

How to improve church

We asked 10 young people what one thing they'd like us to do to make church better. This is what they said:

1 SAMUEL COLLINSON, 11, Gurnard and Northwood

"I'd like to have an interval half way through for games, snacks and chat - a service of two halves!"



2 OLIVER GLANVILLE, 13, St Mary Magdalen, Sheet

"I'd like to see some more exciting songs than the ones that are like hymns."



3 DEXTER LUPTON, 13, St John's, Fareham

"It would be good to have more youth congregations, and more services led by young people."

4 PHOEBE YATES OWEN, 13, St Mary's, Portchester

"More space for teenagers in church who you can relate to, learn with and enjoy your faith with."

5 EDEN CURTIS, 12, Holy Road, Stubbington

"I'd like to see more funding for youth. Having nice food at youth group means your parents don't have to make dinner."



6 ASHLEIGH COLES, 12, Holy Road, Stubbington

"Our youth group is every fortnight on a Sunday. I think every week would be better. It's great to have a place where we can chill out and be ourselves."



7 CONNOR LATTER, 12, Harbour Church

"There should be more upbeat worship, where you can jump up and down. And more things for little kids."

8 ISAAC MELLORS, 13, St Faith's, Lee-on-the-Solent

"I'd like some chances to meet up outside of church, to get to know people and to make it easier to worship together."

9 CHIMZY NKWUNONWO, 12, St Jude's, Southsea

"Sometimes when I listen to talks when children and young people are there, I think they could be more interactive."



10 EMILY JENKINS, 14, St Jude's, Southsea

"We could have more trips with the youth outside of church - for example going bowling and having trips to the beach."