

SUMMARY PROFILE

This Summary Profile provides highlights about your parish from the 2021 National Church Life Survey

Gold Coast Parish Lutheran Church



Full Profile

Coming soon: Your full Church Life Profile will contain comprehensive results with comparisons to other benchmarks

The People of this Church:

Most value:



71% Sharing in Holy Communion/the Eucharist/Lord's Supper



45% Sermons, preaching or Bible teaching



24% Traditional style of worship or music



24% Social activities or meeting new people

Want to give attention to:



40% Building a sense of community



32% Worship services that are nurturing



30% Spiritual growth (e.g. direction)



30% Encouraging people here to discover/use their gifts

Note: Attenders could select up to three options so percentages may not add up to 100%.

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People of This Church

This Summary Profile contains a snapshot of your church's unique results from the 2021 National Church Life Survey. This profile is based on 70 responses from attenders aged 15+.

Supporting resources available at 2021ncls.org.au may also help you you make best use of your results, to strengthen the vitality of your church, grow an owned vision and plan for the future.

Demographic profile

Gender



51% are female

49% are male

Note: The percent for those who chose 'other' will be included in denominational and national reports. Figures have been rounded to 100%.

Marital Status

78% are currently married

Ethnicity

78% are born in Australia

22% are born overseas

13% speak a language other than English at home

Employment

29% are employed full-time (30 hours plus)

46% are retired

Education

43% have a university degree

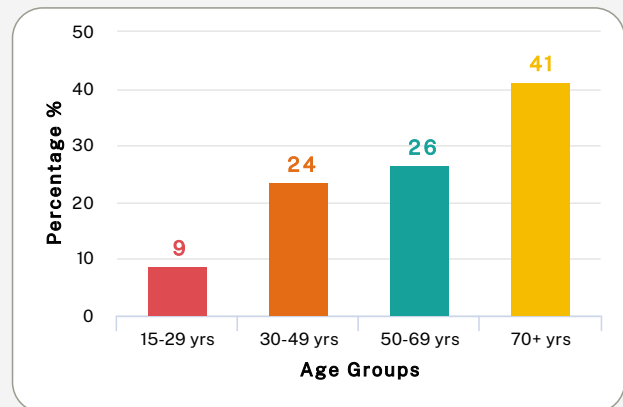
35% have a trade certificate or secondary school education

Age and intergenerational ministry

59 yrs is the average age of attenders over 15

84% are satisfied with what is offered for children aged under 12 years

67% are satisfied with what is offered for youth aged 12 to 18



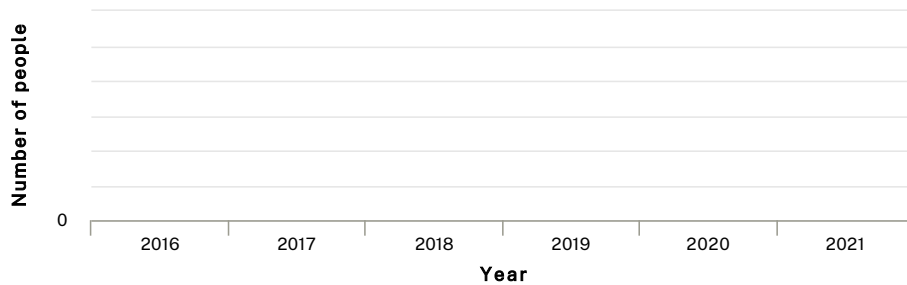


Church Attendance and Background



Attendance patterns

Estimated attendance



No data was provided for this chart.

Please consider estimates of attendance for your church over time.

Attendance at this parish (including online)

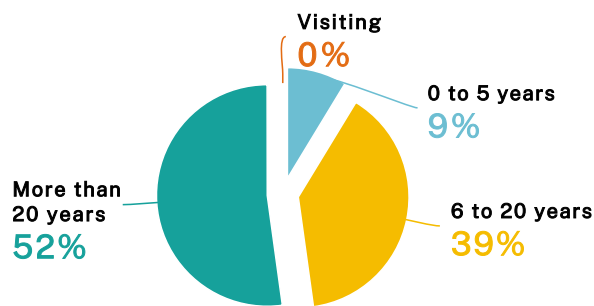
- 99%** are frequent attenders (monthly or more)
- 68%** attend weekly or more
- 91%** have attended this parish for more than five years

Attendance elsewhere (in person or online)*

- 81%** do not attend any other church
- 18%** attend elsewhere, in person
- 1%** attend elsewhere, via online services

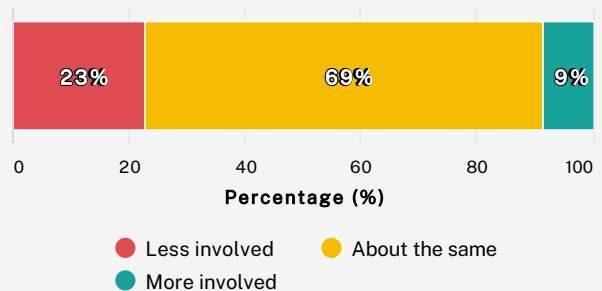
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Length of time attending this parish



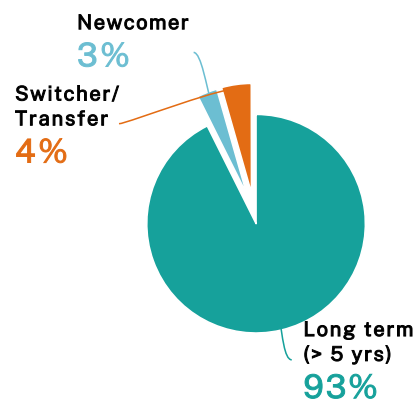
Impact of COVID-19

Current involvement compared to 2019 (before COVID-19)



Church background

- 9%** of attenders here are new arrivals to this parish in the past 5 years



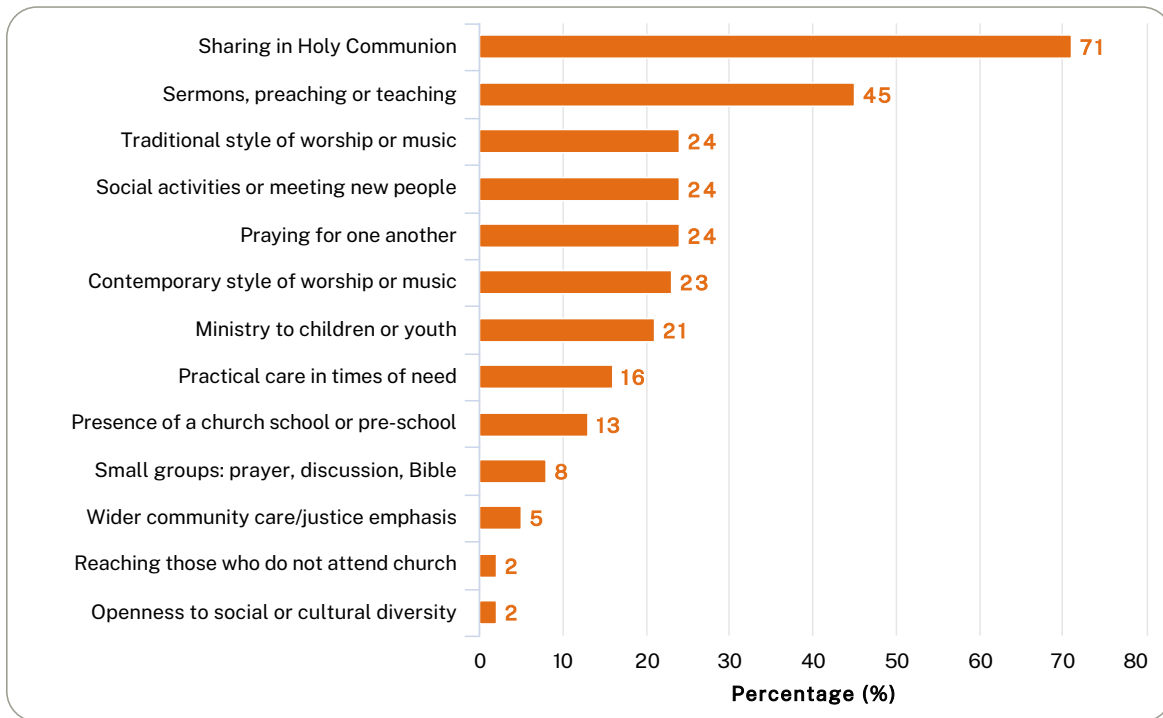


What People Value and Prioritise



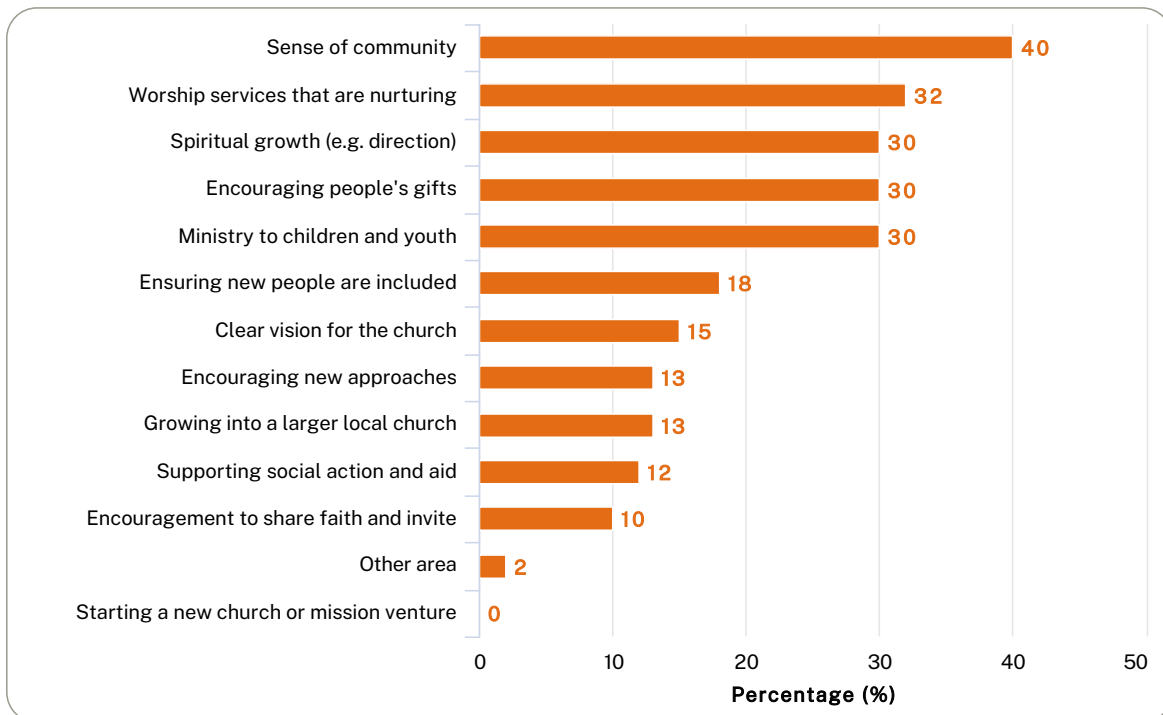
What people value about this church

Attendees of this parish most value 'Sharing in Holy Communion/the Eucharist/Lord's Supper' and 'Sermons, preaching or Bible teaching'.



Future priorities

Over the next 12 months most attendees would like priority given to 'Building a sense of community' and 'Worship services that are nurturing'.



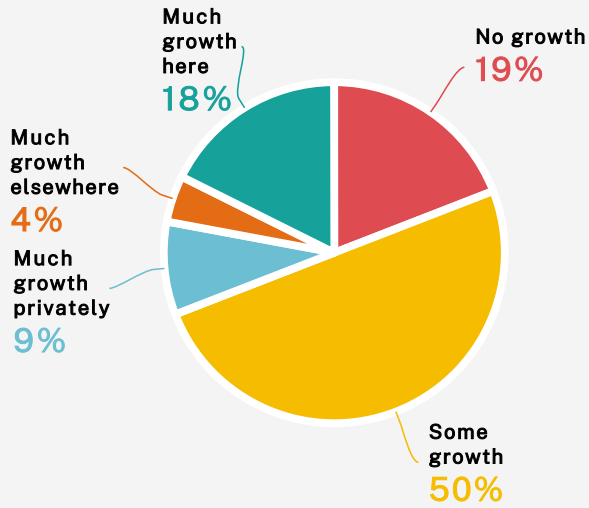


How People Relate to God

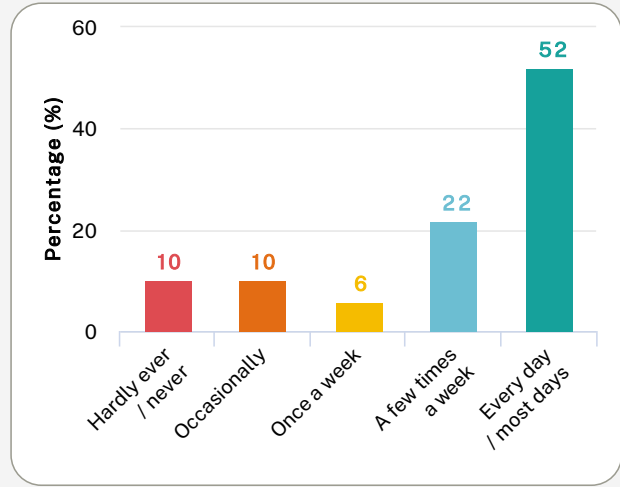


Personal faith

31% of attenders said that they had experienced much growth in faith in the previous 12 months



52% spend time in prayer, Bible reading, meditation everyday or most days



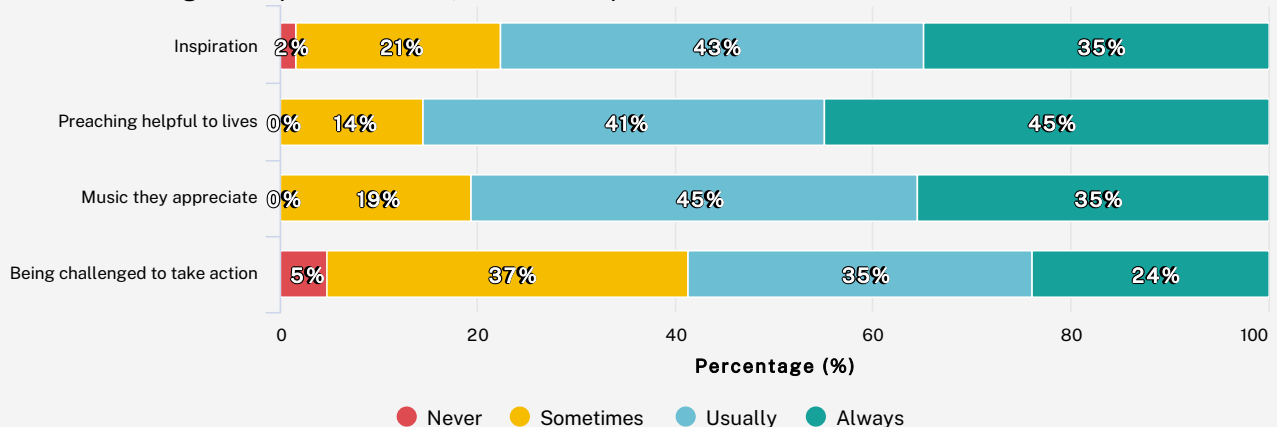
95% agree their faith influences decisions and actions in daily life

95% agree that 'my faith in God is an important part of who I am'



Church worship services

During worship services here, attenders experience:





How People Relate to Each Other



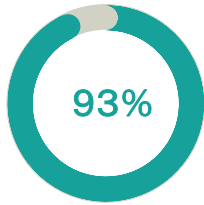
Belonging and inclusion

38% always or mostly personally seek to make new arrivals welcome

13% are likely to follow up someone drifting away from church involvement

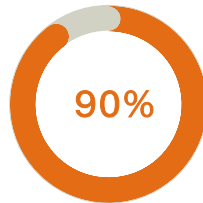
Belonging

Have a strong sense of belonging



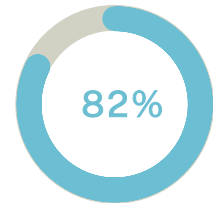
Inclusive

Agree this local church is inclusive of different kinds of people



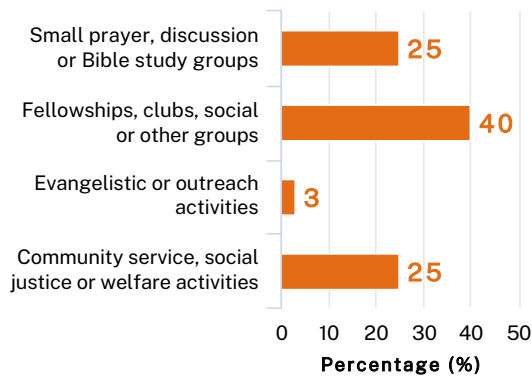
Friendly

Found it easy to make friends in this local church

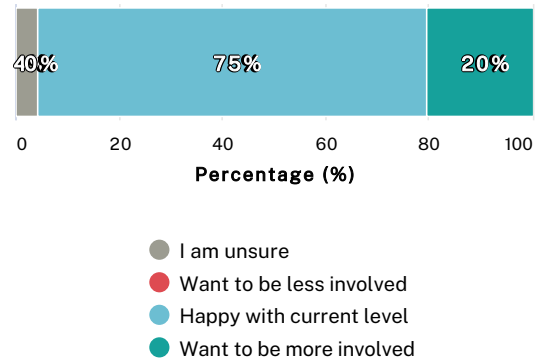


Involvement

Group involvement



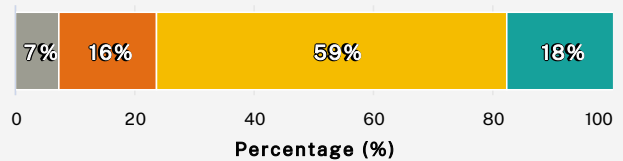
20% want to be more involved at this local church



Financial giving

Patterns of giving to this local church (as a percent of net income).

- Do not contribute financially here
- Give a small amount when present
- Give less than 10%
- Give about 10% or more



How People Relate to the Wider Community



Involvement in groups

- 55%** of people participate in wider community groups
- 2%** are very actively involved in online groups (e.g. social media, community groups)

Church-based activities

- 27%** reach out to the wider community through activities of this local church
- 25%** are part of community service activities
- 3%** are part of evangelistic activities



Words and actions

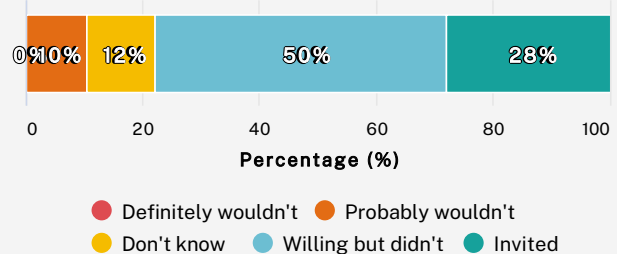
- 90%** talk about matters of faith with other members of their household (5% live alone)
- 12%** feel at ease talking about faith with others and look for opportunities to do so

Attendees have offered to help others in the past 12 months

Donated money to a charitable organisation	70%
Lent or gave money to someone outside your family	44%
Given some of your possessions to someone in need	41%
Cared for someone who was very sick	34%
Visited someone in hospital	34%
Helped someone through a personal crisis (not sickness)	33%
Supported a campaign (online or other)	30%
Contacted a parliamentarian/councillor on a public issue	11%
Tried to stop someone abusing alcohol or drugs	6%
Attended a public meeting/march	5%

Inviting others to church

- 28%** invited friends and relatives to a church service in this last year



Acting for the environment

- 95%** agree that Christians have a responsibility to actively care for the environment
- 14%** are very active
- 56%** are a little active
- 25%** are currently not active



Vision, Innovation & Leadership Culture

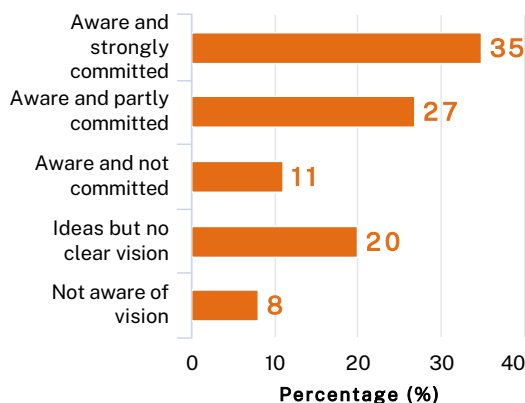


Vision and innovation

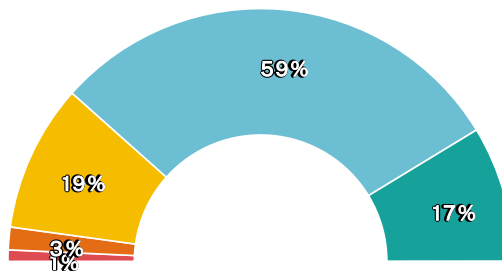
35% of people are both aware of and strongly committed to the vision and goals or directions for this local church

35% are fully confident that this local church can achieve the vision, goals or directions set

Vision

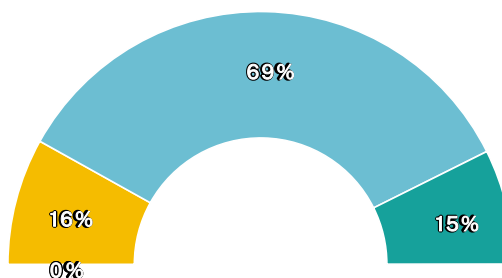


77% agree that this local church is always ready to try something new



● Strongly disagree ● Disagree ● Neutral
● Agree ● Strongly agree

84% agree that they would support the development of new initiatives in the ministry and mission of this local church



● Strongly disagree ● Disagree ● Neutral
● Agree ● Strongly agree



Leadership culture

92% agree that this local church has good and clear systems for how it operates

93% agree it is easy to get involved in ministry at this parish (e.g. join a roster, take on a role)

43% of attenders perform a leadership or ministry role

41% agree 'leaders encourage me to find and use my gifts and skills to great or some extent'

74% agree 'leaders here inspire me to action'