

THE ART OF GATHERING

How We
Meet and
Why It
Matters

GATHER is the most referenced comment on what to do.

Teaching, preaching, singing, communion... all matter; but "gathering" is the overwhelming desire

**254 responses
in 72 hours!**

What do you think? What are you feeling? Ideas? Solutions? What is God saying? Can you help? Email the two Simons

Live-streaming preaching to several locations is mentioned several times. People don't want this 'in homes' but 'in buildings'

LIVE 
STREAMING

Worship survey

Recovery and Renewal

Experiencing significant growth or already significantly faith

74%

Finding faith is growing from a starting or 'dipping toe' in place

20%



Many want home group ministry to grow

"simplicity in worship is the key"

"Let's be brave, be bold"

"anything in a physical setting would be marvellous"



Current buildings are important for many at 8am, 9am Heritage (BCP), 10am Classic & 6.30pm.

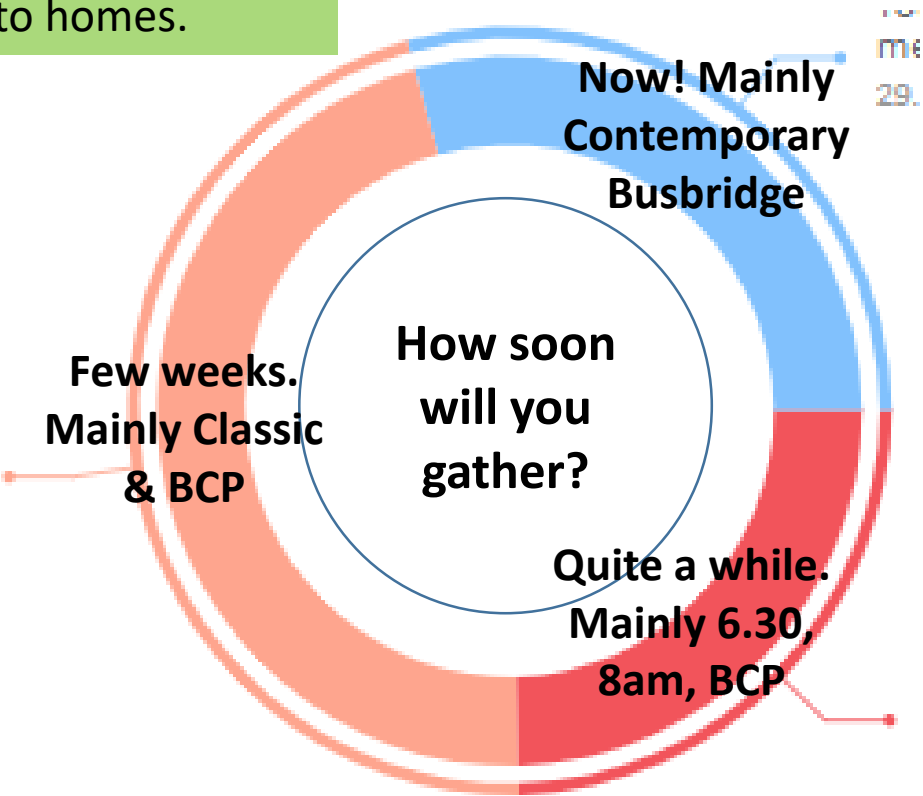
Particular location and timing are less important to most at **Busbridge Contemporary**. Live streaming is acceptable but preference is to livestream to a public building, not to homes.



BCP online averages 87 worshippers. One BCP worshipper is in Wales. Most BCP worshippers will return to the building “in a while” but not yet. Several BCPers would like BCP live-streamed.



21% will need to primarily engage online in future
66% will engage both online and gather
The **majority** ‘primarily online’ are contemporary worshippers
The **least represented** ‘primarily online’ are Classic worshippers



SO,... What next?

Current buildings are important for 8am, BCP, Classic & 6.30. We are adapting the church buildings to allow this to happen. Work has started on installing live-streaming technology, loudspeakers and connections to other rooms and buildings for overflow for numbers. We are trying various approaches over the next few weeks. We can get a good number into buildings with good social distancing.

Classic and **BCP** are likely to be back in the church buildings in September.

We are looking at the Busbridge **6.30** and **8am**. Multiple use of a single building on a single day requires deep cleaning and poses questions. **8am** and **6.30** people may wish to consider similar 'style' worship (Classic and Contemporary) in the meantime. Dudley Hilton is stepping aside as **6:30** leader and it is a time to talk to the congregation about the shape of this service. Thank you to Dudley for your years of leadership.

*How soon will
you gather?*

WWW.



Keep a **BCP** online presence via livestreaming the service
Develop a **contemporary online** presence
Possibly livestream talks to more than one **Contemporary** congregation location, not in homes but in public access buildings locally
Could you help? Contact Simon W or Dave P.

Contemporary congregations : a call to all to prayer This is about a new season and a move of God

Imagine a congregation.. meeting *together* in a *public place* and also dispersed to *smaller venues locally*, *livestreaming preaching with local worship*; where people *know each other* better; set up and hospitality are *easier*; worship is *authentic* and the approach is stripped back and focuses on *simplicity*... this is the water we are testing... and as we know more we'll share, seek views and advice, get feedback and ask for help and leadership.

We are unlikely to be returning to the old 'home' of the Busbridge Contemporary as we follow the Holy Spirit's leading.

This is an exciting time full of the Holy Spirit's possibilities. God is doing something. What a time to be part of it!



As many may have sensed, overfilling a school hall with 120 adults in the current 'climate' is unlikely to be sustainable. We are exploring the future and asking everyone to pray about this. We're on the move and we are asking for ideas and calling everyone to prayer.

This is why we are:

- Driving the area on Sunday 19th July and Sunday 23rd August. It is deep prayer about the future and our part in the Godalming area.
- Holding the Drive In Service (Field) on Sunday 6th September with our friends at Godalming Baptist Church. We are praying with others locally.
- We are calling our church family to our knees in prayer: **What is the Holy Spirit's call for us from September?**

September: in good weather, Old Rectory Garden services, as we plan the future for September and into October.

What do you think? What are your ideas? What is God saying? Please join us in prayer for this new season...

