

What facilities do you think we need in the building and churchyard to make it more useful to the community? There is space to add more ideas if needed.

	Yes	No
Level access		
Toilets		
Kitchen		
Flexible internal space		
Creche		
Internet access		
Community information		
Community garden		
Outdoor seating area		
Repair shop / men's shed		

Any further comments that you would like to make.

Thank you for taking the time to let us know your thoughts.



**The Little Dart
Mission Community**

To know Christ and
make Him known

**The Parish Church of
St Mary Magdalene Chulmleigh**

Where do we go from here?
How can we use the building and
churchyard to better serve the community?



In the Diocese of Exeter



Thank you for taking the time to let us know your thoughts.

We have a problem here at St Mary Magdalene Church in Chulmleigh. It is a problem that needs to be considered by as many people as possible. We have a large church building that needs some repairs and extensive grounds in the churchyard, but they are not being used other than for a few hours each week. It would be wonderful if the church and churchyard could be accessible and used by the whole community throughout the week.

Over the last 18 months we have offered a free café in the church on a Wednesday and we have seen over 100 people use this with many regulars as well as many visitors to the town popping in and we hosted a free Christmas lunch on Christmas day 2019. We have offered community and support information at the back of the church and many leaflets have been taken away by those who pop in. At the beginning of 2020 we hosted the Devon Highlights project reaching out to the over 55s. And as always we have held our regular worship services right up until the recent lockdown and now we have our worship online until we are able to open the church again.

So the question that needs to be asked now, in the midst of the current pandemic when the need for buildings with space and open accessible outdoor areas has never been greater, how can we better serve the community and what improvements do we need to make to the church and churchyard to enable this to happen.

We need some help to work out the best way forward and, as many heads are better than one, we are planning a further consultation with the with the community here in Chulmleigh during August and September 2020 with a view to producing an overall scheme for the church and churchyard by the end of 2020.

So please think about Chulmleigh and what is missing here and then look at the church building and churchyard and imagine what could be done.

Perhaps, just perhaps, this problem could prove to be the start of something good for the community and the church.

Rev. Tony Rockey
Team Rector

We have some questions that might help with thinking this through.

What is missing from the town of Chulmleigh that could be done here?

How would you like to see the building being used?

How would you like to see the churchyard being used?

What do you value or are keen to retain within the church and churchyard?

Are you aware of any groups or potential users that may wish to use the church and grounds?

Would making the space inside the church more flexible help?