

Worship Review Feedback

Contemplative Communion - (4th June 2023)

How would you rate this service overall?

Average = 7

- 10 (2)
- 9 (1)
- **8 (7)**
- 7 (2)
- 6 (1)
- 5 (1)
- 2 (2)

What did you like?

- Music, incense, candles, the quiet
- Moments of quiet. Piano and guitar different!
- Music, quietness
- Meditation
- Peace overall
- Involvement of the congregation. Took us out of comfort zone.
- Still had communion
- The silence was a great opportunity for reflection and prayer. Loved the different music.
- The music was very good and enjoyed
- To be honest it wasn't for me
- Music was lovely
- The quietness – a variety is good.
- It was different to all other services. The music.
- Gathering around the altar, music, lighting of candles
- The music in particular, the use of the classical guitar was perfect and very moving. The opportunity to reflect on God's creation, love, and purpose. The communal table for Communion.
- Very good service

Is there anything you disliked?

- Meditation time too long

- No
- Incense
- Not really my thing
- Too long in quiet prayer time
- The ringing of the bells etc
- Too much walking around
- Too long for contemplation. Not suitable for children as a whole
- Too long for children, but a contemplative service for adults and very meaningful
- No choir

How could it be improved?

- Shorten in [meditation time]
- Perhaps explaining what is to happen in the service
- Perhaps more music
- Reduce queues?
- Going back to the old service
- Help to initiate moving to the front would have been useful
- Cut down the quiet time
- Two lots of candles to speed up the lighting of them
- 1. Include the children to take part. 2. Ensure there is sufficient room for communicants to return to their seats.

How frequently would you attend this type of service?

- Weekly (1)
- Monthly (3)
- **Quarterly (10)**
- Never (3)
- Annually (1)

If today was the first time you visited St John's, would you come back?

- Yes (3)
- No (2)
- Maybe (1)

Other comments

- Long periods of silence not ideal when children present. Otherwise an excellent alternative service.
- Whilst the lighting of the candles was very meaningful, perhaps the children's participation could be a little delayed?
- Overall quite good
- Loved the peace and opportunity for personal reflection, thought and prayer.
- The vicar, the people, and after the tea.
- Nice for a change but not the sort of service I would want to attend regularly
- Eco church: very informative. Would liked to have had longer time spent on that. Maybe for a different service i.e. an eco service.
- Enjoyed the talk by Margaret Roberts. Spoke with such passion about A Rocha.
- More on Eco church / another discussion.