak to them- not just whatever will result in the highest attendance at one service.

One service where most of the congregation get together at 10 am. When an 8 am service is preferred no sermon is needed.

I believe that we should be able to come up with a mid-morning time for a service that would welcome all with a combination of liturgies and music. We are a family and should come together as one.

Mixing all ages in worship.

Would like the yearly service to follow the model of the recent summer service.

It is very nice to see a full church each Sunday. It seems to make the most sense to have a well-attended service instead of 3 poorly or moderately attended services.

10:00 am is not too early and leaves the rest of the day for other activities.

Trying to bring more families in that to allow us to have time as a family and the kids to participate in their activities. Have Sunday school with Marlene!

I think the 10:00 am service is the best outcome as the parish family would have a better opportunity to get to know one another.

I believe if the 9:00 service was a little later, 9:30 or 10 then maybe more young people would be there. Newcomers seem to like the family service as people with children. Some people's fixed meal times are different especially the care homes.

I still like the 9 am and 11 am choices for morning services, but having the occasional 10 am special service (outdoor, blessing of animals, etc.) I have been attending the 9 am for music ministry.

10am service plus if possible a once a month traditional service perhaps in the afternoon. Combined services for traditional times of the year.

I expect that the one service at 10 o'clock unless it becomes too crowded would be the most efficient and agreeable to the most people.

However, I would very much missed the more traditional services such as the seasonal matins from the old prayer book. How about a once monthly evensong for we old timers at 4 PM?

10:30 AM! With this time, we can have coffee or potluck after this service.

I'd like to see a single combined service at 10 or even better 1030. This permits more truly corporate worship and fellowship afterwards for the whole St. Andrews community

Joint nine and 11 services at 10 AM.

Combined a service at ten.

To have a multigenerational congregation they rejoiced at our time together.
I hope to continue on at the early service, but would love to have it at 8 o'clock or even 815 or 830 if practical.

I would hope that we could create a reflective yet joyous inclusive space where our collective love of God may be freely expressed

Fellowship is important. I'm not able to attend fellowship after 9 AM we're more than 15 minutes. I enjoy meeting new people down, inviting them to the hall for coffee etc. Or reconnecting with friends. It would be great if there was opportunity to meet and greet folks at 11 AM a.m. service also.

Go to the 10 AM combined service with the 9 AM fellowship, Bible study, prayer and praise time.

Work at keeping this service a time of worship without interruptions or performances.

If people could find a time to worship weekly that works for them, that would be the best outcome

That each parishioner would be able to attend the service that met their needs.

The best outcome would be to have the richest community worship experience possible the Subsequent fellowship.

The best outcome of this experiment would be the combined 10 o'clock service.

Majority rules.

The convenient time for those attending. The person in the Care home can also attend the service at 10 AM and return in time for the meal.

It will be difficult to please everyone however I would prefer to attend the 11 AM service as I find a more spiritual than a joint one at 10 AM.

Whilst I understand that the presence of children is approved by many during the 10 AM service, I personally find it a distraction which takes away from the solemnity of the service. I prefer the traditional service at 11 am. I also prefer the 11 AM timeframe.

10 AM service every month on continental brunch Sunday, and at least one other Sunday. I think we could vary between 10 AM and the 9 o'clock and 11 AM providing we stick to that schedule every month and publicize the time in the bulletin the newspaper.

I'm glad we had the experiment. Personally I like the nine and 11 congregations combining at 10 AM because the church feels strong with the increased numbers and more vigorous music and participation by the children.

I like to service not too late as I like to have the majority of the day to do other things. The energy is better with more people.

It's best that we come together as a parish and provide a variety of experiences but also allow for the spirit to enter in.

I believe we need to continue the 10 AM service. Our community was stronger when we all worshiped together. People in care facilities can have their care adjusted and they will return prior to the noon meal so their meal will not have to be saved for them.

Adjustments will have to be made to appeal to all our seniors, so perhaps an 11 o'clock style service will be offered once a month with other liturgies used on the remaining Sundays.

Leave the 9 o'clock service where it is. I also appreciate the option of the 745 service from time to time.

It is best that we serve all our congregation in know what we want.

It's best to try to please the majority of our parish.

Keep services friendly and spiritual.

I would like a Readers' Digest sermon for 745. The 10 commandments four times or more a year.

The best would be whatever the majority chooses.

Best outcome would reach out to present members and attract new members. Results-745 becomes 8 AM, nine becomes 10 o'clock combining with 11. First Sunday of each month have an afternoon service at 4 PM.

I enjoy all of the services but because of family this is not possible. A variety of music in most services is helpful to our worship I've been in Anglican all my life. BCP as a child. When the BAS was first released there was a period of adjustment as we learned the new wording. There was some resistance by some who objected to the change. The rubrics in the BAS helped us understand that there are many different words to worshipping God. We are faced with a similar situation as we adapt to the Iona and islands liturgies. May we be open to old and new ways of worship.

It would be best if we go to a 10 AM service that we find a way to incorporate both styles of services. It feels unfair 20 to 30 people do not experience what they have become used to and enjoy. For the screen takes away from that beautiful stain glass.

It would be best to have the majority of parishioners attending it one time.

We came to Saint Andrews two years ago and it found the congregation fractured into groups attending the three services. It started coming together with the wine and appies events but it was our summer experiment that showed us the strength we have as a community. There is an energy that is greater than the sum of the parts when the church is full. And, I think that transcends individual preferences over liturgy, time of service.

If the services are combined (my vote) 10 AM is a better Target for seniors and families with children although coffee hour does bump into lunchtime. It is lovely to have music before the service as long as it does not delay the start time.

A service with a 10 AM a.m. start time with the families with children attending would be best.

Making sure the server has enough wine in the cup for the handicapped people being served. Not just a few drops as occasionally has happened.

Best would be larger congregations, more children, more fellowship

What would be best? Chatter and noise in the hall. Respect and peace in church for everyone. A choice of at least four times on Sunday to suit all ages and stages of our lives. Increased congregation is good if motive is not for popularity status I need for money. Faith must override these minor needs.

I like the combined at 10 AM service with more of a family influence. Important to me to keep services easier for younger folk to understand, more contemporary elements to keep up with the changing Times and values. I know we have some older folk who like the truly traditional Anglican ways but frankly they're not the future of the church. That being said we cannot discount their needs so when you combine service needs to have compromises. There could be an early traditional service.

I think our church family is more united with a combined service.

Best to combine 9 and 11 to have a 10 AM service, but to be aware that the majority of attenders are from nine and that style of service is what draws them. Music is important.

Best outcome would be to have a 8 am and 10 AM service to accommodate all needs.

This experiment was well overdue as our congregations (x3) are losing members. We need to look at our needs with an open mind and not be afraid of change.

We need a more vibrant church, more parishioners, more energy, much better.

Two services that meet the needs of those who want traditional and those (like me) who wants to fully contemporary service.

We need more people to attend church.

Best would be one service with the choir

Opportunities to worship using different styles. Opportunities to worship together to a larger degree.

10 o'clock is best for most.

The majority rules and during the experiment more people came to the 10 o'clock one than the other two services. Plus many families with children like a more informal atmosphere.

A 6 PM p.m. evening service, non-traditional, something safe for newcomers would be good.

What services? we should have two (9&11). The challenge is blending to music styles. With care and attention it can be done successfully.

That we provide services at times which are appropriate to parishioners.

That we should continue to provide the choice of services which we have maintained for so many years.

A closer more inclusive parish family.

Three services seems a lot for Eric as a parish priest! Two at 8 AM a.m. and 10 AM a.m. or 10:30 AM a.m. would seem better?

The best outcome will be continuity, and knowing what to expect that the service I choose to attend.

It was an interesting experiment, but the end of it, I was left feeling a bit scattered. There were so many changes over the summer, and so I now look forward to everything settling into a predictable routine. It was nice, though, to have all the seats filled at the 10 AM service.

To have a full church, bustling with children but multigenerational. Not stilted and weighted down by formulae or prayerbooks. Joyful hymns and music and choir.

The 10 o'clock service was a really good time and composition. Music was on The whole enjoyable and singable. It is always good to be among a full happy congregation.

I prefer the 10 AM service with all ages attending. I love having the children with us for part of the service as we did this past summer even the very young. Even though we normally have a reduced number of people at this time of summer we seemed to have an increase in parishioners.

Children can be a little disruptive which may be why some prefer the 11 AM service. Perhaps we could have the first 15 minutes with the children in the children's choir singing the old and new children's songs when they are with us. Jesus loves me, Jesus loves little children, and the newer songs the children love. You Adult choir could then take over for them. As an adult, I still love these old children's favorites. For those that would prefer not to be with the children, they could arrive a little later with the announcements and regular service continuing the children have left for Sunday school.

Best would be 9 AM SS and younger people. 11 AM choir and older people.

Perhaps a different liturgy one Sunday per month.

Services that meet the needs of all people regardless of age or numbers. It is sad when a parish makes decisions re-newcomers and young people at the expense of the elders of the Parish.

The 11 AM services easier for me to get to and I enjoyed both sermon and music. However the 10 AM I truly thought was the best ever

I think the 10 AM is the best.

The 10 AM service seems to work well for most with a service. It's 11 service were to continue maybe you could. I like having everyone together but understand the 9 o'clock might be too boisterous for some.

It felt wonderful having one large service. Maybe we could have different types of music each week.

I attended a few of the summer 10 AM services. There're definitely not to my liking. That is attended. Indeed I think the services were quite successful in meeting the spiritual needs of the majority. For me the services were very busy, quite noisy. I found that there was no time to "be still and know that I am God". No time for serenity of spirit. 11 AM service with the music, the choir Plus the anthems the times of quiet and so much more make me feel as if our Lord is beside me and within me saying "Be still, for I am here and where I am is holy". I think this is why so many of us at 11 AM are so passionate about the service.

Come together for special times.

Having one service let's everyone get to meet and know everyone.

My own experience is the 10 gives me more time forgetting Valerie ready.

10 AM service which can help families and seniors.

I am happy with the 745 one.

Best: combine for medical times, diabetic etc., important in timeslot.

A 9:30 or 10 am start meets those needs better than 9 am.

Other comments:

The more people in church the better the energy. Early evensong?

As a newcomer I found the bulletin not complete enough for me; additional passages from other books, what does JN, VU mean, where is Benediction 324, Gloria, Prayer after communion 397. Now that I have attended several services I now know but at first I was confused.

One type of service- would prefer Iona only.

Sat evening service?

I will come to service whenever for myself. If I am going to try and get grandchildren there the 10 seemed to work out better. I need my church and will not quit because of time changes. We have to consider the Minister's need as well.

Fellowship at St Andrew's is wonderful. It is so warm and loving. The service, Eric and the music and director are very special. I do love my new church family.

I like the Shemah, but I miss the Apostle's Creed.

I love the later service time. It is not as much of a rush in the morning and it helped me get out given we have a half an hour drive to make to attend, not reason alone to change times but definitely a benefit! My daughter loves attending Sunday School and has greatly enjoyed any activities the kids have been invited to participate in. I would love to see even greater involvement (helping sidesmen, participating in a kids' service, older kids doing readings).

The kids absolutely LOVE the children's choir and the response from other families/kids who are participating love it! Thanks Sara!
Longer Sunday School time is good- the kids love Sunday School! Thanks Marlene!

Even though having a variety of liturgies can be nice, routing in also important. There are parts of our current liturgy (Psalms for example) that are read as a group lose their message as we concentrate on reading in unison.

Getting young people involved in reading, singing, serving and work parties makes us all feel there is a future for the church and gives them a more active involvement.

I enjoyed the full church as well as getting to know people from other service. I felt St Andrew's was more united because of it. I also must add that I didn't miss the choir. I like songs that I can sing along to as opposed to listening to the choir.

Time of 10am was not convenient at all for my family with young children- ended up feeling alienated from the church because we were unable to attend services for so long. Lost connection with der friends who regularly attended the 11 am service because that were unable to attend at 10 am.

Those at the 11:00 AM service are not being stubborn. Some people are dealing with medical situations which prevent going out earlier than 11 AM

I appreciate the book of common praise however many of the lyrics have been changed and sometimes do not fit the music.

I am still getting accustomed to the very different style of our new music leader. I do not believe the musical moments included in the summer services contributed to the worship. I'm concerned that the service may be becoming a performance and thus encouraging a lot of clapping afterward. This distracts me from worship. Performers may be better showcased during a program in the hall not during services. I prefer a service for the G is familiar to the music leader. Maybe the worship committee could address this. Fractured liturgy is very disruptive to the movement and leading of the Holy Spirit.

We must think of people doing coffee. They like to be out of there before 11 after the 9 o'clock service.

I think July and August having the combined service at 10 AM is a good idea as so many people go away. For me 9 AM the rest of the year. Organ and piano music combined, I think this is fair for the service as we hopefully make everyone happy.

A new piano is too loud. There is a problem when you can't hear The choir at all. I've heard the same about the 11 AM service as well. Also I believe that music before the 9 AM service as that is what I attend should be mellow. In my opinion we just need music that is allowing us to reflect if we want to do a quick chat with someone if we want but not loud and no singing. The old piano was much better for loudness. I think the right music will help us keep people and maybe draw them in.

Everyone regardless of age, years as a member, etc., needs to have a voice in this decision. We do need to attract new members, particularly families, though. Otherwise, we are in danger of being stagnant.

Scripture readings on screen. More involvement for children during the service, others and congregation could do children's time on occasion.

Music has been rather louder times and somewhat disjointed. A new piece needs to be introduced and featured for several weeks in a row if possible.

I enjoyed the special music from “outside” performers.

I would like to see the Scriptures are back on the screen were used to have this. Smoother transition between parts of the service, music seems distracted. Perhaps too many new tunes are being introduced to quickly. Coloration needs to be taught a new piece of music maybe before the service begins this could reduce the end of the service to one song, for example we sing “Go Now in Peace” and then sing another song. That last song seems redundant. I do enjoy the special music from the college. However, I do get enjoyment out of the rhythm band at the end, and I’m sure that the kids do too. Perhaps we need a rethink to Go Now in Peace.

I would love 6 p.m. service but can’t do night driving

I cannot attend fellowship as it would interfere with my meals.

A suggestion box should be used. Sometimes the music is so loud one cannot hear people around you sing.

I feel the service experiment in the summer was mostly typical of a 9 AM service. Screen, praise music, etc.

I like guest artists.

There is no one ideal service. We came from a small, traditional country church, more similar to the 11 AM service than the nine. You’re still getting our minds around the handholding “Go now in peace”. We’ve made good friends at the 9 AM who feels same way: Life is a compromise. Varying the type of service is the most inclusive approach. People get used to it as I suspect they did over the three-month experiment.

I have found the services lately to be very distracted. I would like to seeing more of the hymns we sang before Cameron left. Most of the ones we have been singing are not familiar to me. Guests when we have them. I would also like to see some kind of music played for children’s time and please can someone get the music for Lord Have Mercy. I find Jim heavy-handed on the piano, however he is a wonderful musician. It’ll be nice for new people to introduced themselves. Perhaps have Eric say” any visitors this morning?” in spite of these comments I love St. Andrews. Erick sermon is almost always speak to me. I enjoy the personal stories he

interjects into his sermons. The changes and additions he has developed under his leadership and enhance my experience at church. The Friendship Circle was a great addition and do I don't attend "God at the Movies" I think that has filled I need as well. All in all I enjoy my life at this church.

It's been a very disappointing summer. Rushed services. Few home visits. Praise is not the only form of worship or the most dominant. Lack of opportunity for contemplation communion of thought and comfort with God, previously always present. Use the screen for tutorials etc. but not to cut the congregation away from the sanctuary during communion service. We can all read books in large print leaflets.

So glad you're making changes. We need to keep relevant only won't survive!

Courageous and well worth the effort. Well done.

We need a fully contemporary service somewhere.

Good to see you that this church is open to change.

Less structure in "must do" readings in more openness, perhaps poetry and use of guitar for some songs. Yay! For change and openness in your services, Plus guest speakers a little more modern we'll be the only way to save St. Andrews and hopefully bring in more newcomers.

I liked the music after the sermon but not the sense that people felt it was necessary to applaud. Not an act of worship.

I have often thought a good that saint Andrews had three flavors of worship services to meet different preferences but we lose some unity and fellowship as a congregation.

It was nice to have a full church at 10 AM an to have that sense of unity And worship together. I enjoyed getting to know the 11 AM service people and have fellowship with them. When we have the overhead projector and the lessons are read it would be good to have them on the screen and to use two sentences-sight and hearing to help concentrate.

Nice vibe, and great to be in a full church.

Appreciate the time and effort to be inclusive to all parishioners and our needs!! Very difficult.

I found the “musical Moment” in the middle of the service to be disruptive to the floor worship. The people who performed (many of them are strangers to us) we’re all very talented, I was this the appropriate time and place for their performance? I did not feel that he contributed to the worship of our congregation. These moments were definitely performances, we were required to suspend our worship, Watch the individual perform, applaud(!!) and then return to worship. I love harp music, but the song that was played (ForgottenSummer) did not belong in our worship service. It just wasn’t relevant. So that is why I feel that these performances are not appropriate in the middle of our worship services.

Contemporary praise hymns: Summer awful, summer joyful with poor melodies, and catchy.

Maybe another experiment be to have communal service at 11 o’clock. I’m thinking about people in care homes who can’t come any earlier. I love the different musical styles offered.

This summer I was able to do the necessary things I needed to do to stay healthy before leaving the house for church. I also had time to have more than tea for breakfast. Two, we sometimes have time to offer a ride to someone else.

I Remember trying to get my children ready for church at St. Peter’s Lake Hill. Even when the start time was at was often difficult getting there on time. My grown children moved to churches with a 10 o’clock or 1030 start time which gave them a little more to get ready for church. I was disappointed they moved from St. Andrews but understood and they are attending church. They also seem to have larger congregations.

A few years ago the church ask for people to drive those unable to come to St. Andrews on their own. Some of those parishioners were no longer able to drive and the walk to the churches too far. We drove a couple that needed a ride it to the 9 AM service for a few years. Unfortunately, many wanting to attend the 11 AM service weren’t able to attend because there weren’t enough people at that service still driving. Alan would still be willing to drive but I need to much time to get ready for us to have time to do this at a 9 AM service.

With the songs I know, I very much enjoy Jim’s music I have trouble learning new songs with the flourishes. It would help me if the newer songs were played with the basic tune and when everyone is singing well make it pretty. In the past couple of weeks I’ve had a little trouble hearing the praise group. Not sure if this is my hearing problem where the speakers are not picking up their voices.

I'm also delighted there's going to be a children's choir. When I was 12, I used to ride my bike a couple of miles to be part of children's choir at St. John's and Victoria. So, I huge thank you for this undertaking.

What it be possible to encourage people to wear the name-tags again? If we join the 9/11 services, it would help to have these tags again. It's always nice to greet people by name.

For those who were short or have difficult standing I've noticed an experienced a problem we stand for prayers and songs. Those able can move into the aisle but for those with difficulty standing it can be difficult seeing the screen with the songs of liturgy. If we all stay seated, viewing the screen is much easier for the short and seated. I'm on sure whether protocol would permit this. Printing the sheets for those who have difficulty seeing the screen with the entire service maybe expensive. Other ideas?

I'd like to continue with our once a month brunches.

About know you're probably wondering about giving someone as verbose as me a questionnaire. Thanks for allowing us to express our opinions.

Fellowship: I think it is the same small groups talking together and not mingling by those who can walkabout. It's not really fellowship.

I think our minister and our musical director are the best I've ever had in my 84 years.

We will see more young families with children attend the 10 AM service. The numbers in the Parish will increase.

The 10 AM service experiments not only brought young families but also fellowship time after the service got more people socializing.

Busy world, hard to fit in for all situations. Given-one factor, many seniors may require rides in diabetic And other meds times important.

I'd appreciate songs of praise and inclusion e.g. Cast the Circle Wide, Here I am Lord, Shine, Jesus, Shine. I loved being a part of the whole St Andrew's family during the combined service this summer.

I enjoy the piano, given a choice of traditional music with contemporary praise hymns. It increases our awareness of the needs of all who choose to come and worship at St Andrew's, just completing this. It brings to my mind – it never occurred before, that folk in care homes come to worship- wrongly assuming that church came to them.

It has been great to have more services including our young people taking on responsibilities as in the Bible readings, song and music contributions.