

Template 2

Questions to help you analyse the contextual data about your parish.

Using the parish data contained in your spotlight profile, answer the following questions.

1. Does the age profile of your congregation match that of your parish? Are you engaging with the parish's largest demographic: those aged 15 - 29?
2. Does the ethnicity profile of your congregation match that of your parish? Are you engaging with the parish's largest demographics: those describing themselves as White or Black or Black British?
3. Are services in your parish accessible to all residents? Do you offer any services in foreign languages? What can you offer those who may not have been in the UK for long?
4. How has the religious affiliation of those living in your parish changed over the past decade? How closely does it match that of the Diocese as a whole? Are Christians in your parish engaging with your churches? How are you engaging with other faith groups?
5. Who lives in your parish? Are there issues with access to housing? How permanent are your parishioners? Are there a lot of households with children? What about lone parent households? Are there a lot of people living alone?
6. Do you hold many weddings in your parish? How is your parish supporting those in the above categories?
7. How are your parish finances? How does this compare to your community profile?
8. How much free time do residents of your parish have? How accessible are your churches to those with/without cars?
9. How qualified are residents of your parish? What Church of England schools are available?
10. Are there people in your parish with health problems? Is there anything you can do to assist with day-to-day activities of those who have health problems?
11. What are the particular issues that affect your parish? Are you doing anything to address these?