

Worship Review - Feedback from Choral Mattins (5th February)

Service lasted 50 minutes

1. How would you rate this service overall (10 = very good)

Average = **8.3**

- 3 (1)
- 7 (4)
- 8 (12)
- 9 (2)
- 10 (8)

2. What did you like?

- Different liturgy
- Choir
- Enjoyed the message of the sermon, variety of hymns
- The message of hope in the name of Jesus Christ and the sermons, I really liked the readings
- The atmosphere was calm and uplifting
- The general ambience of the service
- The hymns were lovely
- It is good to participate in the service, Morning Prayer, which I was brought up in my childhood!
- Tranquillity of service
- It was good to hear the choir singing. The variation from the regular service.
- Matins for a change
- Matins
- It was good to have a change
- The choral singing
- Choir singing the gospel
- The additional music, the psalm sung by the choir
- The singing. The choir's anthem.
- Quiet, reflective service
- Choir and sermon
- I liked the change. Liked the choir singing.
- A pleasant change. More inclusive.
- Singing
- The intercessions
- Choir anthems. I do like this service but the timing would be important
- The anthem and sung gospel
- Choir and anthems
- Choir anthems

- The Gospel canticle
- Having the choir sing was good. Good to have a change of service.
- Nice to hear the choir sing

3. Is there anything you disliked?

- 10 minutes too short (though sermon was ideal length), so more content needed.
- No. A good change and short. Good to include children at the end
- No
- Organ drowned out the choir's solo
- Missed the peace – acknowledging all the congregation
- I missed receiving Communion this morning
- Lack of Holy Communion
- No Communion
- Too brief
- Too short – sermon
- No gospel

4. How could it be improved?

- More congregational involvement in choral element
- If held regularly – always have a Communion at some point in day
- Could be filled out a bit – perhaps a psalm said antiphonally
- Organ quieter while choir sing
- Maybe a psalm – said interactive with the congregation
- More hymns
- More singing by the congregation

5. How frequently would you attend this type of service?

- Weekly (7) = 23%
- Monthly (14) = **47%**
- Quarterly (9) = 30%

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

- Yes (3)
- Maybe (2)

7. Why?

- I think people may be expect a eucharist, so would feel short-changed
- [weekly] but not at the expense of Holy Communion
- Friendly

8. Other comments

- I have only recently began coming to the services and I wanted to thank you all for making me feel so welcome.
- For me, having a week without Communion makes it more significant when we do. Same service every week becomes routine. Good to have a change.
- Miss Communion service.
- Lovely to have a change of service
- Quiet and reflective. Lovely sermon.
- Have Communion twice a month. This would encourage people who are not regular church goers to come.
- A well balanced service though very different from the last Mattins I attended in St John's. The service was not over long in duration
- I like the service as it is now
- Enjoyed the change of the service