

Regional Church Leaders' survey

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With **1 response excluded**

Showing **all** questions

Response rate: 69%

Completing the survey

- 1** PARTICIPANT CONSENT: I have read and understood the above information. I understand that, if my answers are fully anonymised, it will not be possible to withdraw them from the study once I have completed the survey. If I give my name in the survey responses, I understand that I can withdraw by contacting Dr Chris Shannahan before 1st June 2020. I agree to take part in this questionnaire survey.

I consent to participate in the 'Life on the Breadline' Church leaders' online survey and I consent to my real name and position being used in project publications **45 (43.3%)**

I consent to participate in the 'Life on the Breadline' Church leaders' online survey and wish to be referred to as a regional leader through my national Church affiliation and region in project publications **59 (56.7%)**

1.a If yes, please state your name:

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Martyn Sanders	427179-427170-47668660
Revd Christopher G I Lewis	427179-427170-47672104
Jennifer Hurd	427179-427170-47688011
Roderick MacLeod	427179-427170-47698013
Brian Slinn	427179-427170-47705225

Philip Bee	427179-427170-47709393
Mark Herbert	427179-427170-47725385
Steve Faber	427179-427170-47725733
Andy Barclay-Watt	427179-427170-47729228
Ian Harris	427179-427170-47741404
Ian Bunce	427179-427170-47746252
David Price	427179-427170-47750292
Rev Adrian Argile	427179-427170-47845168
Jim O'Connor MBE	427179-427170-47874381
Cate Williams	427179-427170-47898276
Andy Delmege	427179-427170-47934849
Paul Whittle	427179-427170-48039571
Katherine Miller	427179-427170-48115603
Keely Gabriel	427179-427170-48215937
Kevin Watson	427179-427170-48214518
Stuart Davison	427179-427170-48238808
Rev. Dr. Joseph D Cortis	427179-427170-48492543
John Claydon	427179-427170-48584260
Andrew Lunn	427179-427170-48602891
Rev Carol Bostridge	427179-427170-48604388
Mark Wiggin	427179-427170-48608232
Rev. Andrew Irvine	427179-427170-48608991
Caroline Pinchbeck	427179-427170-48609325
Ellen Loudon	427179-427170-48621039
Gillian Beeley	427179-427170-48637349
Tracey Hume	427179-427170-48674857
Allan Fraser	427179-427170-48675242
Fr. Hugh Pollock	427179-427170-48683409
Peter Hussey	427179-427170-48694810
Steve Jones	427179-427170-48880456
Andrew Dorton	427179-427170-48885046
Rev. Gavin Elliott	427179-427170-48888084
Andy Taylor	427179-427170-48899511

Alison Webster	427179-427170-48899099
Neil Griffiths	427179-427170-49041017
Richard G Holden	427179-427170-49050769
John Bennett	427179-427170-49075005
rick thomas	427179-427170-49139949
Jonathan Sibley	427179-427170-49194467
Nick Ralph	427179-427170-49536915

2 Which national Church/tradition/denomination in the UK do you work for/are you affiliated to?

Showing all 102 responses	
Church of Ireland	427179-427170-47663652
The Salvation Army	427179-427170-47665445
Church of Scotland	427179-427170-47668660
Church of Scotland	427179-427170-47669428
Baptist Union of Great Britain	427179-427170-47672104
Church of Scotland	427179-427170-47677072
Methodist	427179-427170-47688011
Seventh-day Adventist Church	427179-427170-47694356
Church of Scotland	427179-427170-47698013
Synod of German Speaking Congregation in Great Britain	427179-427170-47706218
The Salvation Army	427179-427170-47705225
United Reformed Church	427179-427170-47708527
Methodist	427179-427170-47709323
Methodist but with links to URC and Baptist Churches in Yorkshire as Convenor of JPIT Yorkshire	427179-427170-47709393
Methodist	427179-427170-47715075
The Salvation Army	427179-427170-47725385
United Reformed Church	427179-427170-47725733
United Reformed Church	427179-427170-47727092
United Reformed Church	427179-427170-47729492
Salt and Light	427179-427170-47729228
Church of England, Diocese of Bristol	427179-427170-47727115

Roman Catholic	427179-427170-47739217
The Salvation Army	427179-427170-47741404
Baptist Union of Great Britain	427179-427170-47746252
Church of Scotland	427179-427170-47749980
Methodist	427179-427170-47749717
Church of England	427179-427170-47750292
The Church of God of Prophecy	427179-427170-47754692
The Salvation Army	427179-427170-47772505
Methodist Church	427179-427170-47827576
The Salvation Army	427179-427170-47841325
Baptist	427179-427170-47845168
Church of England	427179-427170-47878156
Roman Catholic	427179-427170-47874381
Church of England	427179-427170-47898276
Coptic Orthodox Church	427179-427170-47919588
Church of England / National Estate Churches Network	427179-427170-47934849
Church of Scotland	427179-427170-47826668
Baptist Union of Wales	427179-427170-47943887
United Reformed Church	427179-427170-48039571
Elim Pentecostal	427179-427170-48076943
Baptist (Baptist Union of Wales)	427179-427170-48115603
Methodist Church	427179-427170-48215937
United Reformed Church	427179-427170-48214518
The Salvation Army	427179-427170-48226290
Baptist Union of Great Britain	427179-427170-48238808
Church of Scotland	427179-427170-48344984
Roman Catholic	427179-427170-48492543
C of e	427179-427170-48529892
Baptist	427179-427170-48561221
Baptist (Baptist Union of Great Britain)	427179-427170-48584260
Methodist	427179-427170-48602891
Anglican	427179-427170-48602825
Baptist	427179-427170-48604388

Church of Scotland	427179-427170-48607717
Catholic Church of England and Wales	427179-427170-48608232
The Methodist Church in Ireland	427179-427170-48608991
Church of England	427179-427170-48609325
Elim	427179-427170-48612669
Roman Catholic	427179-427170-48614564
Church of Scotland	427179-427170-47694183
Church of England	427179-427170-48621039
Church of England	427179-427170-48624823
salt & light	427179-427170-48630652
Roman Catholic Church	427179-427170-48636293
Church of England	427179-427170-48637349
Methodist	427179-427170-48674607
Methodist	427179-427170-48674857
Slat & Light - Taking Ground	427179-427170-48675242
Catholic	427179-427170-48683409
Church of England	427179-427170-48687459
Independent Methodist	427179-427170-48693550
Church of England	427179-427170-48705937
Church of Scotland	427179-427170-48869301
Salt & Light	427179-427170-48880456
Church of England	427179-427170-48880578
CofE	427179-427170-48885046
Church of Scotland	427179-427170-48888084
Anglican	427179-427170-48895566
Elim Pentecostal Churches of GB and Northern Ireland	427179-427170-48899511
Church of England	427179-427170-48899099
Baptist	427179-427170-48917121
Church of Scotland	427179-427170-48926684
Independent Methodist	427179-427170-48975386
Pentecostal/Non-denomination	427179-427170-49012242
Catholic	427179-427170-49024943
Church of England	427179-427170-49041017

Anglican	427179-427170-49041890
C of E	427179-427170-49050769
Church of Scotland	427179-427170-49071744
Church of England	427179-427170-49075005
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	427179-427170-49075616
Church of England	427179-427170-49095955
Church of England	427179-427170-49132439
salt and light ministries	427179-427170-49139949
Church of England	427179-427170-49186959
Church of England	427179-427170-49194467
Roman Catholic	427179-427170-49193132
Church of God of Prophecy	427179-427170-49196663
Diocese of Lichfield, Church of England	427179-427170-49242181
C of E	427179-427170-49536915
Methodist Church	427179-427170-48884462

- 3 What is your position in this Church? (Please leave this blank if you wish your responses to be anonymous)

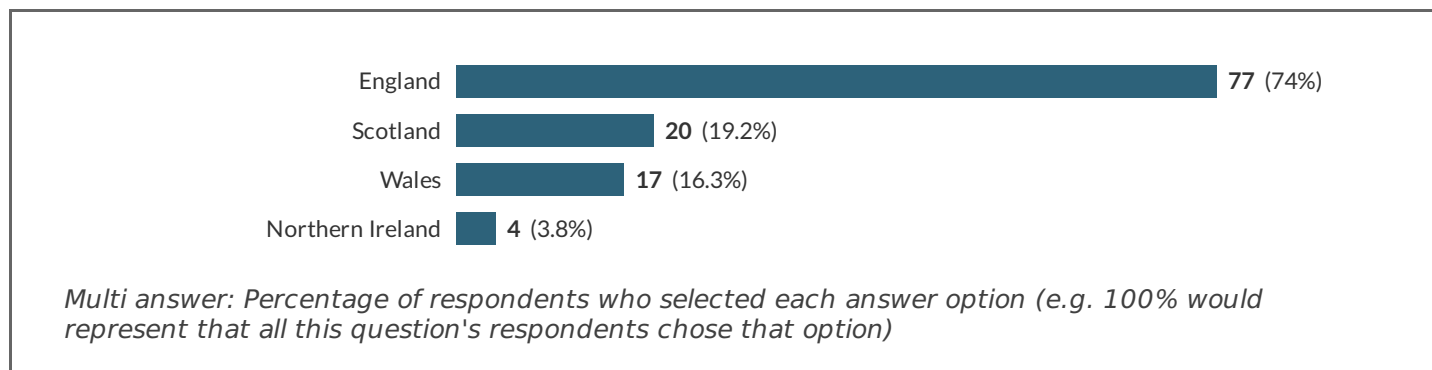
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Bishop	427179-427170-47663652
Parish Minister	427179-427170-47668660
Minister	427179-427170-47669428
Minister	427179-427170-47672104
Presbytery Clerk	427179-427170-47677072
District Chair, Synod Cymru	427179-427170-47688011
Welsh Mission President	427179-427170-47694356
Parish Minister and Presbytery Clerk	427179-427170-47698013
Secretary	427179-427170-47706218
Divisional Commander	427179-427170-47705225
Synod Moderator	427179-427170-47708527
Superintendent	427179-427170-47709323
Superintendent Minister, Denby Dale and Clayton West Circuit / Convenor of JPIT Yorkshire	427179-427170-47709393

Divisional Commander	427179-427170-47725385
Synod Moderator	427179-427170-47725733
Synod Moderator	427179-427170-47729492
Regional Leader	427179-427170-47729228
Head of Parish and External Relations - A Diocese Support Services team	427179-427170-47727115
Caritas Officer (Social Action)	427179-427170-47739217
Divisional Commander (Bishop)	427179-427170-47741404
Minister/Team Leader	427179-427170-47746252
Minister	427179-427170-47749980
Chair of District	427179-427170-47749717
I represent Sheffield on the Diocese of Sheffield Board of Faith and justice.	427179-427170-47750292
Bishop and Senior Pastor	427179-427170-47754692
Divisional Leader	427179-427170-47772505
Divisional Cmmander	427179-427170-47841325
Regional Minister, Team Leader	427179-427170-47845168
Bishop	427179-427170-47878156
Active Member. Chief Executive of Catholic-inspired homelessness charity, NOAH Enterprise, based in Luton	427179-427170-47874381
Mission and Evangelism Officer, Gloucester Diocese	427179-427170-47898276
Priest	427179-427170-47919588
Urban Estates Missioner / Chair	427179-427170-47934849
Moderator - Eastern Synod	427179-427170-48039571
Regional Leader	427179-427170-48076943
Minister	427179-427170-48115603
Project Manager, Ablewell Advice Walsall	427179-427170-48215937
Moderator of the Synod Of Yorkshire	427179-427170-48214518
Regional Minister, Team Leader for South Eastern Baptist Association	427179-427170-48238808
Convener of Edinburgh Presbytery Social & Community Interests Committee	427179-427170-48344984
Coordinator for Caritas Leeds	427179-427170-48492543
Regional Minister	427179-427170-48561221
Regional Minister for the Northern Baptist Association	427179-427170-48584260
Chair of District	427179-427170-48602891

Regional Minister in London	427179-427170-48604388
Presbytery Clerk	427179-427170-48607717
Director Caritas Diocese of Salford	427179-427170-48608232
Lead Chaplain, Belfast City Centre Chaplaincy	427179-427170-48608991
Priest	427179-427170-48609325
Senior Minister and North West Coordinator	427179-427170-48612669
Bishop	427179-427170-48614564
Elder, and Convener of Presbytery Committee	427179-427170-47694183
Director of social justice. Liverpool	427179-427170-48621039
National Estates Evangelism Project Officer and Diocese of Blackburn Vision Consultant	427179-427170-48624823
senior leader	427179-427170-48630652
Bishop	427179-427170-48636293
Development co-ordinator, Together Lancashire	427179-427170-48637349
District Superintendent	427179-427170-48674607
Has been Methodist Deacon but from 1st September I will be Newcastle District Community Engagement Enabler	427179-427170-48674857
Senior Pastor	427179-427170-48675242
Parish Priest	427179-427170-48683409
Minister	427179-427170-48693550
Team leader, Salt & Light Advance	427179-427170-48880456
Social Responsibility Officer, Hull/East Riding (Diocese of York)	427179-427170-48885046
Presbytery Clerk: Presbytery of Uist	427179-427170-48888084
Director of regeneration	427179-427170-48895566
Deputy Director of Mission (Social Responsibility)	427179-427170-48899099
Regional Minister - Team Leader	427179-427170-48917121
Ministers Wife	427179-427170-48975386
SVP member, East Anglia (representing a few local groups)	427179-427170-49024943
Vicar of the Colsterworth Group in Lincolnshire	427179-427170-49041017
Rector	427179-427170-49050769
Vicar	427179-427170-49075005
Co-Clerks, South Wales Area Meeting	427179-427170-49075616
Rector	427179-427170-49095955
Vicar	427179-427170-49132439

regional (Taking Ground) leadership team	427179-427170-49139949
Vicar of Long Sutton, Lutton , Dawsmere and co ordinator of Social Issues in South Lincs	427179-427170-49194467
Vicar General	427179-427170-49193132
Ordained Bishop	427179-427170-49196663
Director of Transforming Communities	427179-427170-49242181
Director of Social Enterprise and Engagement, for two dioceses, and Residentiary canon in one.	427179-427170-49536915

4 Which nation(s) in the United Kingdom are you based in? (Please tick all that apply)



5 Which specific region(s) of these nations do you work in? (For example, which county/diocese/district/area do you work in?)

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North Scotland	427179-427170-47665445
Presbytery of Gordon	427179-427170-47668660
Scottish Borders	427179-427170-47669428
South Wales Association	427179-427170-47672104
Dumfries & Galloway	427179-427170-47677072
Wherever there is Methodist Welsh-language work (mostly rural).	427179-427170-47688011
Wales and the English counties of Hereford, Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin	427179-427170-47694356
Skye and Lochalsh	427179-427170-47698013
all	427179-427170-47706218
East Midlands	427179-427170-47705225
Central Southern England	427179-427170-47708527
Darlington District	427179-427170-47709323

Yorkshire West District (Methodist) / Yorkshire (Joint Public Issues Team - Baptist/Methodist/ URC)	427179-427170-47709393
Lancashire	427179-427170-47715075
South East of England	427179-427170-47725385
West Midlands	427179-427170-47725733
Merseyside, Wirral, West Lancashire, most of Cheshire	427179-427170-47727092
South Western - Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Bristol, Swindon & most of Wiltshire.	427179-427170-47729492
North West England and North Wales	427179-427170-47729228
Bristol Diocese	427179-427170-47727115
Diocese of Plymouth (Cornwall, Devon and parts of Dorset)	427179-427170-47739217
From Worcester to Yeovil, Swindon to Forrest of Dean (Severn and Somerset.	427179-427170-47741404
Eastern Baptist Association	427179-427170-47746252
Highland Region	427179-427170-47749980
East midlands Nottingham and Derby district	427179-427170-47749717
South Yorkshire	427179-427170-47750292
West of England	427179-427170-47754692
West Scotland	427179-427170-47772505
Across all of Wales	427179-427170-47827576
South London (South of the Thames to M25)	427179-427170-47841325
Heart of England Baptist Association which operates across the West Midlands	427179-427170-47845168
Diocese of Chichester	427179-427170-47878156
Bedfordshire	427179-427170-47874381
Gloucestershire, significant area of South Gloucestershire, small parts of Wiltshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire	427179-427170-47898276
Diocese of London	427179-427170-47919588
Birmingham / national	427179-427170-47934849
Lanarkshire	427179-427170-47826668
Blaenau Gwent	427179-427170-47943887
Cambridgeshire, Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk	427179-427170-48039571
South East	427179-427170-48076943
Caerphilly County	427179-427170-48115603
Walsall	427179-427170-48215937

Yorkshire	427179-427170-48214518
Yorkshire, Humber and parts of Lincolnshire	427179-427170-48226290
South East (Kent, Sussex, Surrey and NE Hampshire (iutside M25)	427179-427170-48238808
Edinburgh presbytery	427179-427170-48344984
The Diocese covers the whole of West Yorkshire with small parts of Lancashire, North and South Yorkshire	427179-427170-48492543
North	427179-427170-48529892
Yorkshire	427179-427170-48561221
North East of England (Northumberland, Newcastle, Gateshead, County Durham, Teesside and north part of North Yorkshire	427179-427170-48584260
Manchester and Stockport District	427179-427170-48602891
Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham	427179-427170-48602825
London	427179-427170-48604388
Fife	427179-427170-48607717
Diocese of Salford - Greter Manchester and East Lancashire	427179-427170-48608232
Belfast City Centre	427179-427170-48608991
Kent and Yorkshire	427179-427170-48609325
Merseyside	427179-427170-48612669
Diocese of Arundel & Brighton	427179-427170-48614564
Badenoch and Strathspey	427179-427170-47694183
Liverpool	427179-427170-48621039
All (Blackburn based)	427179-427170-48624823
south central and kent	427179-427170-48630652
North Central Scotland	427179-427170-48636293
Lancashire	427179-427170-48637349
West Yorkshire	427179-427170-48624027
north west of Ireland	427179-427170-48674607
Newcastle Upon Tyne Methodist District (especially Gateshead)	427179-427170-48674857
Darlington	427179-427170-48675242
Cumbria	427179-427170-48683409
Diocese of Peterborough	427179-427170-48687459
North West	427179-427170-48693550
I live in Radnor, but the Focus Group is an all Wales concern	427179-427170-48694810
Chelmsford Diocese	427179-427170-48705937

Falkirk Presbytery	427179-427170-48869301
Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Herefordshire, Berkshire, Gwynedd	427179-427170-48880456
Diocese of Rochester	427179-427170-48880578
Hull/East Riding Archdeaconry in the Diocese of York	427179-427170-48885046
Western Isles	427179-427170-48888084
Coventry Diocese	427179-427170-48895566
North west	427179-427170-48899511
Diocese of Oxford (Thames Valley Region)	427179-427170-48899099
North West England and North Wales	427179-427170-48917121
Presbytery of Orkney	427179-427170-48926684
Stretford, Manchester	427179-427170-48975386
London and Birmingham	427179-427170-49012242
East Anglia	427179-427170-49024943
Lincoln Diocese	427179-427170-49041017
Lincolnshire	427179-427170-49041890
Lincolnshire	427179-427170-49050769
Highland Region	427179-427170-49071744
Lincolnshire (Diocese of Lincoln)	427179-427170-49075005
South Wales	427179-427170-49075616
Lincolnshire - Diocese of Lincoln	427179-427170-49095955
Diocese of Lincoln	427179-427170-49132439
Northeast (Teeside and Yorkshire)	427179-427170-49139949
Dioese of Lincoln	427179-427170-49186959
South Lincolnshire	427179-427170-49194467
RC Diocese of Plymouth	427179-427170-49193132
South and West Yorkshire	427179-427170-49196663
Diocese of Lichfield	427179-427170-49242181
Hampshire, Central South England	427179-427170-49536915
Sheffield District	427179-427170-48884462

6 Overall, do you think that poverty has increased, decreased or stayed the same in your region in the last 10 years?



6.a Please give an example of how poverty has changed in your region in the last 10 years

Showing all 97 responses	
Use of food bank. Applications to a number of charitable funds I administer	427179-427170-47663652
More people sourcing food aid including those in work	427179-427170-47665445
There is a growing need for, and use of, foodbanks. Rural living is becoming increasingly problematic for people on low incomes due to a number of factors including the closing of rural shops, post offices and similar facilities, inadequate public transport.	427179-427170-47668660
As the traditional woollen mills have closed, more people are unemployed or have had to take wage cuts to do other jobs. Fuel costs have also risen, making the job market more difficult again.	427179-427170-47669428
Food bank take up has been sing steadily, the obvious rise was in connection with the roll out of Universal Credit.	427179-427170-47672104
More people are struggling to make ends meet and as a result more people have turned to food banks to feed themselves and their families in the last ten years. Provision of hot meals by churches has become a normal part of ministry in the past ten years.	427179-427170-47677072
More visible street homelessness in cities; increaded foodbank use; school hungerba real issue	427179-427170-47688011
children come to school hungry no means to purchase basic sanitary products	427179-427170-47694356
The tourist boom has provided previously unimagined opportunities.	427179-427170-47698013
Its difficult to find affordable accomodation in London	427179-427170-47706218
Street homelessness Use of food banks	427179-427170-47705225
The need for foodbanks in what might be seen as affluent areas. Obvious homelessness has also increased.	427179-427170-47708527
The changes in patterns of behaviour in children at school and needs care to be offered as part of education system	427179-427170-47709323
Increased use of foodbanks across Yorkshire. Homelessness more visible on the streets of towns and cities. More people coming to churches as a last resort for assistance - my church in Penistone has just reinstated a second collection after Holy Communion services for the Benevolence Fund.	427179-427170-47709393
There is greater dependence upon food banks.	427179-427170-47715075

Significant rise in homelessness.	427179-427170-47725385
Massive increase in food bank use, increased numbers of rough sleepers	427179-427170-47725733
There are more instances of folk needing food banks to keep going. There are more asylum seekers - includign those who are destitue - especially in Liverpool, which is partly due to the legal regime around making applications only in Liverpool if all appeals have been exhausted and new information is to be submitted.	427179-427170-47727092
Greater use of food banks, greater number of street homeless.	427179-427170-47729492
Greater use of foodbanks etc.	427179-427170-47729228
I think its clearly a real mixed situation. Many policies and initiatives have helped, employment seems to be up, the living wage continues to rise and many projects have been initiated that have made a positive difference. However charities such as CAP and Foodbank clearly see increasing cases of poverty, some of which was probably existing previously but hidden. My personal sense is that there is still a lot of injustice and poverty in our region which is massively negatively affecting individuals lives and communities, but that if you scale out and look at the wider whole, poverty, generally has decreased slightly. However, my impression may simply be wrong and in many areas I am aware that this is not the lived experience.	427179-427170-47727115
Less support since the Government reduction in public spending (5 yrs+) and therefore an increase in hardship and use of food banks for example.	427179-427170-47739217
Greater dependency on benefits, less accessible work, greater cost of living.	427179-427170-47741404
More emergency needs such as no benefits, increased homelessness, use of foodbanks	427179-427170-47746252
Increase in food banks Increase in churches doing various infinitive around food provision. Increase in Shops selling second hand baby clothes Increase in drop in centres in our churches as a first stop shop	427179-427170-47749717
Various valuable community projects helping people in poverty at grassroots level have had to close through lack of funding eg Broomhall Forum, Scoopaid (which helped single parents), Darnall Family Development Project.	427179-427170-47750292
Number person's out of work Rising House prices. Increase rented. increase Foodbanks.	427179-427170-47754692
People being sanctioned with Universal Credits leads to very present needs	427179-427170-47772505
More call on essentials - eg use of Food banks	427179-427170-47827576
Dependency on food banks and baby banks and general help and assistance	427179-427170-47841325
Use of foodbanks is a key indicator	427179-427170-47845168
Greater use of foodbanks. Pressure on incomes due to rising property costs	427179-427170-47878156

Greater use of foodbanks. Pressure on incomes due to rising property costs. More homelessness.	427179-427170-47878158
<p>Official rough sleeping statistics ex Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government</p> <p>Year 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018</p> <p>Bedford 12 17 19 26 25 51 59 76 51</p> <p>Luton 3 3 25 22 33 53 76 87 47</p> <p>2018 reduction as consequence of Government investment in short-term measures to reduce numbers.</p> <p>Other examples include the establishment and proliferation of foodbanks, the escalation in demand and provision of emergency accommodation for families</p>	427179-427170-47874381
More accessing food banks, more struggling with school holiday food poverty. Homelessness increased.	427179-427170-47898276
Almost the same	427179-427170-47919588
increase in homelessness, increase in food poverty	427179-427170-47934849
We are seeing more people claiming benefits and less people in work. There has been an increase in the compassion ministries that we run such as food bag.	427179-427170-47943887
Increased use of foodbanks.	427179-427170-48039571
Many of our churches are heavily involved in Food Banks which have seen significant growth in demand over the past decade	427179-427170-48076943
More people struggling with rent and buying the basics and relying on help from others.	427179-427170-48115603
Our food bank saw 61 clients in 2016. In 2017 we saw 924 and in 2018 we saw 1889. We have already seen more than this so far in 2019.	427179-427170-48215937
Huge increase in: the use of Food Banks, referrals of financial need to churches, homelessness, unemployment or those employed on zero hour contracts and minimum wages	427179-427170-48214518
We have not been in our area for this length of time, however we are seeing an increase in the use of programmes particularly food banks and the need to provide resources around significant calendar events i.e. Christmas. Homelessness too has not decreased in many areas	427179-427170-48226290
Use of food banks has increased. Rising house prices and letting costs leaves a decreasing amount of disposable income.	427179-427170-48238808
There is a growing reliance on food banks in our Presbytery and changes to the benefits system have impacted on many of the poorest in our communities	427179-427170-48344984
<p>Some of our Catholic schools are seeing an increase of families in poverty and receiving benefits etc.</p> <p>This is also reflected by our Diocesan Charity Catholic Care which has an extensive schools service</p>	427179-427170-48492543

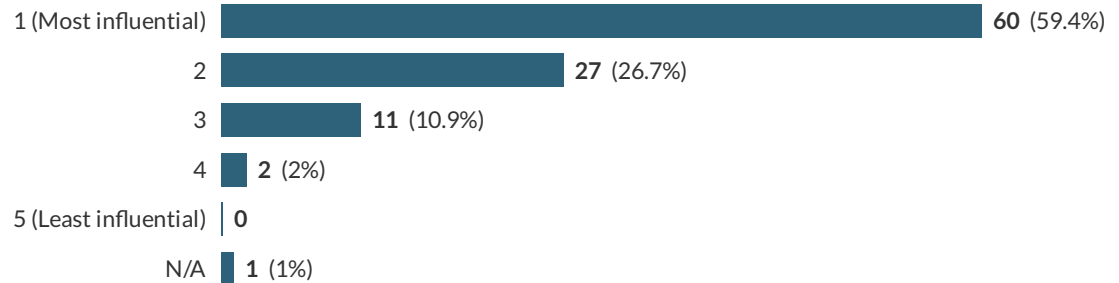
Increase in the number of food banks which a number of our parishes support Reflected also in the activities supported by the St Vincent de Paul Society	
Increasing numbers of homeless or vulnerably housed	427179-427170-48561221
The restrictions resulting from national austerity policies seem to disproportionately affect the more deprived areas in places like Teesside and Tyneside. A reductions in services and employment in the public sector.	427179-427170-48584260
Increase in food banks. Increasing concern about growth in child poverty. Evident increase in rough sleeping.	427179-427170-48602891
Greater use of foodbanks; holiday hunger schemes for children and families; more rough sleepers;	427179-427170-48602825
More people using foodbanks	427179-427170-48604388
More use of foodbanks	427179-427170-48607717
More people in low paid insecure employment, not home owners but renting and using food banks	427179-427170-48608232
There has been an increase in people who simply unable to navigate the welfare benefits system and as a result find themselves destitute.	427179-427170-48608991
Greater use of food banks. Also more noticeable the amount of Just About Managing(s) JAMs.	427179-427170-48609325
Liverpool being Capital of Culture made a massive difference	427179-427170-48612669
Increased use of food banks. Increased numbers of homeless people. Inability of many to purchase property, especially in Brighton.	427179-427170-48614564
The start of a local Foodbank and people struggling to manage with Universal Credit	427179-427170-47694183
We see up to 300 people a week in our foodbank at Liverpool Cathedral. An unprecedented amount of poverty.	427179-427170-48621039
Working people need to access food banks - Enhanced expectations of what a minimum lifestyle requires eg mobile phone contract More people on zero hours contracts Asylum seekers	427179-427170-48624823
rise in foodbank; growth in need for winter night shelter	427179-427170-48630652
Opening of food banks, increased unemployment	427179-427170-48636293
There has been significantly more demand from food banks and indeed a massive growth in the number of foodbanks across the region. Child poverty is high - 16500 children in Blackburn with Darwen live in poverty. Life expectancy has dropped for the first time in years, we are seeing rickets in some areas.	427179-427170-48637349
Increased levels of poor nutrition, holiday hunger	427179-427170-48624027
The changes to the welfare system has had a huge impact on the ability of people in our region being able to make ends meet. Benefits have been cut	427179-427170-48674857

people in our region being able to make ends meet. Benefits have been cut and systems made more difficult to access and navigate. Foodbank useage has gone up 20-30% year on year.	
More food banks	427179-427170-48675242
Result of Universal Credit, ongoing effects of flooding, young people increasingly sofa surfing and without fixed abode. Food shortages in summer holidays.	427179-427170-48683409
Increased amount of homelessness Increased use of Foodbanks	427179-427170-48687459
The nature of poverty has changed and now includes the working poor. Those who are in employment, possibly on zero hours contracts, but have insufficient income.	427179-427170-48694810
Increase in homelessness and higher take up of foodbank use	427179-427170-48705937
Increasing use of food banks, high unemployment, homelessness	427179-427170-48869301
Most of our work is in Oxfordshire, where the economy is buoyant, so we haven't seen much change. The biggest factor seem to remain the generational cycle in some communities of low life expectations and low educational attainment.	427179-427170-48880456
Families hovering on the brink of homelessness have slipped into homelessness	427179-427170-48880578
Benefit levels have been systematically squeezed for ten years and the additional resources that people may have relied on - family and friends - have generally been exhausted.... so now any further hit, any extra unplanned expenditure is likely to tip (partially or wholly) benefit dependent families into crisis.	427179-427170-48885046
reduction of council funding of resources. Food bank, poor transport links making access to activities and social interaction more difficult.	427179-427170-48888084
Increase in refugees and migrants in area Increase in child poverty Increase in homelessness	427179-427170-48895566
There has been an increase in food poverty, as evidenced by the number of food banks (38 at the last count in 2014, there are no doubt more now); homelessness and housing insecurity (including rough sleeping. There has been a growth in winter night shelters. We have some of the most unaffordable housing in the UK, which makes home ownership difficult even for those in professional key worker roles, and the private rented sector is out of the reach of many on low incomes. Affordable housing is in short supply, and developers of the huge new housing developments in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire are not keeping to their targets for affordable housing, and even when they are, this is not permanent affordable housing). There is also evidence of rural poverty (harder to measure, but real. Fuel poverty, cuts in transport services), increase in indebtedness. Austerity has led to the closure of children's centres across the 3 counties, cuts to services of other kinds, most obviously in mental health crisis support.	427179-427170-48899099
It is hard to answer this question as it is very vague. What do we mean by	427179-427170-48917121

"increase" - I think less people are in poverty, but the gap between rich and poor has widened - my perception is that there is less wealth among those in poverty, but there are less people in poverty. I would also note that poverty is a relative term.	
Increase in cost and decrease in availability of housing, little or no meaningful regulation of rental sector. Lack of mental health provision, especially for young people.	427179-427170-48926684
More and more people are using foodbanks as means of support and debt has increased significantly.	427179-427170-48975386
Much more people using food banks and charities of a similar nature	427179-427170-49012242
Food banks, soup kitchens - highlighting poverty	427179-427170-49024943
More people on low incomes and zero hours contracts struggling, especially young families with two wage earners, not earning enough to keep them above the breadline despite trying hard.	427179-427170-49041890
We help provide food for the churches food bank for the homeless and those who cannot afford to buy provisions. The amount that is given out and requested has increased significantly over the last 10 years.	427179-427170-49050769
Increased use of Food Banks; increasing hardship due to Benefit system changes	427179-427170-49071744
Cuts in benefit and wages falling behind inflation.	427179-427170-49075005
Increased number of Food Banks and increased usage in large part due roll out of Universal Credit by DWP.	427179-427170-49075616
I've only been here for 10 years, but the general impression from others is of increasing poverty. People here (a suburban village) have been surprised at the number of children needing free school meals	427179-427170-49095955
More people finding it hard to cover schooling costs	427179-427170-49132439
Holiday hunger. Increased use of food banks. Increased rough sleeping.	427179-427170-49139949
Increased economic interest and investment in area. University has expanded. More businesses have moved to area.	427179-427170-49186959
Regular requests for emergency food through the local Long Sutton Food Bank	427179-427170-49194467
low wages, cuts to benefits, increase in child poverty	427179-427170-49193132
I am simply seeing more homeless people on the street.	427179-427170-49196663
people have less ability to cope with unexpected financial demands	427179-427170-49242181
Higher use of foodbanks, more people struggling on lower benefits, safety nets all maxed out.	427179-427170-49536915
We have been a pilot area for Universal Credit which has caused great problems with delays in set up and money coming through. Sanctions have also caused great problems for people for reasons not their fault - such as being unable to contact their supervisor when they have a legitimate reason for not being able to attend the Job Centre for routine appointment.	427179-427170-48884462

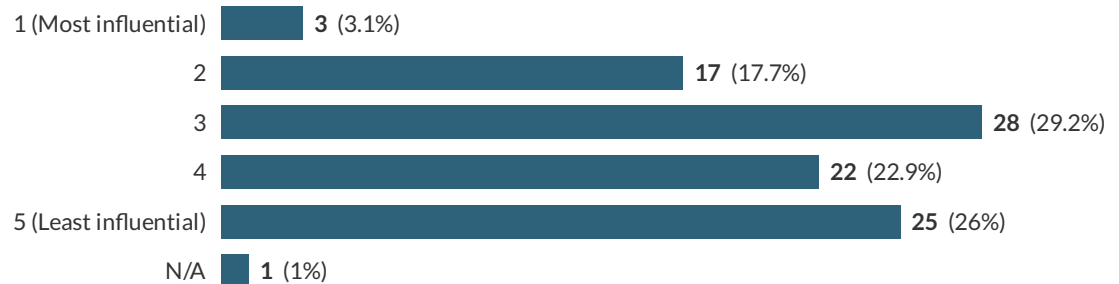
7 Please rank the degree to which you think that these factors have influenced changes in poverty in your region in the last 10 years

7.1 Welfare policy changes



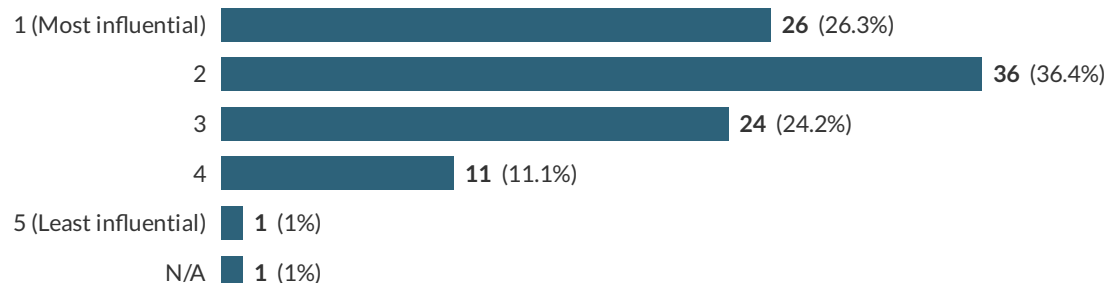
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7.2 People's personal decision making



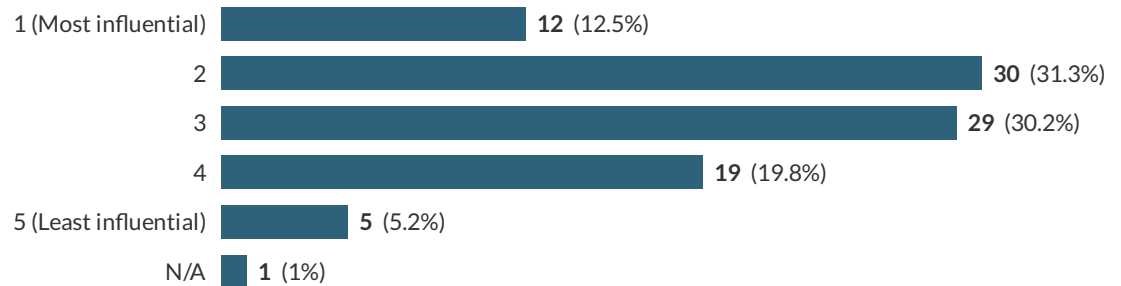
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7.3 Rising cost of living



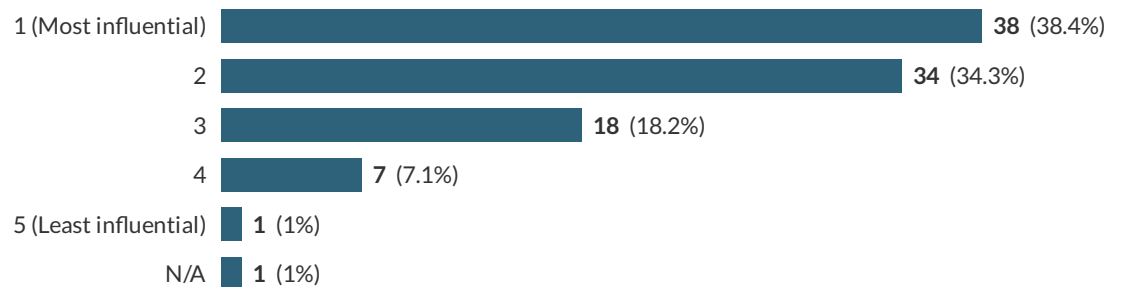
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7.4 Unemployment



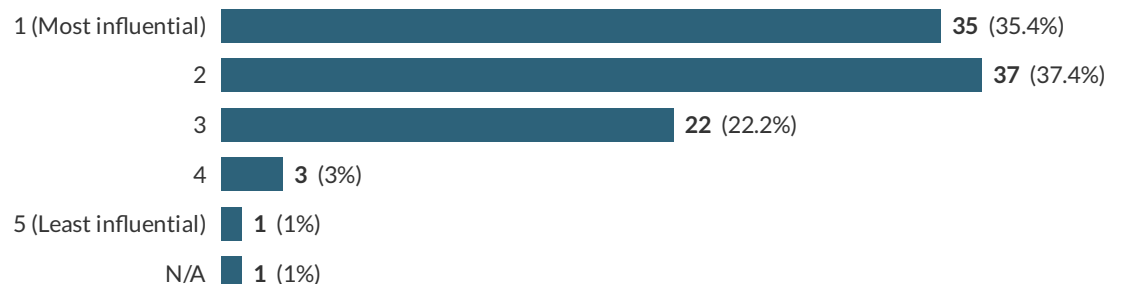
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7.5 Low wages



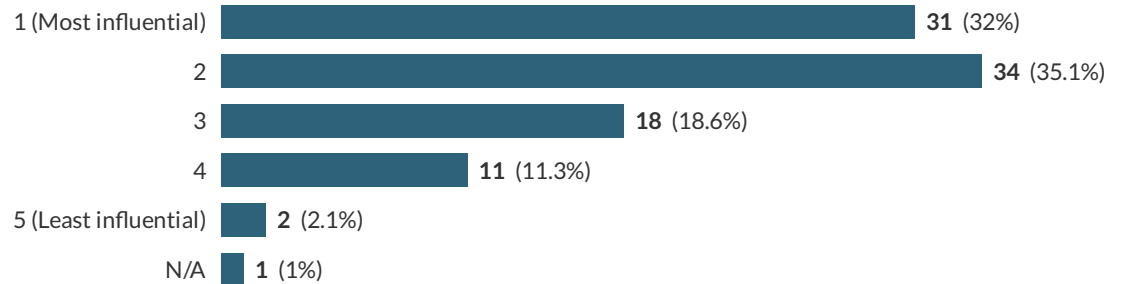
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7.6 Debt



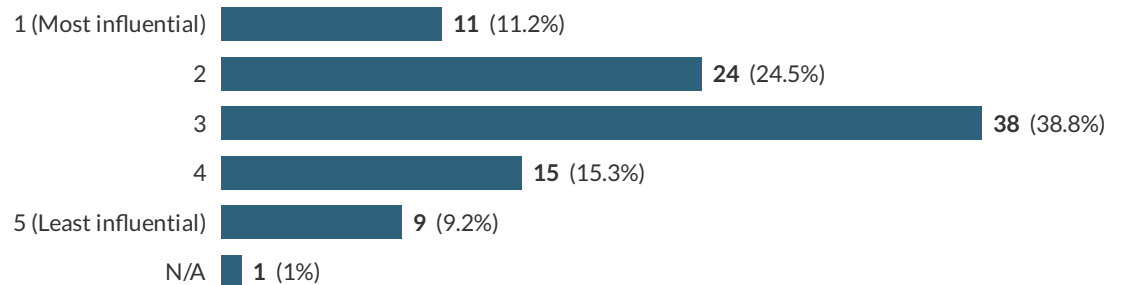
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7.7 High renting costs



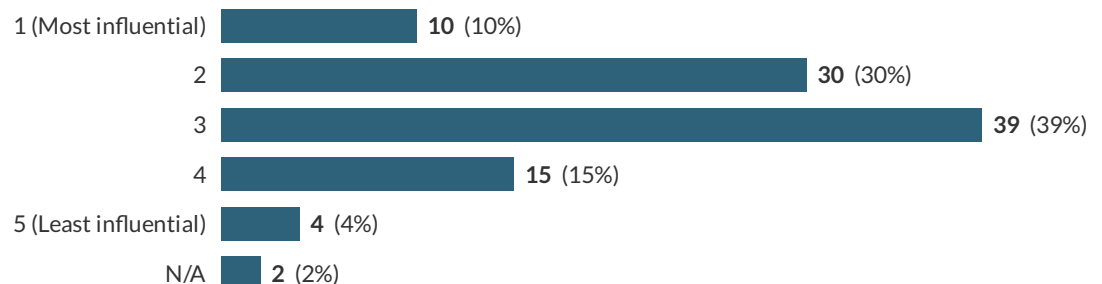
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7.8 Ill health



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7.9 Family instability



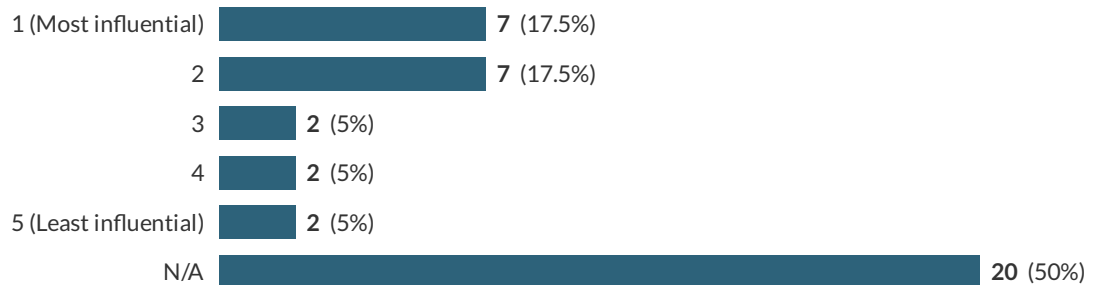
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7.10 Family size



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7.11 Other

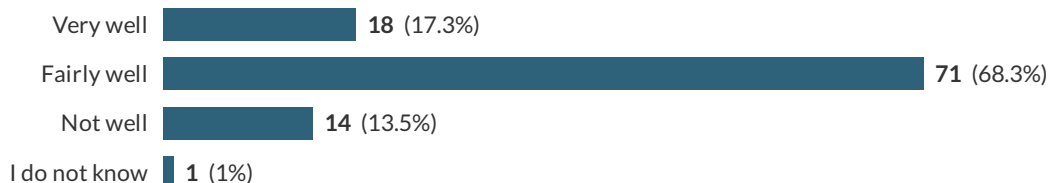


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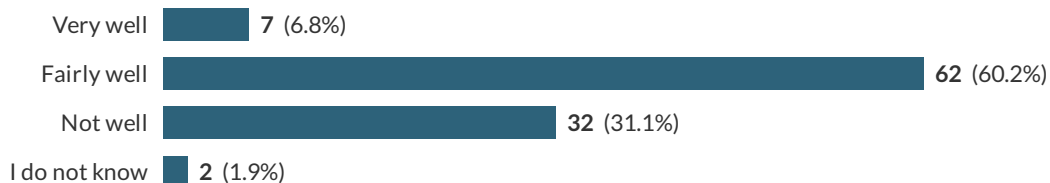
7.a If you selected Other please specify:

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There is a general trend to centralising all kinds of services which inhibits rural living and diminishes community. There is an increasing tendency to provide services via the internet yet rural broadband connections are poor and unreliable. This, for example, places a real burden on social security claimants.	427179-427170-47668660
Land ownership	427179-427170-47698013
Lack of hope	427179-427170-47709323
Poor quality jobs relative to the South East of England. See Churches Regional Commission for Yorkshire and the Humber 2014 regional reflections on the 1997 Unemployment and the Future of Work report by CTBI.	427179-427170-47709393
Universal Credit has had a devastating effect as has low housing stock.	427179-427170-47746252
Government policies towards asylum seekers have increased poverty, since asylum seekers are expected to live on about half the level of Jobseekers Allowance and, if their claims are turned down, they may be denied accommodation and financial support altogether.	427179-427170-47750292
Lack of social housing (1); mental health issues not adequately addressed (3), drug and alcohol addiction (4)	427179-427170-47874381
High cost of mortgages means small fall in income, or loss of job, means large poverty issues, including homelessness	427179-427170-48238808
Zero hours contracts People who are actually in some sort of employment	427179-427170-48492543
asylum seekers and refugees in poverty	427179-427170-48602825
Socuial isolation and lack of a sense of belonging to a community	427179-427170-48608232
Gig economy, zero hour contracts	427179-427170-48637349
Flooding results	427179-427170-48683409
the rise of recreational use of drugs and alcohol	427179-427170-48880578
loss of crucial services: public transport, mental health crisis.	427179-427170-48899099
Social pressure and expectation	427179-427170-48917121
N/A	427179-427170-49075005
Our rural communities have very poor public transport links and this impacts on peoples daily living options, employments opportunities and finances.	427179-427170-49075616
Migrant workers loosing jobs due to state of agricultural uncertainty concerning Brexit	427179-427170-49194467
I am unsure the picture is complex and I am unsure whether I fully appreciated the various factors.	427179-427170-49196663

- 8 On average, how well do you think that local leaders in your Church in your region understand the nature of poverty in the UK?



- 8.a On average, how well do you think that the congregations at affiliated churches in your region understand the nature of poverty in the UK?



- 8.b Why do you think this is?

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Reasonable response to appeals and asking for volunteers	427179-427170-47663652
Most congregationas are engaging regularly with those affected by poverty issues.	427179-427170-47665445
<p>Much of the poverty is hidden. It is experienced through inconvenience and time taken to access services. For example when a husband had a lengthy hospital stay his wife had to walk two miles to the bus stop to catch a bus to the hospital. She cannot drive. She has a two year old daughter.</p> <p>Many "are just managing" but when a particular financial shock hits, such as a washing machine breaking there are no resources to meet the repair or replacement. Benefit payments are often untimely.</p>	427179-427170-47668660
Living in an area that has one of the lowest national average wage concentrates the mind. Many people in the local churches don't have a work pension as these weren't provided by mills in the past.	427179-427170-47669428
congregations tend to be middle class and at the upper end of the age range.	427179-427170-47672104
Church leaders are often turned to by individuals for help. They have a very good understanding of poverty and how it affects people and are in a	427179-427170-47677072

position to offer help usually emergency help but also ongoing help by being able to signpost to relevant agencies (e.g. Citizens Advice), encouraging meal provision and supporting food banks. Congregations have slightly less understanding as they tend not to be dealing with individuals in the way church leaders are. Also congregations are made up of a variety of people so there is a spectrum of views on the causes and effects of poverty. That said, overall congregations still understand poverty fairly well due to education and information from a variety of sources and organisations that engage with the church.	
It's not an issue in which I've engaged with them personally in my role.	427179-427170-47688011
We work closely with local charities also we are in touch with our local community	427179-427170-47694356
Christians care but, owing to demographics, are isolated from the worst effects of extreme poverty	427179-427170-47698013
Because we are in close contact with the members of our congregations	427179-427170-47706218
The Salvation Army has a deliberate awareness of social need. Challenging injustice, supporting vulnerable people is part of its missional intent. Salvationists, as part of their covenant are required to practice love for neighbour. The third of the three 'legs' on which TSA stands is to 'serve suffering humanity'	427179-427170-47705225
Some churches are far more engaged than others - but on average traditional congregational members are relatively 'comfortable', and tend to see the issues as more personal than structural. Media representation of the issues can be biased in different directions, so understanding of poverty does depend on what we read/hear/see.	427179-427170-47708527
We see ourselves as distinct from the community - they are they and we are us	427179-427170-47709323
Churches generally well engaged in their communities and clergy reasonably alert to social justice.	427179-427170-47709393
There is a sense that it is still the individuals fault if they are poor.	427179-427170-47715075
Most of our congregations are white, middle class so are not directly impacted.	427179-427170-47725385
Significant increase in congregations responding to these needs	427179-427170-47725733
Our congregations are often comfortably off. Some individuals are well informed - often those who volunteer and spend time with those for whom poverty is a reality or those who are themselves less well off and live in less well off communities.	427179-427170-47727092
Visible signs of (e.g. homelessness) affect people in our churches - the invisible (sofa-surfing) less so	427179-427170-47729492
I think church leaders and congregations are relatively atuned to some of the poverty that is present in their communities. However, there is still much of the reality which I believe they are completely unaware of and also I think they see pockets, or incidents of poverty rather than a joined up bigger scale picture of the landscape of poverty in an area/town/region.	427179-427170-47727115
Exposed to it.	427179-427170-47739217

There is still a feeling of deserving and undeserving. Generally it is thought by congregations that if you try you will thrive	427179-427170-47741404
To many believe the daily mail and similar! also the political spin that is not understanding the real issues	427179-427170-47746252
They are well integrated in ther communities	427179-427170-47749980
In the Methodist church we are helped by JPIT whose resources are excellent for use in worship we also have focus on mission and social justice The training in our initial training college at Queens in Birmingham is mission focused	427179-427170-47749717
South Yorkshire has a tradition of radicalism and protest - which has affected the churches as well as other parts of society and means that messages about growing deprivation tend to spread Even so, populations are segregated on class lines and in middle class areas there is less appreciation of the problems facing those in poorer areas.	427179-427170-47750292
Lack of involvement	427179-427170-47754692
I think it is largely a matter of education. Some people engage Church as a Sunday activity and don't therefore see what happens between Monday and Saturday	427179-427170-47772505
The nature of congregations across Wales varies widely - as do the different regions.	427179-427170-47827576
Congregants are only aware of the areas that they attend or are responsible for	427179-427170-47841325
Some have a good understanding, but others have no real appreciation. That is partly down to never being in a poverty situation or being in close relationship with others who have been in poverty.	427179-427170-47845168
The Church is largely middle class and often not really engaged with the wider community. Too much congregational energy is devoted to institutional survival	427179-427170-47878156
Leaders have limited practical involvement in addressing poverty and consequently in informing congregations. Poverty is not adequately covered in the media. People generally too busy to commot to voluntary service in addressing poverty. Not enough emphasis on expressing faith through action.	427179-427170-47874381
I ticked fairly well but in reality it is patchy. Some congregations are very engaged and understand the issues well, others are living in a very different socio-economic reality and so are not faced with the daily lives of those who are struggling to get by. The latter may well be generous when asked for something particular but without good understanding of the underlying issues.	427179-427170-47898276
Involvement in the community make them understand fairly well the poverty	427179-427170-47919588
Generally the church /congregations are drawn from those who do not experience the impact of poverty in their own lives . Many , who are older	427179-427170-47826668

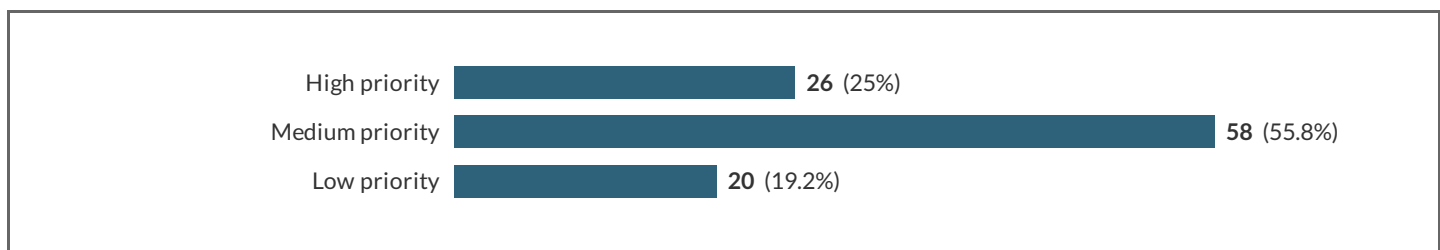
remember times when poverty was greater than now.	
The people live in the area that the churches serve. Therefore their friends and neighbours and family members are the ones who struggle with poverty. Such as losing jobs which then leads to the family members supporting them.	427179-427170-47943887
People read headlines, but don't understand what lies behind them.	427179-427170-48039571
Many are involved in helping those on the margins e.g. Foodbanks, Christian Against Poverty (CAP) centres in many churches as well as offering help to single parents	427179-427170-48076943
It depends on the area that the church draws its congregation from. There are pockets of significant deprivation surrounded by relatively affluent areas. It is difficult to comprehend the pervasive influence of poverty if it is not witnessed day in day out.	427179-427170-48115603
The local leaders in our church attend relevant events in the locality and work closely with other organisations so I feel they have a good understanding of what is going on.	427179-427170-48215937
Those church leaders and members, whose churches are in more deprived areas are seeing first hand the destruction of people's lives and the hopelessness caused by worsening poverty, and the increasing gap between the most deprived and the wealthy.	427179-427170-48214518
I think the response is mixed, but for some they are busy working through their own issues. Social Media, media and politics also play their role in the messages that are received.	427179-427170-48226290
largely middle-class and established home-owners	427179-427170-48238808
Our denomination is very vocal on tackling poverty at a national level and this has flowed down to the local level	427179-427170-48344984
Our Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission has facilitated sessions on the subject of poverty Caritas Leeds and the Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission is running parish based project on Family Poverty. This is currently being rolled out following a brief pilot of the materials produced.	427179-427170-48492543
Poverty is complex and most churches gain knowledge through individuals they come into contact with. They often lack a bigger picture of the influences and changes which affect poverty.	427179-427170-48561221
They are engaged with people whose ordinary every day life witnesses to the level of poverty of their localities. Some are more informed as they engage with statistical analysis. Many are involved in activities seeking to alleviate poverty such as Food Bank, Holiday Hunger, etc.	427179-427170-48584260
It's talked about. The work of the Joint Public Issues Team is influential.	427179-427170-48602891
those in less economically deprived areas may have less knowledge and certainly less lived experience. However as a diocese we do have see seeking justice, tackling poverty and isolation as a key part of our mission	427179-427170-48602825
National Church information communication	427179-427170-48607717
the number of people who come forward as volunteers to want to help is impressive	427179-427170-48608232

impressive	
They are aware of general trends and issues from the media, however only a few have 'first hand' experience of the issues - either from being in poverty or working with those who are.	427179-427170-48608991
It is more hidden and because people are probably budgeting more and doing without that is not the people one assumes is living on the breadline	427179-427170-48609325
Projects in the communities they serve.	427179-427170-48612669
This Diocese has an effective Social Justice Advisor and information is shared well.	427179-427170-48614564
Congregations in this region regularly contribute to the local Foodbank.	427179-427170-47694183
We live with this every day in the north west. Poverty effects even the most well off.	427179-427170-48621039
Depends on the context. Those parishes located in areas of deprivation are acutely aware of the issues, especially if the church is active in engaging with those who are affected. In other predominantly middle-class areas, there will be little appreciation.	427179-427170-48624823
largely anecdotal rather than big picture factual, and understanding underlying reasons	427179-427170-48630652
General impressions caused by the increase of charitable help	427179-427170-48636293
I think there is little understanding of the issues, and the realities of life. People are always shocked when they hear the real statistics, and the issues, rather than those peddled by the media	427179-427170-48637349
Because they're detached from it	427179-427170-48624027
affects them as much as others. responding to needs	427179-427170-48674607
We have worked hard on communicating the issues and also highlighting issues with the systems involved and encouraged campaigning on Universal Credit and Benefit Sanctions.	427179-427170-48674857
High media/news content	427179-427170-48675242
Awareness of flooding, of food banks which they support, parish charity work.	427179-427170-48683409
Because I feel that the churches and their leaders who serve in the particular areas affected do have their ears to the ground on what is going on.	427179-427170-48687459
We run various activities (Food Bank, Cafe [under the auspices of the Real Junk Food Project]) and see steady use of these	427179-427170-48693550
Membership is largely older, professional people, including an unusually high proportion of social workers and teachers. Though a high proportion are retired they maintain close contact with the problems of their locality.	427179-427170-48694810
Many congregations are actively involved in supporting those without food or shelter and campaigning for an end to austerity	427179-427170-48705937
Personal contact/experience with poverty or lack of it	427179-427170-48869301
People are most strongly influenced by the opinion/narrative coming from	427179-427170-48880456

People are most strongly influenced by the opinion/narrative coming from whichever news outlet they access it. This shapes their views more than church teaching, and only those whose work engages them in tackling poverty have a more objective understanding.	427179-427170-48880430
A lot of their training is about policy's and procedures within the structure of the CofE. Unless they have come from a working background in the welfare of caring sector, they simply don't know the scale of the problem or how to tackle it.	427179-427170-48880578
Hull & the East Riding is dominated by Hull, an endemically poor (way before Thatcher even) city and anyb ody at church in it will have some pretty direct experience of poverty. Its less true in the burbs but hard to escape the facts of Hull. And there is plent of deep rural poverty in the eastern psart of the East Riding; and nearly every costal community is pretty desperate.	427179-427170-48885046
regular information provided by national church	427179-427170-48888084
We have done a great deal to focus resources and training and awareness on these issues	427179-427170-48895566
Because many are involved in food banks, and those with direct contact with service-users hear the stories of those who need such crisis support. It opens people's eyes to the vulnerability of others, and the interwoven nature of the challenges - eg a mental health crisis can lead to job loss and/or relationship breakdown; high rental/housing costs can lead to resulting homelessness or to all available resources being spent on rent and council tax, without enough money being available for food and fuel.	427179-427170-48899099
Because it is something that we experience and talk about. Conferences I have been to seem to indicate that academics (who are usually the people doing all the talking) know far less about the real situation than the church leaders and church workers on the ground.	427179-427170-48917121
Majority of congregation members do not see the effects of poverty, clergy do.	427179-427170-48926684
Because we are setting up foodbanks from our churches to help meet the needs	427179-427170-48975386
Limited communication on the subject	427179-427170-49012242
Genuine concern for those in need	427179-427170-49024943
On the whole it is not directly part of their experience	427179-427170-49041017
Many older folk do not realise current situation and look back to how things were.	427179-427170-49041890
Many members of our church are from a lower socio/economic band and understand the difficulties of making ends meet.	427179-427170-49050769
I think our local leadership understand their congregations and the communities in which they work. Local congregations are mixed: there is often a perception that Food Banks have led to some people becoming more "dependent" instead of trying to change lifestyle!	427179-427170-49071744
Church leaders are removed from day to day contact with poverty. People in church see it and experience it every day	427179-427170-49075005

Many Quakers live out our Faith by being involved in local and National organisations which work towards reducing inequality. We also seek to understand the causes of inequality and injustice thereby supporting people on the edge of society. This action comes from the belief in that of God in everyone.	427179-427170-49075616
On the whole our CofE congregations are retired people, not wealthy, but comfortable/getting by if they're careful - some here do know about poverty and are involved in local actions through our churches (food banks, holiday hunger schemes) but suburban and rural poverty is often hidden	427179-427170-49095955
Well aware of issues	427179-427170-49132439
Many church members are too distanced from the reality of poverty but increasing numbers are engaged in initiatives aimed at ameliorating the effects	427179-427170-49139949
People prefer to turn away for anything which makes them feel uncomfortable	427179-427170-49194467
It is difficult to understand the nature of poverty unless we walk alongside those who are poor. Our newly launched Caritas Plymouth is trying to increase awareness in our communities.	427179-427170-49193132
Our theology which focuses less on earthly matters contributes to us not fully grasping the issues at hand.	427179-427170-49196663
many (but not all) anglican congregations still attract those who are more comfortably off, and in some people are hesitant in sharing their financial worries. However in some there is a tremendous degree of openness and mutual support	427179-427170-49242181
Most clergy are aware of the tensions especially in areas of disadvantage. The problem is whether people in congregations actually reflect the wider surrounding communities.	427179-427170-49536915
The causes of poverty are complex and the inter-relation between the structural and personal causes of poverty mean that people are not as understanding as they should be of the reasons that people get into difficulties.	427179-427170-48884462

9 Overall, do you think that tackling UK poverty is a high priority for your national Church in your region?



9.a Why do you think that is?

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Not resourced to do so and my own tradition has not lobbied particularly on the subject	427179-427170-47663652
Part of our DNA	427179-427170-47665445
Probably, local churches feel that they can do little to influence public policy, which is what is needed to make a real difference. Churches also tread carefully in the sphere of politics.	427179-427170-47668660
The Kirk doesn't understand the Borders	427179-427170-47669428
Relevance to society	427179-427170-47672104
This is a difficult and perhaps unfair question the way it is put. The national Church prioritises tackling poverty at a governmental policy level through lobbying at Holyrood in particular but also Westminster. The national Church also tackles poverty by supporting the most deprived areas in Scotland through its Priority Areas programme. That is the role of the national Church. The regional response to tackling poverty is the role of local church in each region.	427179-427170-47677072
Some local churches are engaged in activities eg supporting foodbanks	427179-427170-47688011
Our aim is to provide aid as much as possible, according to our means. Some of our local churches are opened as homeless shelters during the week and also run foodbanks.	427179-427170-47694356
Other competing priorities	427179-427170-47698013
Several other issues to solve	427179-427170-47706218
It is foundational to its purpose within the context of Christian thinking regarding the Kingdom of God. Seeking justice and meeting human need without discrimination is what it does as an expression of Christian mission.	427179-427170-47705225
Again it varies from place to place - so 'medium' is an average. There are so many other issues that may be the priority for some congregations - either social issues, or matters of the spiritual life of congregations.	427179-427170-47708527
As before we don't see it as a problem for us it is them and has little to do with our club mentality of church	427179-427170-47709323
Pressing other issues that compete. The need to attract new members, maintain dying congregations on dwindling numbers of ageing members, increases in administration. Climate change agenda pushing its way up the priorities list. Stretched resources.	427179-427170-47709393
In some areas there is a greater desire for evangelism, which ignores the fact you cannot say Jesus loves you to someone who is hungry.	427179-427170-47715075
Lack of understanding of situation and other priorities.	427179-427170-47725385
The Joint Public Issues Team speaks on behalf of the URC, Methodist and Baptist churches and the Church of Scotland on poverty issues	427179-427170-47725733
Tackling poverty locally is important but so are overseas concerns	427179-427170-47727092

tackling poverty locally is important, but so are overseas concerns, evangelism, ecological concerns etc.	427179-427170-47727092
Governance structure means that local churches make decisions about getting involved. Some do, some don't	427179-427170-47729492
Trying to balance meeting people's spiritual needs and social needs.	427179-427170-47729228
There is a large wide ranging of pressures and focuses for churches and church leaders and I think tackling poverty sadly becomes one thing amongst many, and often then becomes a lower priority than they would wish it to be	427179-427170-47727115
Well aware of the problems and want to respond to need	427179-427170-47739217
The Salvation Army have social action and social justice at the heart of our mission.	427179-427170-47741404
Because it is central to the teachings of the bible. to feed the hungry, clothe the naked etc.	427179-427170-47746252
Talked about a lot and many projects running with this aim	427179-427170-47749980
It sits alongside ' Our Calling" which include worship, service, learning and caring and evangelism	427179-427170-47749717
I am a campaigner in Church Action on Poverty. At our annual pilgrimage visiting projects in poor areas, 30-40 people from the churches will attend. We held a big meeting on poverty in 2014 attended by over 100 people. Our Bishop is giving the keynote address at our AGM. The Diocesan strategy touches on social justice issues, but its central theme is church growth, Sheffield's Anglican Cathedral has continued to run the important Archer Project for the homeless. The Methodists interestingly have re-organised their churches in Sheffield into a single circuit in order to ensure that resources from the wealthier areas are shared by the poorer areas. The Roman Catholics run valuable projects like St Wilfrid's which supports people with mental health problems. Church people have been prominent in the strong organisations supporting refugees and asylum seekers. Most of the churches are struggling with dwindling congregations and resources. .The biggest response to austerity has been the growth of food banks - there are some 16 in Sheffield alone, mostly with a church base.	427179-427170-47750292
The National social action initiative	427179-427170-47754692
I think we are better placed to tackle the consequences of poverty than the root causes	427179-427170-47772505
In part it is because we struggle to maintain a presence in some of the poorest parts of Wales.	427179-427170-47827576
Too many fires to put out	427179-427170-47841325
There are many priorities for a local church and for the Association. Part of the Gospel is highlighting poverty and seeking to address issues, but it is only part of the gospel. Locally we find churches that work together have a bigger impact (i.e. debt advice centres).	427179-427170-47845168
Sometimes difficult to know what to do to make a difference. We aren't bad at pulling the bodies out of the river, just not very good at stopping them being thrown in further upstream.	427179-427170-47878156

Commitment to action is not evident, nor is strategy, nor is encouragement/obligation for members to get involved.	427179-427170-47874381
Too much concentration on internal church matters; too little practical support through investment or practical input; not fully appreciating the second most important commandment - 'love your neighbour'.	
Within the national culture of the church we have a poor understanding of the interconnection between social responsibility and evangelism. The national anxiety about numbers and evangelism can push tackling poverty further down the list of priorities. This is really unfortunate, as quite apart from the obvious implications for social responsibility, evangelism is more effective when the starting point is lives lived in demonstrably different ways. The practical outward focus gives us a starting point for faith conversations which express the earthed nature of the Christian hope.	427179-427170-47898276
Employment statistics are strong in the UK. therefore the priority is to find a job which would secure their economy.	427179-427170-47919588
Our national church has given a commitment to those parishes in the highest 5% of poverty. (priority Area parishes) Our region only has 4 of these parishes, though poverty is widespread across the region and experienced by some in every parish. Our regional church has raised issues of poverty and has developed one regional asset based community development project to address it.	427179-427170-47826668
There has been some good engagement with projects on a local church level. Such as food banks, donation based cafes that use food from local supermarkets wanting to shift excess stock. CAP has been engaged with on a local church level. I think its a medium priority as I am unaware of any poverty tackling works directly from the Union Level. However the Union does support many such works that are happening in local churches who serve the poor of their local communities.	427179-427170-47943887
I think the demograph of our congregations means that this is not a priority issue. We are largely currently caught up in congregational survival.	427179-427170-48039571
We can only deal with the symptoms of poverty. The real causes of poverty fall outside our remit or realm of influence and needs Governmental involvement	427179-427170-48076943
For those in poor areas, it is a challenge. Those in better off areas may see their priorities as different. there is often a very local slant to congregation's priorities, unless it is funding overseas mission.	427179-427170-48115603
It has a huge impact on people's lives.	427179-427170-48215937
It is a dilemma of whether to cure the malaria or drain the swamp. Local churches, charities and communities themselves can help the victims of poverty, but denominations need to be working together across regions and nationally to tackle poverty strategically and alongside government.	427179-427170-48214518
This is part of the DNA of the movement. Would always want to do more but often restricted by funding and staffing / volunteers available.	427179-427170-48226290
For many it is the right thing to do - for others. So food banks are well supported, as is CAP	427179-427170-48238808

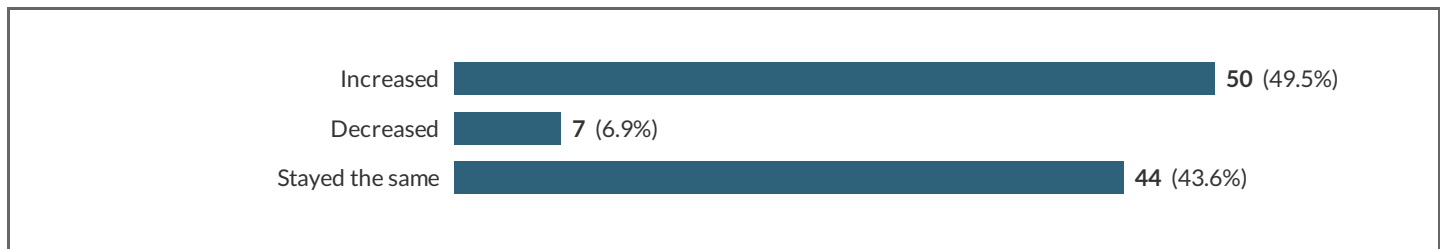
As a national Parish church we have a genuine care for the well being of everyone in our nation. This is reflected in our large Social care Arm, Crossreach, and in the work of all our committees and councils at all levels of the church.	427179-427170-48344984
Not really aware of what other Dioceses in England and Wales are doing	427179-427170-48492543
Churches are often under internal pressures related to ageing congregations/maintaining buildings. They may also focus more on mission/evangelism than on matters of social justice.	427179-427170-48561221
The nature of Baptist ecclesiology generally means that the most effective actions takes place in and through the local church. That is also a reflection of how our resources (financial and otherwise) are used. The capacity in regional and national budgets is highly restricted, necessarily and rightly so, by the emphasis upon local stewardship.	427179-427170-48584260
We have limited resources, but it is important.	427179-427170-48602891
continued paid people presence in all communities resources(staff) to work in partnership with other agencies to increase social transformation financial support for key partnerships. eg Nottingham Citizens, Transforming Notts Together (JV with CUF), Rainbow Project (work with refugees and asylum seekers)	427179-427170-48602825
more involvement in foodbanks, work with refugees	427179-427170-48604388
We have a number of centres of unemployment and drug abuse and DHSS housing	427179-427170-48607717
We are putting more and more resources into sevicees and proejects to address poverty and developing alliances with organisations who can advocate for change	427179-427170-48608232
Necessary restructuring of the denomination, to make it fit for Mission in 21st Century Ireland, has taken up most of the denomination strategic thinking time.	427179-427170-48608991
Strategic development priorities for each diocese. The best knowledge and engagement is at grass roots level which is requires huge investment in time to build relationships	427179-427170-48609325
We are here to make a difference to all aspects of community.	427179-427170-48612669
At present, the Diocese is focussing a good deal on Refugees and on Trafficking. Emphasis may shift in the future. Much is being done at parish level.	427179-427170-48614564
We have regular contact with the local Foodbank and need for various items. We also have had a speaker on Universal Credit and it's impact since being introduced.	427179-427170-47694183
It's making all of unhappy and unhealthy	427179-427170-48621039
'Tackling poverty' is an interesting statement. The local and regional church can assist with alleviating poverty through helping people access resources ag food back/holiday hunger projects/advice, but they cannot increase Universal Credit, create hundreds/thousands of better paid jobs	427179-427170-48624823
Strong belief in transformation of societv and pursuit of iustice: but this is	427179-427170-48630652

strong belief in transformation of society and pursuit of justice, but this is one transformative aim amidst others; for example helping refugees (not disconnected from poverty); education agendas, mental health etc	427179-427170-48636293
The church itself is struggling to keep up financially	427179-427170-48636293
The CoE supports the Together Network with the amazing work being done in localities to support churches. There is a good engagement in social action by parishes, albeit not enough in my view. However, I am not convinced that all church leaders are as engaged as they could be. There has been a diminishing of the social responsibility role and lack of ownership from my perspective.	427179-427170-48637349
A number of charitable initiatives being supported	427179-427170-48624027
relatively weak congregations. priorities of seeking to maintain church, also issues related to Irish violence are important	427179-427170-48674607
Many of the church leaders in our region have experienced the front line of poverty through their churches and therefore communicated this to their congregations. We have also tried to engage well with the JPIT resources on particular issues.	427179-427170-48674857
There is a clear awareness even if actions do not always follow intentions	427179-427170-48683409
Limited resources Our own financial issues Churches probably see themselves as helping with the symptoms rather than tackling the root causes	427179-427170-48687459
Lack of time and resources within our churches	427179-427170-48693550
The highest priority has become climate change and maintenance of World peace., but equality within British society is a major concern too.	427179-427170-48694810
I think people in the Church are aware of the rising levels of poverty but are often themselves directly affected by it. They want to tackle it - they have the will - but don't always have the financial or other capacities with which to do so.	427179-427170-48705937
Often a sense of helplessness	427179-427170-48869301
A good proportion of new local church projects have been focused on alleviating poverty, and these have been profiled at network events, but we have not had a deliberate corporate focus on this.	427179-427170-48880456
We have a lot of opportunities to train and engage in issues such as Homelessness, Debt advice, Addictions, Modern Slavery etc to raise awareness and take action	427179-427170-48880578
Because church denominations are not principally poverty alleviation organisations. Lots of indiv churches make doing something - like running or supporting a food bank - a local priority; but that has a very short term and local effect. Certainly the CofE would see it as up to local churches to meet need as they see fit in their parish/area, so the Diocese would not act at that level and has no mechanism to act at any other level that the policy one (which it doesn't do systematically).	427179-427170-48885046
rural poverty often remains hidden in remote and island communities	427179-427170-48888084
Our mission purpose is:	427179-427170-48895566

Love God, make new disciples and transform communities' This third aspect is overseen by a specially focused charity which is within the diocese.	
Poverty in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire is not as easy to identify as in large urban centres where measurable deprivation is high. We published our own research, 'For Richer for Poorer', which has a look-up tool for parishes so that they can understand the nuances of deprivation in their locality. But church membership, as a whole, includes those who are relatively affluent, and they have to be a) outwards looking and community focused, and b) willing to proactively seek out evidence and hidden deprivation, in order to make tackling poverty a priority. Because food banks are ubiquitous (eg even in Henley and Windsor), those directly involved in them have an idea of the nature of poverty in their locality, but many church people remain unaware. And of those who are aware, the question of tackling the root causes of food poverty is a key question, but dealing with the practical challenge of feeding people usually takes priority.	427179-427170-48899099
Because it matters and God is a God of justice, but we are also in a place to tackle the causes of poverty and sense that is more important for us to be that prophetic voice - while not losing sight of tackling the symptoms.	427179-427170-48917121
Because it has little effect on most congregations.	427179-427170-48926684
Taking appropriate action to help combat issue. Foodbanks and advice services	427179-427170-48975386
Systems already in place to help and support	427179-427170-49012242
Because of extent of rural poverty and seasonal/erratic employment.	427179-427170-49041890
We have a number of different charities that the church supports and that are part of our structures but the church base is in London which is more affluent than the Lincolnshire coast.	427179-427170-49050769
There are some communities that are comparatively untouched by poverty and therefore many do not see this as a main priority.	427179-427170-49071744
The focus is on church growth and raising the resources to fund this.	427179-427170-49075005
There are a variety of initiatives within our region which which our national body is supporting. An example is the Sanctuary Everywhere Project. This project supports Local Quaker Meetings to address the needs of asylum seekers and refugees. These needs include provision of clothing, food, support to access local facilities and helping them with their asylum applications.	427179-427170-49075616
Many competing demands on Church agenda - climate change, safeguarding, health and safety compliance, modern slavery, mission and ministry ... poverty is there in the mix, but maybe not at the top of the agenda at the moment	427179-427170-49095955
It's a gospel imperative. Increasing number of initiatives.	427179-427170-49139949
It is important to many individual priests/churches/communities, but is often eclipsed by but several larger issues such as climate change.	427179-427170-49186959
Lack of interest	427179-427170-49194467
It has become a higher priority thanks to the leadership of our current	427179-427170-49193132

bishop, who takes a real interest in such matters, and has launched Caritas Plymouth as an initiative to help provide a more coordinated response of the church to local poverty, working with other churches and organisations.	
A similar response in previous question	427179-427170-49196663
we have the data, and the stories	427179-427170-49242181
It is a high priority for the charity I run in terms of addressing disadvantage more generally. We do not think we can solve all problems but we can help communities to help themselves. We train on it in asset-based approaches and demonstrate it where we can.	427179-427170-49536915
There is a sympathy for Third World Poverty and a strong tradition of supporting Fairtrade and One World Week, but less support for UK based campaigns. Some significant advocates on this issue who were participants in our local branches of Church Action on Poverty no longer engage because they have become too unwell or died. However the fact that there are such local branches with Methodist engagement is helpful. Churches Together in S Yorkshire undertook some key educating and awareness-raising in past years to keep the issue on the boil, but that organisation no longer exists and the replacement organisations are less concerned with such matters.	427179-427170-48884462

10 Has this priority changed in the last 10 years?



10.a Why do you think this is?

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Other concerns	427179-427170-47663652
The breadth of those affected has widened (through austerity)	427179-427170-47665445
See answer to 9a	427179-427170-47668660
The Kirk doesn't understand the Borders	427179-427170-47669428
Awareness is growing generally, evangelical culture has increasing developed a social dynamic.	427179-427170-47672104
See answer to 9a. The national Church is doing what it is meant to do and leaving the regional response to the regional Church.	427179-427170-47677072
More support for eg foodbanks	427179-427170-47688011

In the past most of the aid was going abroad, now we direct some of this aid to local areas in the UK.	427179-427170-47694356
Greater awareness, in conjunction with the "Tearfund effect", awakening the social conscience of evangelical believers	427179-427170-47698013
don't know	427179-427170-47706218
It is in the identity of The Salvation Army.	427179-427170-47705225
Just not aware of significant change, apart from some more engagement in local projects.	427179-427170-47708527
Lack of engagement with our community - church people moved into more affluent areas whilst still attending "home" church	427179-427170-47709323
Pressing other issues that compete. The need to attract new members, maintain dying congregations on dwindling numbers of ageing members, increases in administration. Climate change agenda pushing its way up the priorities list. Stretched resources.	427179-427170-47709393
It is becoming more difficult to avoid - the increase of food banks for example.	427179-427170-47725385
Responding to perceived and identified need - poverty has increased and so has our response to it.	427179-427170-47725733
There are more local opportunities for involvement eg foodbanks which it is possible to get models for.	427179-427170-47727092
Greater austerity has led to greater awareness of need - in school, sure start centres, job centres, food banks...	427179-427170-47729492
I think the development of agencies, such as CAP, to partner with has empowered the church in this area significantly.	427179-427170-47729228
Responding to need and responding to Pope Francis' call to put poor people first.	427179-427170-47739217
see 9a	427179-427170-47741404
Increased need and a more co-ordinated approach from the churches	427179-427170-47746252
It has been a considerably important topic for many years now	427179-427170-47749980
we have become more aware of peoples poverty, homelessness, increase and the desperation of low income families.	427179-427170-47749717
The combination of austerity and dwindling church resources has reduced the voice on social justice within the churches eg the Churches Regional Commission (which received public funding) has closed down. The Anglican Diocese has reduced its input on social responsibility at Diocesan level. Other churches do not have funding for specialist posts.	427179-427170-47750292
Low family income. Jobs	427179-427170-47754692
I think we aspire to address this issue but have to recognise (as above) that we struggle to maintain a presence in some of the poorest parts of Wales.	427179-427170-47827576
We continue to be aware of and address local/national trends and needs	427179-427170-47841325

See above	427179-427170-47845168
Greater awareness and preparedness to work with other agencies, e.g charities, Citizens UK etc.	427179-427170-47878156
Poverty has increased but has not been matched by increased strategic effort particularly in advocacy i.e. being a voice for the poor, informing and influencing decision-makers, sensitivity over possible accusation of getting involved in politics, lack of leadership as shown by Cardinal Hume for example.	427179-427170-47874381
I have only been in this region for five years, but over this time I have seen growing concern as churches pick up on the effect of austerity policies at the local level.	427179-427170-47898276
Same as above	427179-427170-47919588
The above mentioned project came to an end in 2017 . The issue of poverty in Scotland continues to be highlighted through the Regional Church and Society Committee	427179-427170-47826668
It has increased because the level of poverty has increased. However this is a hard question for me as I moved into the area to begin my first ministry post in 2008 when the financial crash happened so I did not know of the response to poverty post the crash.	427179-427170-47943887
As above.	427179-427170-48039571
Need is more visible	427179-427170-48076943
Things change very slowly. It takes a long time for churches that aren't directly affected by a problem to realise how devastating the problem is to others.	427179-427170-48115603
I can't really comment on this, as I have not been involved with the church for 10 years.	427179-427170-48215937
The idea of Partnership between Politics,Faith Communities and Voluntary Sector developed under the Labour Government, and leading to Churches Regional Commissions has disappeared with the need for the Anglican Church and the Joint Public Issues Team representing other denominations to have to work much more stridently to have a voice in the public space.	427179-427170-48214518
Has always been a priority. Has been a danger that seen as more charity than church at times!	427179-427170-48226290
Folk have become more aware of the issues, affecting new areas we work in as well as existing areas.	427179-427170-48238808
It has always been a high priority	427179-427170-48344984
Generally people are perhaps more aware of the challenges which are affecting our communities	427179-427170-48492543
As above	427179-427170-48561221
There has always a desire and commitment to engage with those enduring poverty and other suffering.	427179-427170-48584260
I'm guessing, having only been here for four years.	427179-427170-48602891

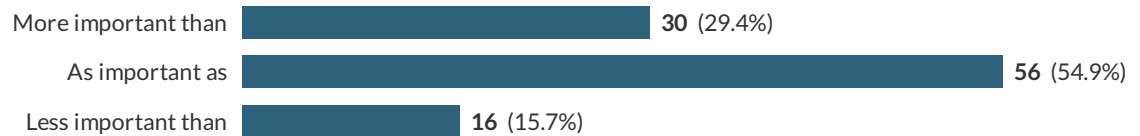
continued resources is positive given financial challenges facing the diocese. these challenges mean no extra resources available.	427179-427170-48602825
Many issues affect he population in addition to this. It is not the only issue.	427179-427170-48607717
The failure of the State to make effective interventions to people in need due to LA cuts and withdrawal of community services has left a vacuum that needs to be filled	427179-427170-48608232
In additional to answer 9 above, denominational structures in committee based governance model are slow to respond to a fast changing external environment.	427179-427170-48608991
The focus has been on championing causes rather than an holistic approach as to how to address poverty in our areas	427179-427170-48609325
Growth of population in the area.	427179-427170-48612669
People in this area are aware of the needs of others less fortunate than themselves and take action to help them.	427179-427170-47694183
The rich are much richer than they need to be. And the poor poorer. Neoliberalism is making life competitive and ruthless.	427179-427170-48621039
The voice of the poor is not often heard above those of the middle-class, especially in church decision making structures. If +Philip North wasn't banging the drum locally and nationally, I fear that the issue would have little prominence in this diocese.	427179-427170-48624823
greater sowing to social gospel	427179-427170-48630652
Not sure	427179-427170-48636293
Together Lancashire has been supported by the Diocese to support churches tackle local poverty. There has been engagement by parishes in poverty related issues. I am not convinced that it is a priority for church leadership.	427179-427170-48637349
Greater awareness of a holistic gospel	427179-427170-48624027
More awareness and more people in our churches struggling with poverty, more obvious issue.	427179-427170-48674857
Don't know - haven't been part of it for long.	427179-427170-48675242
Parishes have been shocked that in a relatively affluent area of the country there is clearer poverty which was once well hidden	427179-427170-48683409
Reasons haven't changed	427179-427170-48687459
As above	427179-427170-48693550
Because the priority attached to climate change and world stability has increased.	427179-427170-48694810
See answer to 9a. Also, greater visibility of poverty in our urban setting sin particular, but also awareness of pressure on rural farming communities too.	427179-427170-48705937
Poverty is more visible, eg in foodbanks, largely staffed by church members	427179-427170-48869301
Response to news items on austeritv.	427179-427170-48880456

Response to new items on austerity.	427179-427170-48880578
In some areas the need is so overwhelming that it can no longer be generally ignored.	427179-427170-48880578
Whilst its still low! it is talked about, a bit. And the Archbishop says stuff.	427179-427170-48885046
increasing local awareness not only of poverty in the UK but poverty in many different parts of the world.	427179-427170-48888084
The charity 'Together for Change' is a new charity established 5 years ago to tackle this issue	427179-427170-48895566
austerity and its impact	427179-427170-48899099
Because churches are getting more involved in the ground and that is making them ask questions about the causes	427179-427170-48917121
Lack of personal impact. Absence of young people from churches.	427179-427170-48926684
Because of the increase in needy families	427179-427170-48975386
Poverty has increased	427179-427170-49012242
We're more aware of the work of local charity groups	427179-427170-49024943
Because poverty has increased so more contact and awareness by leaders of churches	427179-427170-49041890
I think the church nationally are aware of problems primarily in the inner cities and "Faith in the City" responded to this but areas of greater deprivation are now, I think, in the coastal towns.	427179-427170-49050769
Strong perception that some people could do more to change their lifestyle, eg, smoking, drinking alcohol, gambling, drug addiction	427179-427170-49071744
Because the church nationally is more concerned with the statistics on church membership.	427179-427170-49075005
Due to Quakers being aware of the increase in the level of poverty in our communities, across Britain as a whole. Within our region we have communities with high levels of deprivation, these are both rural and urban areas. Therefore Quakers across South Wales are very aware of this issue.	427179-427170-49075616
Have only been here three years, but I think it's probably stayed the same in this diocese. Nationally of course there have been several big schemes: Faith in the City and so on, but they tend to focus on urban poverty. In the Diocese we have a Transformation Fund available to help churches make a difference in their areas - they had given a grant for our holiday hunger voucher scheme and we're planning to start a new parent and toddler group On the other hand there is now a lot more interest in modern slavery and related issues in rural areas.	427179-427170-49095955
Increased awareness. Greater emphasis in preaching and in Christian literature. Higher proportion of younger Christian leaders working in 'external' social enterprise schemes rather than 'internal' church roles	427179-427170-49139949
Everyone is struggling in this area	427179-427170-49194467
See above	427179-427170-49193132
I do not think we have shown it much and if we do we are unsure how to do	427179-427170-49196662

I do not think we have given it much and if we do we are unsure how to go about things.	427179-427170-49196663
other priorities jostle for primacy	427179-427170-49242181
There is a greater emphasis in the CofE at the moment in 'bums on pews' due to the distorting influence of the Strategic Development Funding being released by the Church Commissioners. They specifically exclude social projects and social enterprise and only fund church growth programmes.	427179-427170-49536915
See answer to 9a However, there are xx churches which have set up foodbanks.	427179-427170-48884462

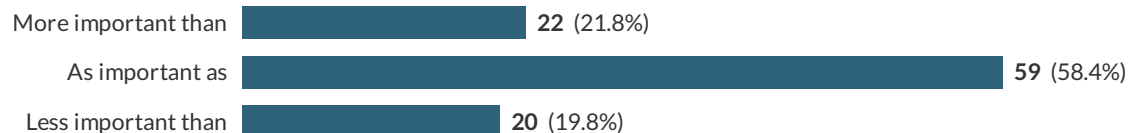
11 Overall for your Church in your region, how does action on UK poverty compare with action on other issues?

11.1 Responding to UK poverty is... vs Responding to climate change



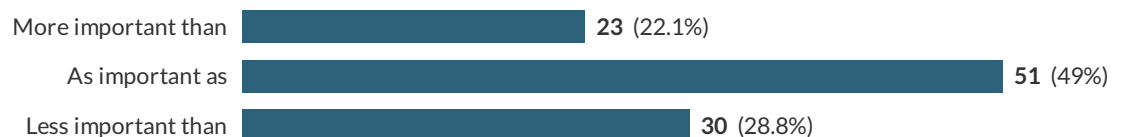
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11.2 Responding to UK poverty is... vs Responding to global poverty



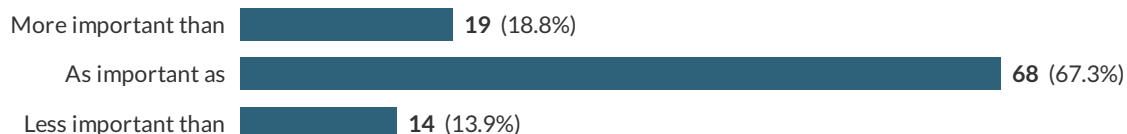
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11.3 Responding to UK poverty is... vs Evangelism



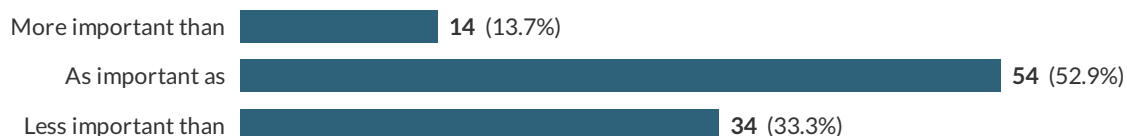
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11.4 Responding to UK poverty is... vs Responding to the ageing population



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11.5 Responding to UK poverty is... vs Youth Work



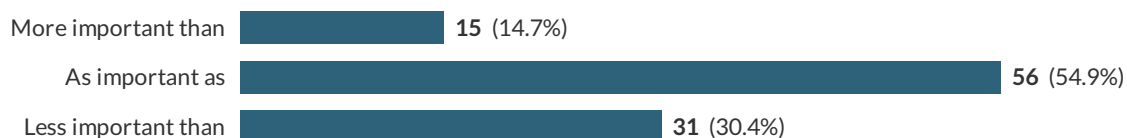
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11.6 Responding to UK poverty is... vs Church growth



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11.7 Responding to UK poverty is... vs Parish ministry



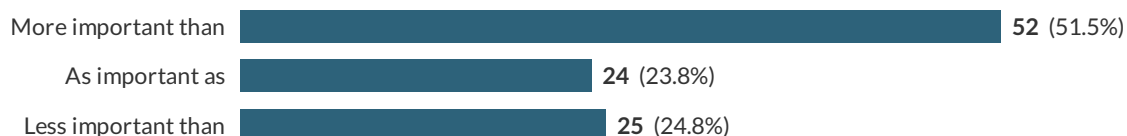
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11.8 Responding to UK poverty is... vs Baptisms, weddings, funerals



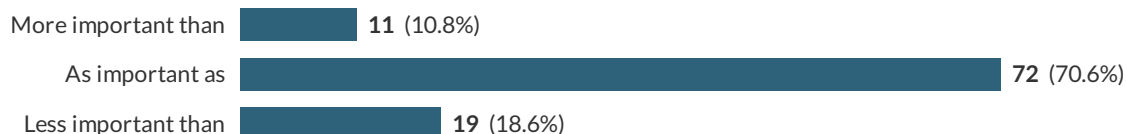
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11.9 Responding to UK poverty is... vs Faith schools



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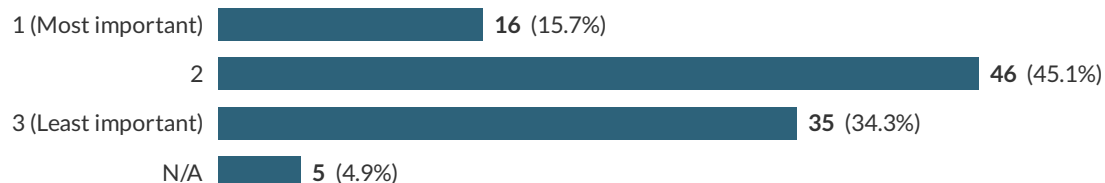
11.10 Responding to UK poverty is... vs Responding to refugees



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12 Overall, how does your Church in your region prioritise the following in relation to UK poverty?

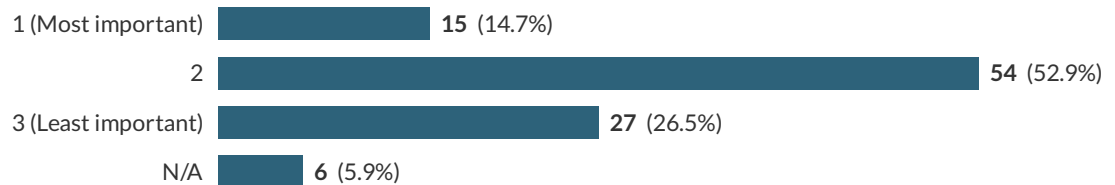
12.1 Campaigning and advocacy in response to UK poverty



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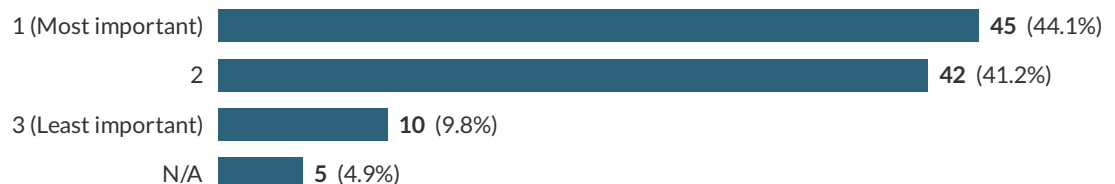
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12.2 Fundraising for activities responding to UK poverty



Multi answer: Percentage of respondents who selected each answer option (e.g. 100% would represent that all this question's respondents chose that option)

12.3 Running activities responding to UK poverty



Multi answer: Percentage of respondents who selected each answer option (e.g. 100% would represent that all this question's respondents chose that option)

13 What key theological values, approach to mission and understanding of Christian discipleship shape this response to UK poverty?

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Still rather "spiritual" in our approach and believe that most economic change can only be effected through Govt policy	427179-427170-47663652
Try to reflect Jesus' attitude to the least and the lost	427179-427170-47665445
We are all made in God's image What we do for the least of people we do for Christ Jesus said, As I have loved you so you must love one another Parable of the Good Samaritan Sacrifice But then again I could write a book if I had the time.	427179-427170-47668660
Local poverty is more important to people in this area. People are more engaged with problems in the locale	427179-427170-47669428
I think there are many possible answers, for myself, my strong motivations are a theology of liberation through building community and a theology of	427179-427170-47672104

process which sets a high valuation on the transformation of human experience.	
The theological imperative of Priority to the Poor and the calling of the Great Commandment and Great Commission to love God and others shapes this response to UK poverty.	427179-427170-47677072
Traditional non-conformist values and principles of helping those less fortunate than yourself	427179-427170-47688011
Being Christ-like, we have to mingle and help people where they are.	427179-427170-47694356
Love for God (faith), love for neighbour (compassion)	427179-427170-47698013
Finding Christ in your poor brother and sister	427179-427170-47706218
TSA seeks to ministry to the whole person, believing salvation to be holistic in intent, that the body, mind and spirit each come into harmony (shalom) we have peace with our neighbour, ourselves and with God. Material need prevent this happen and should be addressed. The teaching of Jesus re our neighbours is clear as is our responsibility for 'the least of these'. The Nazareth mandate for 'Others' (William Booth's telegraphed message to the world in 1910) reflects this.	427179-427170-47705225
The Kingdom of God being here and now as well as a future hope The love of God for all God being the God of the 'outsider'	427179-427170-47708527
The church I work in appear to not have done a lot of theoligcal thinking - we view us as being ok and safe whilst others need to have what we have. We want them to join us but when they do we don't like what they bring so often reject them or make them uncomfortable. We say we welcome, love and care but the truth is much further away We have a very dualistic view rather than hoistic. I am unhappy with the categories you give real life is not as clear cut - all are linked and whichever way you go at it you will be addressing the issues of life whether you start from uk poverty or a baptism for example	427179-427170-47709323
Love of neighbour. Equality - being children of God and brothers and sister to one another. Compassion for the poor.	427179-427170-47709393
There is still a belief that once helped a little people should then help themselves.	427179-427170-47715075
Our vision statement that highlights the fact that we 'serve suffering humanity'.	427179-427170-47725385
Luke 4 - the "Jesus manifesto"; Jesus' example of feeding the hungry, etc.	427179-427170-47725733
All folk are equal and all should have fulness of life. Our discipleship involves changes in ourselves, and a desire to change the world towards more equality as well as to share faith.	427179-427170-47727092
God's preferential option for the poor; a concern that justice and mercy go hand-in-hand; a sense that we cannot proclaim the gospel to someone without also meeting need - being Christ.	427179-427170-47729492
Jesus example and teaching in terms of serving people's physical needs as well as spiritual needs and the early church's focus and passion on	427179-427170-47729228

prioritising and remembering the poor (Galatians 2:10).	
The words of Jesus are the clear underpinning and motivation for this.	427179-427170-47727115
Pope Benedict said that, "The Church's deepest nature is expressed in her three fold responsibility: of proclaiming the word of God, celebrating the sacraments and exercising the ministry of charity. These duties presuppose each other and are inseparable. For the church charity is not a kind of welfare activity which could equally well be left to others, but is a part of her nature." This is the fundamental tenet of Caritas.	427179-427170-47739217
Social Justice and social action	427179-427170-47741404
Luke 4 and matthew 25 as stated above	427179-427170-47746252
We are incarnational, made up of local people and therefore reflecting their concerns	427179-427170-47749980
The gospel imperative to be good neighbour	427179-427170-47749717
In South Yorkshire's protestant churches, evangelical ideas of conversion and church growth have long been strong but not universal eg Industrial Mission, founded by Bishop Hunter and Ted Wickham, had a much broader understanding of mission. Similarly the Urban Theology Unit founded by the Revd John Vincent was very much concerned with social justice issues in the inner city. In recent years, evangelicals have increasingly engaged in social projects, sometimes on quite a large scale eg St Thomas Philadelphia provides accommodation for asylum seekers. Christians Against Poverty is active in helping people with debt problems in the region. The Roman Catholic Church has a long established concern about social justice, which is reflected in projects such as St Wilfrid's and St Vincents (furniture for poor people).	427179-427170-47750292
Not sure	427179-427170-47754692
The Salvation Army's mission has been coined as saving souls, growing saints and serving suffering humanity. As a '3 legged stool' all these must be present in our activities	427179-427170-47772505
In terms of the third part of Methodist 'Our Calling'; Service, the Church exists to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice	427179-427170-47827576
For Baptists the local church is the key focus. As a Regional Association we are there to support, encourage, inspire and challenge. Poverty is part of the message (for us this comes primarily, but not exclusively through JPIT) but with many demands and a lack of passion from an individual in the local church, poverty doesn't come high up the priority list.	427179-427170-47845168
The Kingdom of God as being about more than just individual salvation but also the transformation of society	427179-427170-47878156
People respond well to identified causes of poverty that they feel they can make a practical contribution to addressing when made aware of them and asked for to help - love our neighbour in need. When I was naked you clothed me, when I was hungry you fed me When you do this for the least of mine, you do it for me. The poor woman's mite.	427179-427170-47874381
Getting political is always controversial. It is so intertwined with party politics, and people are really anxious about mixing party politics with faith.	427179-427170-47898276

<p>It is easier to respond practically but stay out of the campaigning and advocacy. A better understanding of liberation theology might shift this balance!</p> <p>It is worth also noting that evangelism that is focussed on church attendance as a key measure of discipleship is problematic. It would be interesting to see how things would change if we started with the challenge to learn from Jesus' example and teaching in how we live and for this to be at the heart of our evangelistic conversations, and then to gather as church to support us in that task, rather than putting the church gathering front and centre.</p>	
The value of each single human being in Christianity has had a great boost by incarnation. Therefore giving to the poor and supporting people is as giving a supporting Christ Himself	427179-427170-47919588
The prophetic narratives, the gospel imperative, the example of the early church , the radical theologies of church history. , drive the Church and Society Committee. I suspect these principles are given little place at congregational level	427179-427170-47826668
We see that Christ came for all people rich and poor. Whilst He preached the Gospel and the Kingdom to care for the soul of the person. He also cared for their physical needs seeking to heal and feed those in need. We therefore seek to adopt this approach to our missional activities for two reasons. Caring for a person is a good kingdom mandate. We are to care for those in need, not turning away the widow or the orphan but to care for them in their needs as James tells us in James chapter 1 verse 27. As we care for those in need we see opportunities for the Gospel to be spoken into their lives. That they may hear the word and believe whilst they are also seeing the word in action that they might believe. As Jesus called us out of the world to be with Him He also sends us into the world to show the people that the living God cares for them and wants to restore and heal them.	427179-427170-47943887
As Christian Aid once put it - we believe in life before death.	427179-427170-48039571
True religion is looking after the poor, the fatherless etc...	427179-427170-48076943
<p>God's preferential option for the poor.</p> <p>The Kingdom of God as partially realised here and now among us.</p> <p>Love for neighbour.</p> <p>Incarnational mission - being Jesus.</p>	427179-427170-48115603
I can't answer this question. I manage an advice service, I have no involvement in the church's theological values.	427179-427170-48215937
The incarnate Christ is at the heart of the world, its people's lives, relationships, societies and cultures, communities and nations. Therefore all that damages the well-being, peace and justice of these is at the heart of God. This is why I judged question 11 as equally important because of the inter-connectedness of all things, and so requiring united and joined up approach by all concerned.	427179-427170-48214518
This is central to our theology - the equality and importance of all before God.	427179-427170-48226290
'Love your neighbour as yourself'; Isaiah 58.6;	427179-427170-48238808
We believe that Jesus cares for all of society and that during his ministry he	427179-427170-48344984

reached out to the poor and marginalised. We seek always to do the same.	
Principles underpinning Catholic Social Teaching and the Mission of the Church	427179-427170-48492543
Responding to poverty is prioritised as an act of serving others or offering hospitality. Campaigning and advocacy are more political and therefore may be seen as too partisan.	427179-427170-48561221
With reference to the above the Northern Baptist Association is not geared to make those kind of responses, but anything that it does, as an Association, will be undergirded by a theology relating to all being made in the Image of God, the compassion and justice of God for the poor, the teaching of Jesus about demonstrating the values of the Kingdom of God in word and action, etc.	427179-427170-48584260
Inclusion.	427179-427170-48602891
The gospel is about transformation and freedom. impacting individuals, communities, nations and the world Mt 25 Isaiah Agenda	427179-427170-48602825
Luke 4 Good news to the poor	427179-427170-48604388
The message of Jesus about compassion to the poor	427179-427170-48607717
Gospel values and Catholic Social Teaching supported by the encyclicals of the Catholic church and lived out by many charities such as Caritas and Cafod	427179-427170-48608232
1. Every person is made in the image of God and is therefore of great value 2. Our faith is not a means of escape from this world, but rather a call to participate in the Mission Dei as He seeks to renew creation 3. Effective Mission requires Evangelism and Social Action to go 'hand in hand'.	427179-427170-48608991
Our calling is to the marginalised. In age where people feel a lack of sense of community and social structure this means the value-added priorities are forsaken.	427179-427170-48609325
Being salt and light in our communities and looking after the poor, the foreigner (refugee/asylum), etc	427179-427170-48612669
Parish communities focus on the people who are resident in the area concerned. This is a lived expression of Matthew 25.	427179-427170-48614564
The supporting of those less fortunate than ourselves, reaching out to support those in need and the sharing of what we have with others.	427179-427170-47694183
Mission and discipleship are social action. Heal the sick feed the poor. Love your neighbour. Welcome. Generosity. Personal salvation is found in community redemption.	427179-427170-48621039
Our Vision 2026 statement is: Healthy Churches Transforming Their Communities One strand of the strategy is 'being witnesses' through words and DEEDS. Bishop Philip regularly reminds us that he believes church growth will come from the margins	427179-427170-48624823

Our ordination service for Deacons this year stated that Deacons 'are to work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless'	
holistic gospel; transformation of society as gospel mandate; church mission mandate; need for strong churches to deliver strong services in community	427179-427170-48630652
Dignity of mankind; created in God's image and likeness; social justice concerns	427179-427170-48636293
Our Bishop of Burnley is committed to addressing poverty via estates ministry. The development of the Diocesan Vision - of healthy churches transforming communities, and growing leaders, making disciples and bearing witness in theory underpins the theology of engagement with poverty issues. It should give more focus to parishes with a commensurate impact on responding to poverty. Parish returns website does indicate a growing level of activity over recent years.	427179-427170-48637349
God's heart for the poor. Seeing poverty as injustice rather than the result of choices	427179-427170-48624027
do onto others as would have done onto you, Matt 25	427179-427170-48674607
The imperatives we see in Jesus' ministry and teaching that responding to need, supporting the weak etc is not an optional part of discipleship and mission but vital. We have also seen some church growth through engaging with these issues more which reflects some of the narrative of the early church as seen in Acts.	427179-427170-48674857
Caring for the poor	427179-427170-48675242
That each person has innate and equal worth and dignity, given by God, and that where one suffers the whole body of Christ suffers. To respond to the love of God we must love our neighbour	427179-427170-48683409
Love of and care for the individual - every person matters	427179-427170-48687459
Love your neighbour as yourself	427179-427170-48693550
The principle concept of Quakerism concerns what is still recognised by most Quakers as "that of God in all persons" even though many Quakers would seek clarification of the term "God". That leads us to prioritise equality and peace, both of which are extended to include fair shares for all, justice, truth and lead to simplicity in life choices.	427179-427170-48694810
Jesus' bias to the poor and the command to 'Love your neighbour as yourself'.	427179-427170-48705937
Kingdom theology	427179-427170-48869301
We find it most helpful to think of 'integral mission', in which social action, creation care, evangelism and discipleship are all expected to be in a practical synergy, and we prioritise activities where we can see such synergies really occurring.	427179-427170-48880456
Social responsibility is at the heart of the Gospel and at the core of how churches become relationally engaged with their community. Jesus had a heart for the poor and marginalised; he taught us to love our neighbour, to	427179-427170-48880578

act justly, love mercy, walk humbly and to set captives free. Caring for those in poverty and fighting injustice is core to our faith and when we do this, others come to join us.	
In my opinion!! this response isn't based on theology or ap to mission of anything else much other than, its here and we need to do something about it. Those less affected might send some money. And no-one thinks policy (camp/advoc).	427179-427170-48885046
understanding of world church. prophetic concern and action for justice and peace Matthew 25 35ff	427179-427170-48888084
'Love God and love people' - greatest commandment And Matthew 25	427179-427170-48895566
Mission: God is at work in our communities, and we are tasked with discerning how and with whom, and partnering with other 'people of peace' - other denominations, other organisations. The theological values of compassion, courage and contemplation (linking reflection and action) Biblical injunctions to support and minister with the marginalised; because God is at work in them. The 5 marks of mission - especially challenging unjust structures in church and society. Discipleship that is outward-facing; that encourages individual Christians to discern their own calling in terms of how they make a difference in the world: are they called to practical action; prayer; political activism, etc.	427179-427170-48899099
Recognising that we have a prophetic voice, that God is a God of justice and that we still have a degree of influence.	427179-427170-48917121
The churches are inward looking and focus on their own future, so largely ignore mission and UK poverty. However great energy and generosity are seen in world mission and 3rd world aid.	427179-427170-48926684
Being Christ like loving others and reaching out to them	427179-427170-48975386
Helping neighbour	427179-427170-49024943
Jesus said "Blessed are the poor" and that he came to set prisoners free - those in poverty are prisoners.	427179-427170-49041890
I don't think that UK poverty is thought out in any kind of theological manner by the local church. We respond to the suffering of those we can see on the streets and also to friends and neighbours in need. We support the food bank but largely we leave work with the homeless to the Salvation Army who have facilities in place to help those who find themselves homeless.	427179-427170-49050769
"Love your neighbour as yourself" - examples of the Hebrew people leaving gleanings in their fields for the poor and Jesus having "compassion" upon the crowd.	427179-427170-49071744
The five marks of mission: 1 To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom 2.To teach, baptise and nurture new believers 3.To respond to human need by loving service	427179-427170-49075005

4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation 5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth are in priority order except that 4 and 5 have now changed places with the greater emphasis on climate change.	
The key theological value for Quakers is that there is that of God in everyone. One of our "Advices & Queries" calls us to "Remember that each one of us is unique, precious, a child of God." Quakers place equal value on Worship and Service (mission) so there is the expectation that Quakers will live out our faith through following Jesus's example of love in action in the world. Both corporately and as individuals, we called to "let our lives speak".	427179-427170-49075616
In the diocese it comes under the strategic vision heading of 'joyful service' Here in this benefice it is part of our 'self-giving service to the community'	427179-427170-49095955
God's heart for the poor. Called to serve the kingdom - God's rule touching everything. 'Love mercy; do justly; walk humbly' - poverty as an issue of justice. 'Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of these....' Mission as holistic, not just saving souls from hell but expressing God's love and care now. Discipling new believers to make good choices.	427179-427170-49139949
The church needs to be where the need is.	427179-427170-49194467
Caritas, Love in Action, Matthew 25: 'In as much as you did this to the least of my brethren, you did it to me'. Catholic Social Teaching is becoming more widely known and taught in our churches and schools. It is seen as part of Evangelical outreach.	427179-427170-49193132
As previously stated. We are not really committed to a social gospel.	427179-427170-49196663
there are different values in different situation, my own driver are an imperative for inclusivity and a belief in God's generosity	427179-427170-49242181
In order to achieve change, we need to model it and show how it can be successfully tackled so we talk about Jesus primary mission in Luke 4 to bring good news to the poor etc, how we reap what we sow, and that local churches can make a huge impact and difference. We also talk a great deal as do our leaders about the importance of building the Common Good - as the church rediscovers the riches of that strand of its social history (from Liverpool etc).	427179-427170-49536915

14 In what ways do affiliated local preachers or worship leaders in your region focus on UK poverty in worship or in mid-week fellowship group meetings?

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Very sparse	427179-427170-47663652
little	427179-427170-47665445
Don't know	427179-427170-47668660
It is discussed but difficult to act on.	427179-427170-47669428

Hard to say, I have little contact with colleagues.	427179-427170-47672104
I am unable to comment on this	427179-427170-47677072
Not able to answer question	427179-427170-47688011
We fundraise and donate proceeds to local charities that tackle poverty	427179-427170-47694356
Through praise and prayers	427179-427170-47698013
raising awareness	427179-427170-47706218
Programmes are in place to meet need and challenge poverty. Particular Sundays are given to focus of poverty in the world and invite money as a gift to help alleviate the same, money is given and raised towards TSA's social ministry in the UK from Salvationists at other times. Different projects are equally supported. Preachments reflect the need for social justice and to be mindful of others within the broader context of the devotional life of Salvationists.	427179-427170-47705225
Difficult to tell - I suspect that it varies a lot between churches, and worship leaders	427179-427170-47708527
Not very much	427179-427170-47709323
Lent studies / talks are important often. Also one off events.	427179-427170-47709393
Very Little.	427179-427170-47715075
Hardly at all.	427179-427170-47725385
Preaching and prayers about the relief of poverty	427179-427170-47725733
Variable. Some folk are led by the lectionary readings and will follow where those lead us. Others have a particular concern on which they will base a service.	427179-427170-47727092
Sorry, don't know	427179-427170-47729492
Our midweek groups try to identify needs in their immediate community that they can serve as a group (varies immensely as to how much this really happens).	427179-427170-47729228
As an aside and with very few real examples of action being taken. Its often 'something over there', not something 'here and present'	427179-427170-47727115
We have a six week programme called Love in Action which focuses on Catholic Social Teaching and explores ways to help alleviate poverty in our parishes.	427179-427170-47739217
N/A	427179-427170-47741404
food banks, homeless shelter, family support	427179-427170-47746252
Foodbanks, lunches, child support activities are at the heart of what we do and spoken about regularly as part of following Christ	427179-427170-47749980
I am not sure it will be very variable across the region	427179-427170-47749717
It is very difficult to generalise on this subject - I doubt whether anyone would have a comprehensive answer to this question. In the liberal church that I attend, we mark Church Action on Poverty Sunday with special prayers and a relevant sermon. Poverty and action to address are regular	427179-427170-47750292

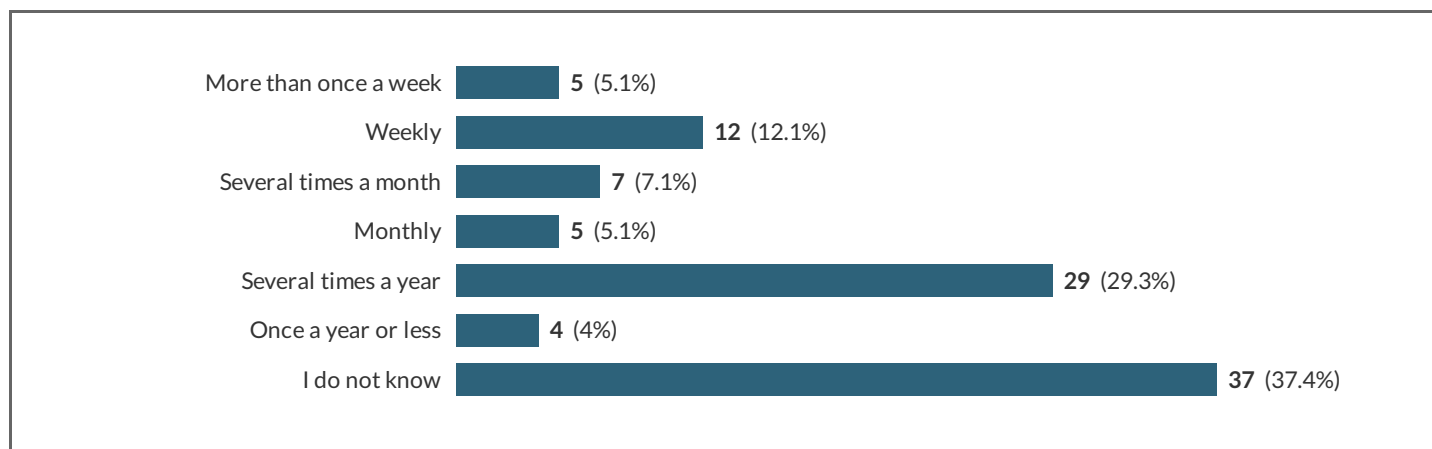
prayers and a relevant sermon. Poverty and action to address are regular themes of our Faith and Justice Group and our Home Donations Group. I expect that similar discussions take place in some other churches but by no means all.	
By husting foodbanks in each of the local churches. Luncheon clubs for the elderly	427179-427170-47754692
Most of our local leaders are very familiar with and regularly serve families living in poverty. Their stories may form the context within which worship is planned and enacted	427179-427170-47772505
It's hard for me to reply to this as I am usually leading worship elsewhere at the time.	427179-427170-47827576
Local churches do different things. It comes mainly through prayers, but for a small number of our churches, presentations are made occasionally.	427179-427170-47845168
Very little I'd say. Perhaps Sunday sermons. It depends on the passion and interest of the preacher. If I'm honest I don't mention it in detail that frequently.	427179-427170-47878156
Very infrequently. Church in action against poverty in UK is mainly exemplified through the st Vincent de Paul Society	427179-427170-47874381
Other than practical tasks, the main item is focussed lent courses or study courses following theme based materials.	427179-427170-47898276
In the everyday liturgy in every Coptic Church we pray for the poor and the needy. Some of our churches have a programme to support the poor and homeless by giving food, cloths, finding jobs for them etc..	427179-427170-47919588
I would guess that these themes are rarely mentioned.	427179-427170-47826668
We pray for those who are suffering the effects of poverty in our services and midweek meetings. We will draw attention to poverty issues in meetings asking people to pray and at certain times give to issues of poverty. Giving wise there has been a greater emphasis on things abroad.	427179-427170-47943887
This does not happen a great detail - though we have groups that agitate for change.	427179-427170-48039571
Referenced in sermon, highlighted in notices	427179-427170-48076943
A few do, but not many.	427179-427170-48115603
I can only speak for the church I personally attend. The minister refers to issues of local and national poverty regularly in her sermons and in the bidding prayers.	427179-427170-48215937
Complete spectrum - from those whose theology is liberation to those who are strictly evangelical and pietistic.	427179-427170-48214518
Have specific dates to highlight issues. Would expect their leadership to reflect the 'local community and its challenges'.	427179-427170-48226290
Fair-trade issues, world mission and ecological issues would have greater focus although most would share something about UK poverty needs, especially as these affect local folk and areas.	427179-427170-48238808
These issues will feature in sermons and studies accross our Presbytery area	427179-427170-48344984

This needs to be more of a focus. Recently the Catholic Church designated an annual Day of Prayer for the Poor which in 2019 falls in the week-end of the 16-17 November.	427179-427170-48492543
Not often	427179-427170-48529892
By using resources from Baptist Union or JPIT	427179-427170-48561221
This is unknown. Most will be choosing their subject material according to the need or sense of relevance for the church. There is generally a desire to engage with the Scripture through exposition thus subject matters may, or may not, be addressed in the light of the passage/s under consideration	427179-427170-48584260
A little.	427179-427170-48602891
Cannot answer for circa 300 churches As a diocese we promote and provide resources around key themes each year - eg poverty, mental health, dementia, modern slavery, environment, disability, Christian Aid, Fairtrade	427179-427170-48602825
I do not know	427179-427170-48604388
This is a nonsensical question. If the text demands this they will. There is no instruction to bend scripture to a particular agenda	427179-427170-48607717
Annual International Mass for migrants; prayer walks and services at key calendar events to recognise poverty including Christmas carol events and theological inputs into gatherings and conferences	427179-427170-48608232
U/K	427179-427170-48608991
Prophetic voice	427179-427170-48609325
Work with the British Red Cross, Refugee Action, Serco Housing	427179-427170-48612669
In preaching.	427179-427170-48614564
This is brought to people's attention when we highlight at our monthly Presbytery meetings what items are required by our local foodbank, and members of Presbytery will then take requests back to their own congregations for the donation of these items.	427179-427170-47694183
I'm not sure many do.	427179-427170-48621039
Those based in deprived areas will acknowledge the challenges of living in these areas. There is a balance to be had in terms of creating a 'stigma' of poverty.	427179-427170-48624823
as comes up in series being addressed on Sundays; driven by the particular text; not sure worship leaders do; small groups might contribute to Christmas boxes, hampers, etc at particular times; otherwise would come up through small group study as text leads that way; regular promotion of various community projects	427179-427170-48630652
Not sure what you mean! Ecumenical partners? Like us food banks and local collaboration.	427179-427170-48636293
Don't know	427179-427170-48637349
Some of the groups are particularly focused on working with those from	427179-427170-48624027

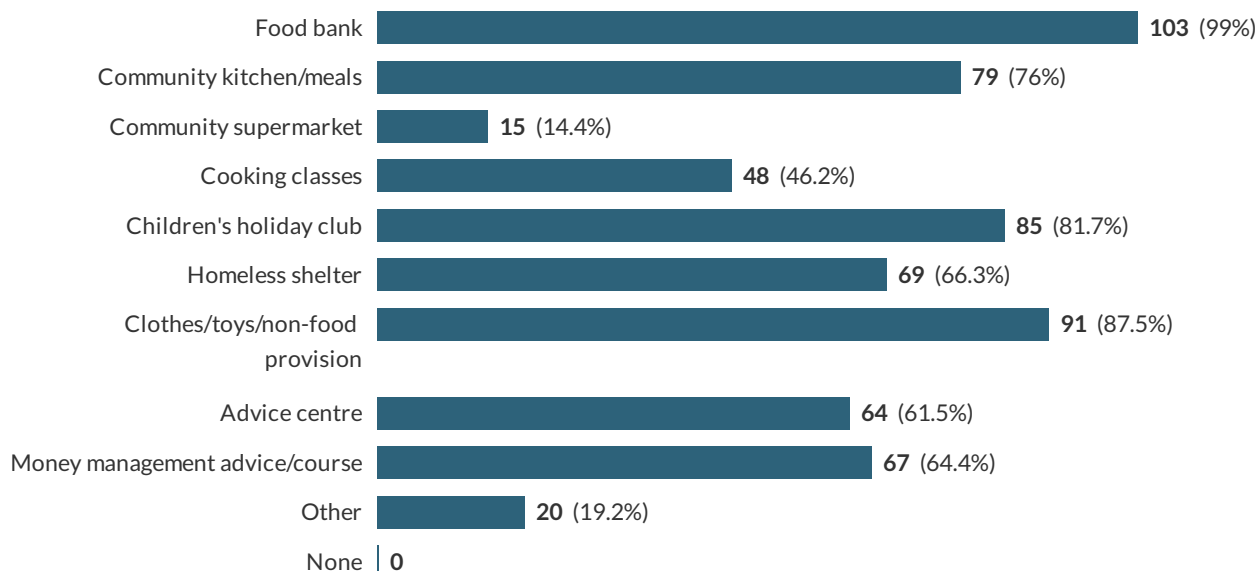
deprived backgrounds	
very little	427179-427170-48674607
From my experience not many do sadly but we have seen a rise in communication from the pulpit from Presbyters and deacons.	427179-427170-48674857
Preaching, services addressing poverty, local parish charity groups in prayer, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for those suffering from addiction	427179-427170-48683409
Couldn't really say	427179-427170-48687459
I can't answer this for other churches in our area	427179-427170-48693550
Unprogrammed	427179-427170-48694810
Some preachers will bring it into sermons and midweek teaching; others won't, tending to intellectualise their teaching rather than apply it.	427179-427170-48705937
This varies.	427179-427170-48869301
Mostly by telling stories arising from our social action activities.	427179-427170-48880456
I don't think they do focus on UK poverty, but they do talk about local issues informally.	427179-427170-48880578
Couldn't tell you. Doubt they do much.	427179-427170-48885046
regular prayer focus. Frequent reference in preaching.	427179-427170-48888084
Work with together for Change Run projects that support the poor within church Fundraise and volunteer and raise awareness	427179-427170-48895566
We find that prayers designed to resource thinking and new insight go down particularly well. Many would pray for their local food banks and night shelters.	427179-427170-48899099
We produce quite a lot of liturgical resources particularly around Lent and Advent. We also encourage Bible and small group study - producing and signposting these - I sense that it is less a subject for preachers, though many churches will use resources from TEAR Fund; Home Mission etc.	427179-427170-48917121
They don't	427179-427170-48926684
Prayer for the needs. Practical help with needs	427179-427170-48975386
Bishop meets quarterly with local groups; parish priest communicates with local groups on a very regular basis. For worship - prayers include praying for those in need is regular. Parishes also have seasonal fundraisers, awareness campaigns etc.	427179-427170-49024943
Prayer, encouragement to action e.g. work with homeless and those in difficult circumstances/debt	427179-427170-49041890
If it comes up as part of the lectionary readings it is discussed but this doesn't happen very often.	427179-427170-49050769
By talking about poverty in relation to inequality and injustice	427179-427170-49075005
Quakers do not have preachers or worship leaders. Individuals may feel led to focus on UK poverty or any issue in any of our worship or fellowship	427179-427170-49075616

to focus on on poverty or any issue in any of our worship or networking meetings.	
When preaching on 'self-giving service to the community' and 'modern slavery'	427179-427170-49095955
Some missional communities, meeting midweek, are made up of those in poverty, eg asylum -seekers; messy church and 'Royal Rangers' groups on 'sink-estates'; Eden projects with disaffected youth in areas of multiple deprivation	427179-427170-49139949
vaguely	427179-427170-49194467
It varies enormously. We are introducing a Caritas Catholic Social Teaching Programme called 'Love in Action', from Caritas Westminster. Some communities have already run a course based on this.	427179-427170-49193132
We do not.	427179-427170-49196663
often the reference will be to Foodbanks	427179-427170-49242181
I don't know that they do except to promote the common good in sermons.	427179-427170-49536915
This depends on the individuals - some have more awareness than others!	427179-427170-48884462

14.a How often does this happen?



15 What activities do you know of that affiliated churches in your region have taken part in to respond to UK poverty? (Please tick all that apply)



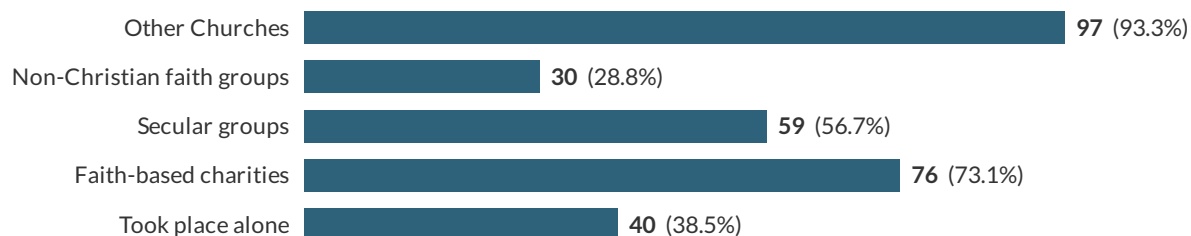
Multi answer: Percentage of respondents who selected each answer option (e.g. 100% would represent that all this question's respondents chose that option)

15.a If you selected Other, please specify:

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baby bank	427179-427170-47665445
Drop in for sex workers	427179-427170-47672104
Support for victims of human trafficking, clubs for the elderly, after school clubs, holiday lunch clubs for children out of school time.	427179-427170-47705225
Converting unused church buildings for homeless asylum seekers, Community Sponsorship scheme for refugees, emergency accommodation for victims of modern slavery. Holding an event looking at ways to alleviate poverty on 5 October and annual activities for the World Day of the Poor every November.	427179-427170-47739217
Help to refugees - who are mostly very poor!	427179-427170-47750292
Community Development Projects, Family holidays, Women's groups, Throughcare	427179-427170-47826668
furniture project; battered wives; single parent support;	427179-427170-48630652
holiday hunger provision, refugee and asylum seeker support, places of welcome (loneliness)	427179-427170-48637349
Supporting a local charity working in areas of significant deprivation	427179-427170-48624027
Establishing a Poverty Truth Commission in Gateshead	427179-427170-48674857
Provision of housing and help into work (by supporting people to access e.g. addiction services, work-related training)	427179-427170-48880456
Opening a free school in a deprived community lacking any schools Ofsted	

<p>judged to be 'good'</p> <p>Reaching out to welcome refugees</p> <p>Breast-feeding support and then mentoring for teenage mums</p>	
<p>We help people with furniture, electricity cards, etc; we run messy churches where the cooked meal is the reason we do it; we run centres where we provide food and the venue and the statutory agencies and others send their workers in to engage with the guests; we do coach and pantomime trips for those in poverty; we provide art and craft activities. We have community fridges and sanitary banks.</p>	427179-427170-48880578
<p>Growing (food) spaces. Homeless orgs support (we've got loads of non-church ones). Refugees etc incl with no means of support.</p>	427179-427170-48885046
<p>Work with refugees and provide free esplanade classes</p> <p>Work clubs and volunteer support for isolated elderly</p> <p>Youth groups, kids clubs, work with our schools and support families in need,</p>	427179-427170-48895566
<p>Lone parent support, toddler groups, partnership projects, advocacy, refugee support, lobbying, anti slavery initiatives,</p>	427179-427170-48917121
<p>I have a discretionary fund to make small payments of cash to people in crisis</p>	427179-427170-49075005
<p>Support for asylum seekers and refugees as highlighted previously.</p>	427179-427170-49075616
<p>'Holiday hunger' food voucher scheme run by church members here in this village</p>	427179-427170-49095955
<p>Training - giving accredited training and skills to the unemployed to make them more employable</p> <p>Royal Rangers - weekly youth activities for children from impoverished backgrounds</p> <p>Support for local charity engaging with numerous issues in an area of multiple deprivation</p>	427179-427170-49139949
<p>We have organisations such Catholic Children's Society to help support children and families. SVP organisations in church communities which help the locally poor, aged and lonely, also Apostleship of the Sea which helps and supports seafarers away from home. Catholic Schools are involved in many and varied ways with care in the community. Through Caritas we are also helping support Community Sponsorship Programmes, and have one of our own developing in Sidmouth. Many individuals from churches join with other churches and local agencies as Street Pastors, Community Sponsorship programmes and other activities mentioned above. They are motivated by their faith and human compassion and sense of solidarity with those in need.</p>	427179-427170-49193132

15.b Have these activities taken place with...



Multi answer: Percentage of respondents who selected each answer option (e.g. 100% would represent that all this question's respondents chose that option)

16 What implications does a commitment to challenging UK poverty have for your national and regional Church strategy in relation to: - Its financial priorities and use of its funds

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Little in relation to central funds as it is a very decentralised organisation.	427179-427170-47663652
It places an obligation upon us to be consistent with the public perception of us.	427179-427170-47665445
Don't know	427179-427170-47668660
Not sure that it does...	427179-427170-47669428
In our experience, activity in the community has actually helped us draw down funds (and assistance in kind) from outside sources. We are a church in an area of significant deprivation and have operated on a shoestring for years.	427179-427170-47672104
The national commitment to support Priority Areas ring fences funding which could be used elsewhere.	427179-427170-47677072
The Methodist Church in Britain is strongly invested in the Joint Public Issues Team	427179-427170-47688011
we commit resources to help	427179-427170-47694356
We commit to tithing	427179-427170-47698013
Only a few funds are used to tackle poverty	427179-427170-47706218
Salvationist give and raise money from the public to challenge poverty. It is part of the budgeting processes to allow expenditure in these areas. As costs increase the challenge increases.	427179-427170-47705225
Not sure	427179-427170-47708527
It will mean a change of attitudes and language also a rethink of what church look like and how faith is expressed. Congregations need to be able to reflect on what words and actions actually say to the communities in which we live and worship	427179-427170-47709323
It is one of several competing claims to financial resource.	427179-427170-47709393
A minimal impact on the strategy.	427179-427170-47715075

We have to fully understand what the root of the problem is. Most of the time we are simply responding to the immediate need - food banks for example.	427179-427170-47725385
Our Mission Fund makes grants to out local churches to support activities such as relieving poverty in their communities	427179-427170-47725733
There is support for churches - both for building requirements eg churches upgrading kitchen facilities to allow prepartoin of meals etc and for employing folk to help with work among	427179-427170-47727092
We make "enabling grants" available to local churches for their work - this includes activities tackling poverty	427179-427170-47729492
Some of our churches have designated funds and/or percentages of their income hat goes specifically to serving the poor.	427179-427170-47729228
We need to prioritise funding for this which is challenging in the climate. I think other priorities often take over.	427179-427170-47727115
We are making new efforts to fund social action through Caritas. This has involved different financial decisions such as selling properties to set up investment income.	427179-427170-47739217
Fundamental to who we are.	427179-427170-47741404
it is a priority that often affects that other decisions	427179-427170-47746252
commitment to social care and to being present in areas of need are prioritised and take up a lot of resources	427179-427170-47749980
Crucial. As a district we are very clear and intentional inner budget setting and its part of our ongoing policy development. In terms of circuits its very dependent on circuits deciding how much budget they allocate to this important area	427179-427170-47749717
As already mentioned, church resources are very much under pressure. The system of parish shares in the Anglican Diocese ensures that to some extent funds from the richer deaneries pass o on to poorer deaneries. I have already mentioned the Methodist decision to form a single circuit in Sheffield for reasons of fair distribution of resources.	427179-427170-47750292
Due to poor financial resources, we cannot sustain the commitment to long term poverty.	427179-427170-47754692
The local church needs to be itself sustainable if any medium or long term strategy is to succeed. Therefore resources need to be deployed in places which are seen to show some level of sustainability, however that is determined.	427179-427170-47772505
It's led the Methodist Church to set up the Mission along side the Poor (now Methodist Action on Poverty and Justice MAJP) grant scheme and programme	427179-427170-47827576
We are running out of money and are dependent on local donations	427179-427170-47841325
We are not in a position to use finance but we are in a position to point people to information, websites and other resources. We are able to challenge and inspire and encourage.	427179-427170-47845168

Again very little. the pressure with limited funds is to focus on the institution. We have a partnership with the Church Urban Fund to finance a worker but cut our Social Responsibility Adviser. However, see below	427179-427170-47878156
A contracting church has surplus assets and great thought should be given as to how they should be invested for sustained benefit of the poor as well as the other priorities that the Church has to consider e.g. ageing clergy. There is a responsibility on leaders to encourage congregations to support Catholic-inspired charities in their efforts to address poverty, as they do regarding global need through support for CAFOD.	427179-427170-47874381
We need to start supporting social responsibility and community engagement properly again. The model needs to be one which supports local churches to engage in their local area, rather than one that does things on their behalf from the Diocesan central staff. The role, as well as the practical, needs to enable theological reflection to unpick the threads of what holds people back.	427179-427170-47898276
There is a dedicated fund for the activities mentioned above	427179-427170-47919588
Our National church has given a substantial financial commitment, through it's Priority Areas committee for many years. I would guess in the face of competing priorities it would be unlikely to increase this . The regional church has minimal funds ,but will support one off events.	427179-427170-47826668
I am not the best to comment on this however our local church does give a gift every year to various groups that are responding to poverty in the uk. We also have a special fund in the church reserved for helping people in our local community who experience the effects of poverty. This is given to at every communion service which happens twice a month. The church family also give food to our own food bag to help keep it going. There are special groups within the wider network who seek to respond directly to poverty and this has a budget to help them do it.	427179-427170-47943887
We look to see how we can relate to need in the communities in which we are set.	427179-427170-48039571
Almost every initiative needs local funding therefore each project has budgetary implications	427179-427170-48076943
It would mean that far greater resources be released than they currently are.	427179-427170-48115603
I don't know.	427179-427170-48215937
In Yorkshire we have released £500,000 in 2019 with a possibility of up to another £500,000 in 2020 for churches to engage with their communities in whatever ways are appropriate to their context.	427179-427170-48214518
There are more and more opportunities, but have to make sure do not over stretch and ensure that all we do is of the highest quality able to provide. Increasing looking towards partnership.	427179-427170-48226290
For Baptists, the autonomy of the local church means encouraging local churches to engage in the issue. The spending of the 'family purse' (Home Mission) affects the points below.	427179-427170-48238808
The Diocese has set up its own Caritas: an umbrella organisation to encourage a more coordinated and searching approach to charitable activities and social action. The Diocese has a number of separate charities	427179-427170-48492543

activities and social action. The Diocese has a number of separate charities such as Catholic Care, St Monica Housing, The Good Shepherd Centre, St Vincent's Centre. The Diocese is also a member of Leeds Citizens (a chapter of Citizens UK)	
Little	427179-427170-48529892
Each Baptist church is independent and sets its own priorities for funding. Challenging poverty could be made a priority in grant-making or national and regional campaigns but Baptist resources are very small compared with other denominations.	427179-427170-48561221
N/A to the nature of how we work	427179-427170-48584260
We have a committed national grants funding stream for projects tackling poverty. It is a recognised criteria for grants generally.	427179-427170-48602891
A commitment to encourage all Christians and churches to see social engagement and social transformation as central to the gospel and the proclamation of the Kingdom of God. Our commitment to witness in all communities - inner urban, outer estates, suburbs, rural, city/town centres, ex mining, market towns - is a challenge with declining and ageing congregations. If we want to continue to have impact on all places we need to see growth in congregations, and a younger demographic	427179-427170-48602825
we can use funds to support local initiatives	427179-427170-48604388
The Church does what it can with declining respurces	427179-427170-48607717
we operate and ethical investment fund policy, enviromental policies and anti-trafficking and modern day slavery awareness with plans to set and agree standards. we set asside fundraising events and church fundraising to ressource our anti-poverty services	427179-427170-48608232
Don't know	427179-427170-48608991
We like to prioritise our funds in whatever way we can.	427179-427170-48609325
Staffing	427179-427170-48612669
At Parish level, priorities will be suited to local need.	427179-427170-48614564
In a time when there are increasing financial pressures for all our congregations, and our national church, any committment to challenging poverty is given similiar priority to looking after our elderly people, people with dementia and others in need.	427179-427170-47694183
At the moment I fear we are dealing with symptoms and not the causes. But we have a city poverty action group and regional fairness and social justice group. This is run by the council and combined authority	427179-427170-48621039
As +Philip is the national chair of the national Estates Evangelism Task Group, applying Vision 2026 through the lens of deprived communities is one of our local priority contexts	427179-427170-48624823
difficult to answer nationally; key part of many churches vision; some employment of people focussed on this area; attempts to work from bottom up and top down -i.e. affecting policy as well as helping those in poverty or need	427179-427170-48630652

Supporting local charities ; keeping afloat ourselves for missionary activity;? encourage the better off to give more and to donate food and clothes	427179-427170-48636293
Diocesan support via Vision Fund, support for Together Lancashire	427179-427170-48637349
We would recognise deprived areas as under-churched and under-reached but also recognise the capacity challenges of working solely in such areas	427179-427170-48624027
little, but not irrelevant	427179-427170-48674607
Funding in the Methodist Church has become a lot more focussed on different elements of mission but also on the 4 areas of "Our Calling" a Methodist document on what we are called to do as disciples which includes "Service" , this relates to serving others but also justice issues, tackling poverty etc. So applications for funding have to prove that they are meeting at least one of the 4 areas.	427179-427170-48674857
Not enough for us as a church.	427179-427170-48675242
Catholic Social Teaching that focusses on the value of the person and lives lived in justice and peace, must guide how we use our resources. This works better in some diocese than others.	427179-427170-48683409
Individual churches would be encouraged to play their part in their own communities without there being a specific Diocesan strategy.	427179-427170-48687459
None - all activities are run by donation of time and other resources (e.g. foodstuffs for the food bank)	427179-427170-48693550
As we are a small and ageing group considerable effort is committed to trying to balance pre-existing work with new demands. Quakers have tended to concentrate in increasing awareness, but many individual Quakers are involved directly in mitigation of social problems, as indicated above.	427179-427170-48694810
The overarching aim of working for the Common Good encompasses this aspect of the national strategy but, in practice, most funding is directed towards church growth and reform at present rather than enabling the alleviation of poverty. in that respect it is too self-centred. A decreasing amount is directed towards areas of low income and deprivation.	427179-427170-48705937
Charity status restricts use of church funds	427179-427170-48869301
We operate in a very decentralised way, so no funds that this question could apply to!	427179-427170-48880456
There is funding for my work and I make loads of partnerships with other agencies, charities, churches of all denominations, public groups etc to enable us to tackle poverty.	427179-427170-48880578
Little. In common with many many Diocese, the expectation that Church Commissioners support is used to support ministry in the least well of parts of a Diocese is concentrating minds.... but hardly on 'challenging UK pov'.	427179-427170-48885046
strong national focus for our church with its Priority Area parishes based on national statistics. This also determines the funding of particular posts	427179-427170-48888084
Signed can't funds are given and prioritise the poorer parishes	427179-427170-48895566
We have committed £150K over 5 years to become a strategic partner	427179-427170-48899099

with Citizens UK to build broadbased coalitions within the diocese to increase our capacity for community organising for social change. We are currently exploring how diocesan wealth and resources can be better used to work positively in the area of housing need.	
We have a commitment to justice - it is hard to particularly pull out poverty from that.	427179-427170-48917121
The problem is leadership and lack of new people joining the church and members and in ministers, not money.	427179-427170-48926684
Financial support is given to many needs. Community first then beyond	427179-427170-48975386
May need to release money from funds to help make it a financial priority.	427179-427170-49041890
I am not aware of a national policy commitment to challenge poverty in the UK. That doesn't mean that there isn't one, but I am unaware of it.	427179-427170-49050769
Making better use of buildings during the week. Ensuring that there is money set aside from regular income.	427179-427170-49071744
I don't know	427179-427170-49075005
The financial priorities of our regional(South Wales Area Meeting) and national(Britain Yearly Meeting) organisations are responsive to the identified 'concerns' of Quakers.	427179-427170-49075616
The CofE is short of money, nationally, within dioceses and within benefices and parishes - our attention and energy is also spread rather thinly at the moment	427179-427170-49095955
The best way to bring lasting change is by financing workers. Increasingly we are releasing workers into social enterprise schemes. As a region the churches have launched and helped finance a training initiative for unemployed people; finance for this is now coming from successful applications for (mainly local authority) grants. Capacity, in terms of both finance and personnel, is always the limiting factor. We are increasingly funding long term projects for the poor from grants rather than from church. Much of what church people do for the poor is under the auspices of secular charities, as anything labelled 'church' is automatically assumed to 'Bible-bash' clients and hence fail to attract funding.	427179-427170-49139949
Very Little the church only just keeps afloat	427179-427170-49194467
It is now one of the priorities for our diocese, given a high profile by our present bishop. This is mainly channeled through Caritas Plymouth. As it was only launched in May of this year, it is likely to grow and develop further.	427179-427170-49193132
N/a	427179-427170-49196663
The Church Commissioners provide Lowest Income Communities Funding to 25 dioceses	427179-427170-49242181
It is there but there are many issues that need to be tackled. Poverty itself is not something that the church can tackle or be responsible for. It can call it out where it sees unfairness and it can seek to support those affected by it. The charity I run aims to support local communities to look after one another whatever else is happening elsewhere or with government policy. We have to develop self-sustaining local communities.	427179-427170-49536915

16.a - Decisions about the deployment of ordained clergy and layworkers

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Just beginning to engage with this.	427179-427170-47663652
Decisions made in line with practical need and the willingness of local congregations to engage with that need.	427179-427170-47665445
In a congregational governed movement, one cannot really speak of 'deployment', however my project 'East Swansea Chaplaincy' is supported financially by the Home Mission Fund as a special ministry rather than a pastoral ministry.	427179-427170-47672104
As above the support to Priority Areas results in priority deployment of staff in these communities which is how most of the ring fenced funding is spent.	427179-427170-47677072
We aspire to station ministers where they're needed most but don't always fulfil this.	427179-427170-47688011
A minister engaged in this work will be favoured to stay longer and continue the ministry	427179-427170-47694356
None	427179-427170-47698013
Salvation Army corps (church) are at the same time community centres where a variety of work goes on. The more specific work in sheltering the homeless etc. requiring employed workers and officers (clergy) has an equal call on available staff. The officer (clergy) shortage presents challenges and increases our employment of community workers in this Division.	427179-427170-47705225
Some extra deployment into areas which can't 'afford' ministry.	427179-427170-47708527
Deployment of staff and resources to areas of need and supporting of churches so they can support the workers. Try to get churches to work together in areas rather than alone. Trust the work of the church in an area to one denomination	427179-427170-47709323
Stronger in the urban areas, especially deprived areas.	427179-427170-47709393
None	427179-427170-47715075
We have to take more seriously the 'call' of people to serve in places where the challenges of poverty can feel overwhelming.	427179-427170-47725385
Very limited, although we have some specialist community ministers who are deployed to areas of particular need where the local church has identified this as a priority	427179-427170-47725733
Churches with good local work get priority on both - a fair amount of this is addressing poverty.	427179-427170-47727092
Deployment taken into account all the activities of the local church	427179-427170-47729492
More staff roles are being created that have a greater focus on addressing the social needs of the community	427179-427170-47729228

the social needs of the community	
Bishop Philip North's address to General Synod captures the sense of this - we need to do it, but demonstrating that practically is challenging. Also finding people willing to serve in areas of poverty is challenging.	427179-427170-47727115
It is hoped that Deacons will have a key role in Caritas	427179-427170-47739217
Always in our thinking	427179-427170-47741404
it causes difficulties to balance priorities particularly in urban deprived areas	427179-427170-47746252
a high priority	427179-427170-47749980
We try and give grants to places that cant afford ministry and especially in deprived areas. We talk very seriously our provision of ministry both lay and ordained	427179-427170-47749717
Some claim that in the Anglican church vacancies last considerably longer and are more widespread in poor Deaneries than in rich Deaneries but I know the Diocese tries to support the poorer Deaneries and the system of parish shares ensures that to some extent funds from the richer deaneries pass o on to poorer deaneries.	427179-427170-47750292
We send ministers to plant churches every year.	427179-427170-47754692
Certain areas re deemed strategic in terms of church presence and will therefore have a priority in the deployment of clergy	427179-427170-47772505
It's hard to see bow these issues directly play into the Methodist Stationing system; I'm not aware that poverty for example is a criterion used in the process for identifying 'critical' appointments, although more broader references to 'mission imperatives' is.	427179-427170-47827576
We are having to monitor the cost/deployment of local clergy	427179-427170-47841325
We have not control. Each local church make their own decisions.	427179-427170-47845168
We are committed to being a presence in every community so churches are supported by central funds in poor areas to ensure there is a ministerial presence	427179-427170-47878156
Recognition of spiritual poverty and the benefits of pastoral ministry. Also the contribution that can be made in acting as detectors of poverty and making congregations and others aware.	427179-427170-47874381
Staying present in areas of poverty is really important, we must not withdraw even when church attendance is poor. We need to deploy people to these places who have a creative and engaged outlook. In some cases, deploying an ordained or lay pioneer might be appropriate though being careful not to burden the pioneer with significant church focussed ministry that is not in keeping with their calling. Creative solutions might include combining oversight of a small urban church with another parish while employing a lay or ordained pioneer to engage in significant ways in the local community.	427179-427170-47898276
N/A	427179-427170-47919588
The church has given additional lay support to the poorest (priority areas)	427179-427170-47826668

There is an attempt to equip with training all ministers who enter into regular ordained ministry be that as pastors, evangelist, community workers etc. There are grants available to help with ministry.	427179-427170-47943887
We look to deploy people where they can make a difference.	427179-427170-48039571
Mainly an oversight role but some give significant amounts of their time each week.	427179-427170-48076943
Ministry is not about what happens in the Church for an hour on a Sunday, but what happens outside the building for the rest of the week. Ordained clergy, lay workers, every Christian have a responsibility to work with all other organisations, be they other faith-based or secular, to address this rising need.	427179-427170-48115603
I can't comment on this.	427179-427170-48215937
Ministry (rather than ministers) is provided according to the defined needs of a local church and its community. This will be through the development of teams of ordained and lay workers to make engagement with the local communities.	427179-427170-48214518
Certainly having to be creative, and look towards increasing use of volunteers.	427179-427170-48226290
we are seeking to put new pioneers into areas of poverty as part of church-planting	427179-427170-48238808
A member of the Clergy has been appointed by the Diocesan Bishop to set up and coordinate the work of Caritas Leeds. Parish priests oversee the charitable activities within their parish. A number of clergy are members of local Churches Together groups.	427179-427170-48492543
Little	427179-427170-48529892
See above	427179-427170-48561221
N/A to the nature of how we work	427179-427170-48584260
Appointments can be prioritised on the basis of various criteria: working in an area of deprivation could theoretically be included in reasoned statements around that, but it would be up to local people to make that case, and me to support them.	427179-427170-48602891
a major focus on deployment is leaders who will focus on church growth. (NB an SDF bid has as part of its focus work on outer estates in Nottingham)	427179-427170-48602825
n/a	427179-427170-48604388
Do not understand the question	427179-427170-48607717
Caritas Diocese of Salford employs over 120 staff dedicated to services that reduce poverty	427179-427170-48608232
Have deployed me into Belfast City Centre, despite not having sufficient clergy for all churches.	427179-427170-48608991
Resources and investment which we are told are not available.	427179-427170-48609325
None	427179-427170-48612669

Few implications, since all priests, deacons and lay workers in the Diocese receive appropriate formation, enabling them to address local issues.	427179-427170-48614564
There are less and less Ministers now available nationally so locally we adhere to our Presbytery Plan which has been adapted to deal with less Ministers in our Parishes. The implications for this does not impact on individual congregations abilities to contribute to poverty.	427179-427170-47694183
It's not directly. Though we have a policy that we support the poorest churches.	427179-427170-48621039
We are seeking to use national Lowest Income Community grant funding to maintain ordained clergy in our poorest communities	427179-427170-48624823
yes - does go on, part time and almost full time	427179-427170-48630652
Parish clergy and religious women work collaboratively with local groups.	427179-427170-48636293
don't know	427179-427170-48637349
We do not have a centralised support system to be able to release ministers into poor areas but some of our larger churches are able to do this	427179-427170-48624027
little	427179-427170-48674607
Deacons and lay workers are increasingly being deployed to work in areas of high deprivation. The Newcastle District has also just appointed me as a Community Engagement Enabler which includes the Poverty Truth Commission, Social Justice work and responding to community need including issues of poverty so decisions about deployment have taken poverty into account. We are also looking at how we might resources areas which cannot currently afford a minister but are in areas of high need. How do we use our resources.	427179-427170-48674857
I feel this tends to be done in a crisis management way at the moment rather than with thought of poverty.	427179-427170-48683409
N/A	427179-427170-48687459
N/A	427179-427170-48693550
The traditional view has been that we are all clergy, but we have paid workers, mainly based at Friends House Euston who operate the many very valuable work committed to by the Society corporate. Current thinking is to take paid workers nearer to the individual meetings. As well as corporate concerns many individual Quakers are led to take personal actions	427179-427170-48694810
I am not aware of challenging UK poverty as a specific factor in relation to deployment other than to recognise that it will become increasingly difficult to deploy stipendiary clergy into areas that cannot afford to support them.	427179-427170-48705937
Increasing emphasis on urban priority areas, use of deacons and other community workers as well as ordained clergy to meet perceived needs	427179-427170-48869301
Again, our decentralised practice means I can't answer this.	427179-427170-48880456
They need to think much more strategically about clergy and layworkers in area of poverty: they need to be better resourced, creative and practical, and have a support network around them to help set up whatever is	427179-427170-48880578

needed, such as Foodbank or Night Shelter or drop in: funding and able volunteers or more paid workers. They need a whole person care approach and a collaborative approach with the community.	
As above.	427179-427170-48885046
No effect on the deployment of clergy under the church's polity but has affect in relation to the employment of lay workers and specialist ministries	427179-427170-48888084
Training and support is needed for the clergy	427179-427170-48895566
I am not aware specifically of how this happens. Many of these strategic decisions happen at deanery level, as does offering some kind of 'preferential option for poorer parishes' in terms of the divvying up of parish share contributions. In addition, there is a weighting for rural and urban deprivation built into the parish share formula.	427179-427170-48899099
We are a congregational denomination so do not make hierarchical decisions about deployment	427179-427170-48917121
There needs to be a radical change in attitude towards training and employing church workers.	427179-427170-48926684
Clergy are not social workers but are called to be involved in issues such as poverty. Encouragement of layworkers is also essential.	427179-427170-49041890
We try to put staff in place in areas of deprivation who are sympathetic to the local situation.	427179-427170-49050769
That is a question that has yet to be addressed.	427179-427170-49071744
The employment of staff, at a national level, is determined by corporate discernment of priorities. Individual Quakers act as we are led. We have no ordained clergy.	427179-427170-49075616
This diocese has made a policy decision to have more ordained clergy - most a deployed in rural areas	427179-427170-49095955
See above. We do not have 'ordained clergy' in the sense that some established denominations do, and we recognise that most bible colleges and theological schools equip their graduates to serve the church. Entrepreneurial leadership that will set up initiatives to serve the poor may well need to come from the so-called laity, and might helpfully be separated from 'church work' for the reason stated above.	427179-427170-49139949
None	427179-427170-49194467
There is a part time worker employed by the diocese for Caritas and a Justice and Peace worker, this is soon to increase to a full time worker for Caritas with administrative support. There are some paid workers in the other fields of Catholic Children's Society. Also, as Vicar General I have a special responsibility and devote much of my time to Caritas Plymouth, and a Deacon is also heavily involved. Mostly others working with Church charities are volunteers. We also are beginning to work closely with St Petroc's in Cornwall with regard supporting homeless people, and exploring how are parishes can offer more help.	427179-427170-49193132
N./a	427179-427170-49196663
the above subsidises deployment in many areas	427179-427170-49242181

They continue to deploy clergy into areas of disadvantage including places where the local congregations are unable to 'pay their way'. Our parish share system is essentially redistributive based on wealth.	427179-427170-49536915
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16.b - The support for/closure of local church buildings

Showing all 91 responses	
None	427179-427170-47663652
Finite monetary resources to be allocated to areas of most practical need.	427179-427170-47665445
See above - the use for community purposes of the building (principle but not only the food bank) has improved the viability of the building.	427179-427170-47672104
Poverty is generally not a priority when deciding on buildings strategy.	427179-427170-47677072
As above	427179-427170-47688011
we provide support to local churches who actively engage in reducing poverty	427179-427170-47694356
None	427179-427170-47698013
We try to maintain our buildings, and several congregations are guests in other church buildings	427179-427170-47706218
The Salvation Army presents in many ways as a seven day church. The numbers accessing TSA in the week often exceeds attendance of Sunday. An effective week day programme will preserve a centre from closure even when Sunday attendance is low.	427179-427170-47705225
Grants for work in particular churches - for workers and projects.	427179-427170-47708527
Look at what model of church works in an area and not make assumptions	427179-427170-47709323
There is evidence that local church buildings in key deprived areas are supported well by becoming district projects. Touchstone Centre in Bradford. Huddersfield Mission. Closure of church buildings most usually provides reserves for maintaining a Christian presence in other places.	427179-427170-47709393
Some are kept open by being food banks at least one has been revitalised by being a community kitchen,	427179-427170-47715075
Not sure this is applicable to us.	427179-427170-47725385
Support for - where the local church discerns a call to respond to need; closure - none	427179-427170-47725733
This is not a big factor, but we do try to ensure as much work carries on as possible.	427179-427170-47727092
We are always sensitive to 'kingdom use' of closed buildings, whilst being somewhat constrained by Charity Law.	427179-427170-47729492
N/A	427179-427170-47729228
One of our churches has renovated its church hall into a Social Justice Hub. This is a good example of this happening positively.	427179-427170-47727115

this is a good example of this happening positively	
See first response	427179-427170-47739217
Beginning to form part of our thinking in a much more intentional way.	427179-427170-47741404
not really affected other than the resources are recycled often to needs based projects	427179-427170-47746252
a significant factor	427179-427170-47749980
we have District staff team who engage with every church who is considering closure. They do not always close after our team have worked with them. We also give grants if we believe a good case is presented for mission.	427179-427170-47749717
We see church closures in poor areas in both Anglican and Methodist churches though they can also occur in more affluent areas as well.	427179-427170-47750292
No Closures	427179-427170-47754692
The willingness and ability of the local congregation (regardless of clergy) will always be an important factor in any closure	427179-427170-47772505
There is a reluctance to pull out of areas of deprivation - but at the same time a recognition that we find it hard to find the resources to maintain congregations and buildings in these areas.	427179-427170-47827576
If there is no active mission then wise decisions are necessitated	427179-427170-47841325
The local congregation decide whether the church close, although we do work alongside the church and help them make a decision. We don't have resources to supplement income although we are able to give small grants to help a church pay for a stipend for a minister.	427179-427170-47845168
We have closed very little, but where they have closed its largely in urban areas. However, these areas were often overprovided with Church buildings (and were even at their time of construction. so it doesn't affect our capacity to deliver much.	427179-427170-47878156
Can these buildings assist in addressing need e.g. as day centres, hostels, with the operational responsibility undertaken by structured bodies e.g. existing charities, new organisations with a robust operational framework and constitution.	427179-427170-47874381
In a lot of cases, creative solutions are better than full closure, that allow churches to remain open as multi-use buildings. This is particularly the case in rural situations where the church is a significant community building and symbolic of the presence of the church in that place. We need to get better at multi-use spaces.	427179-427170-47898276
No negative impact so far	427179-427170-47919588
The issue of poverty will only impact if a local church is engaging meaningfully in anti poverty work.	427179-427170-47826668
A commitment to poverty has led to some discussions on what to do with buildings. Some are closed and reopened for a new direction of ministry that still flows out a church foundation i.e. renovation work to turn buildings into serviceable centres for a modern context. Some buildings have been sold off and the money put towards missional projects that	427179-427170-47943887

share part of their remit with tackling local poverty.	
Not really applicable.	427179-427170-48039571
Wherever possible building should be in use as much as possible for the benefit of both the spiritual and other local communities.	427179-427170-48076943
This varies according to local need and opportunity. Some buildings need to be closed to ensure Kingdom resources are more wisely spent, whilst others can be a valuable asset for community work.	427179-427170-48115603
I can't comment on this.	427179-427170-48215937
Conversations with local congregations to discern how best to use their resources. This obviously includes buildings - whether to sell, repair, redevelop, share with another group are all feasible if appropriate. Congregations can decide to end as a local church, transform into a mission project or unite with another denomination.	427179-427170-48214518
In many case we continue to strategically keep work going that meet community needs but are financially being deficit funded from central sources	427179-427170-48226290
using release of resources from the few churches we close into pioneer projects as in 16a	427179-427170-48238808
Over the last few years the emphasis has been in amalgamating parishes rather than closing Church buildings.	427179-427170-48492543
Little	427179-427170-48529892
This priority could potentially be applied in the disposal of buildings	427179-427170-48561221
N/A to the nature of how we work	427179-427170-48584260
Very little. We would try to look at issues of deprivation when a church comes to close, and are open to missional opportunities presented by a building's availability. Connexional property strategy encourages us to explore ways of keeping property assets within the church, but does not link this to poverty.	427179-427170-48602891
generally the aim is to keep open church buildings	427179-427170-48602825
n/a	427179-427170-48604388
The church as a charity cannot do this easily or legally	427179-427170-48607717
The Diocese is implimenting a policy to recycle and reuse church premes to create community facilities and house homeless people and refugees..	427179-427170-48608232
Don't Know	427179-427170-48608991
Volunteers and footfall	427179-427170-48609325
N/A	427179-427170-48612669
None. There are few closures and, in most cases, buildings would not be suited to other uses.	427179-427170-48614564
Closures of underused and non used local church buildings is an area which is going to be seriously discussed and acted on, as a directive from our General Assembly. However any funds which may be realised are likely	427179-427170-47694183

to be shared amongst the local congregations and used as they see fit.	
We need to keep public civic space open and active. The diocese sees this as a priority	427179-427170-48621039
We are seeking to maintain a vibrant Christian community in every deprived community - this doesn't necessarily have to be in a recognised church building	427179-427170-48624823
?	427179-427170-48636293
don't know	427179-427170-48637349
-	427179-427170-48624027
some	427179-427170-48674607
Buildings are still being closed but the Newcastle District Policy Committee also tries to consider what the closure may mean in terms of mission in an area and what impact the closure will have on a local community.	427179-427170-48674857
We support another church's work.	427179-427170-48675242
Parishes and the diocese are just beginning to think of this I think. Financial pressures on the diocese have made other thoughts difficult until now.	427179-427170-48683409
N/A	427179-427170-48687459
N/A	427179-427170-48693550
Buildings are in the ownership of area meetings which are discrete charities. Concern for poverty in the UK tends to be addressed by Friends House staff, and by individual members/attenders and local meetings.	427179-427170-48694810
I am not aware of a national and strategic 'poverty agenda' in relation to the use of church buildings, although in practice many church buildings are used as a base for activities allied to the alleviation of poverty.	427179-427170-48705937
Closure of local church buildings usually seen as rationalisation of resources. However, there is I think an increasing attempt to use church buildings to further community projects	427179-427170-48869301
Ditto	427179-427170-48880456
When a building becomes available, we want to use it to house a homeless family or for temporary accommodation with the local authority, but the PCC's see it as an opportunity to earn money via private rental.	427179-427170-48880578
Well the poorest are often the smallest and are more likely to face closure.	427179-427170-48885046
not sure that there is a specific input in relation to the buildings issue	427179-427170-48888084
Sale of buildings goes into supporting the development of poor churches and their mission	427179-427170-48895566
Again, I am not fully aware of how these decisions are made.	427179-427170-48899099
See answer a	427179-427170-48917121
Buildings are well maintained, but the congregations are elderly and diminishing.	427179-427170-48926684

People may be needed to be seen as more important than maintaining historical buildings, which could be done by heritage trusts and groups.	427179-427170-49041890
This is a problem as we have a lot of church buildings with small congregations. Escalating costs and reduced income.	427179-427170-49050769
Making redundant buildings available to the community as a first priority during any process of sale.	427179-427170-49071744
Use of our Meeting House is determined corporate discernment of priorities.	427179-427170-49075616
Some of our city churches here are being kept open because they are a focus for advice and support for people in difficulty and need, and for homeless people	427179-427170-49095955
Most of our churches rent premises and are not saddled with high costs of maintenance for historic and sometimes dilapidated buildings. Those few that do own their own buildings use them to serve their communities by housing food banks, youth clubs, job clubs, messy church, drop-in cafes etc etc.	427179-427170-49139949
None	427179-427170-49194467
We look to use unused church buildings (e.g. former Convents and Presbyteries) for possible housing for Refugees, or second stage places for homeless people, or other such use. This is still mostly in the exploring stage, as Caritas Plymouth is so young, and is likely to develop quickly.	427179-427170-49193132
N/a	427179-427170-49196663
usually the appeal is to Heritage Lottery	427179-427170-49242181
It is not based on wealth but viability and opportunity.	427179-427170-49536915
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16.c - The training of student ministers at theological colleges (where applicable)

Showing all 82 responses	
Again just beginning to address this too.	427179-427170-47663652
The Baptist Union of Great Britain (and the Baptist Union of Wales) is recognising that ministry is pluriform, for example with newly accredited ministers being ordained to chaplaincies rather than having to serve a 'probation' period in pastoral ministry	427179-427170-47672104
No Implications that I am aware of.	427179-427170-47677072
From past experience, I believe this to receive due priority and focus	427179-427170-47688011
not applicable	427179-427170-47694356
None	427179-427170-47698013
mostly done in Germany - most ministers are from Germany	427179-427170-47706218
Cadets are taught within the breadth of TSA's understanding of mission and ministry to the whole person - some are trained specially towards	427179-427170-47705225

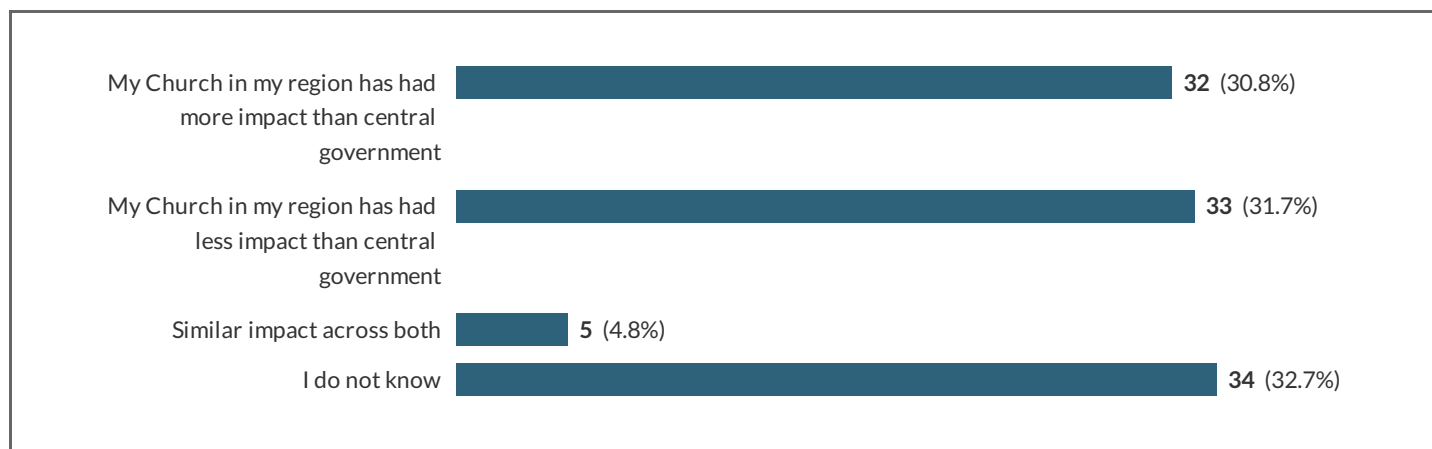
and ministry to the whole person, some are trained specially towards Homeless Services etc. and chaplaincy after the basic training has been given in biblical, missional, person centred studies.	
Criteria for being accepted for training less academic and more vocational and open to more practical theological expressions	427179-427170-47709323
Student ministers could be better acquainted with the need for advocacy and better acquainted with how to relate to local political structures.	427179-427170-47709393
None	427179-427170-47715075
This is key.	427179-427170-47725385
Our student ministers undertake placements in projects addressing poverty (e.g. churches running foodbanks, night shelters, etc.)	427179-427170-47725733
We have Church RElated Community workers, a lot of whose ministry responds to poverty. Their training takes this into account and many ordinands are also included in this training.	427179-427170-47727092
Unknown	427179-427170-47729492
N/A	427179-427170-47729228
Placements are key to opening eyes and giving people experiences of the impact of poverty that they might not otherwise get.	427179-427170-47727115
Fundamental to who we are	427179-427170-47741404
It is part of their training	427179-427170-47746252
Financial support given to those who need it to allow them to study. Not sure what they are being taught these days	427179-427170-47749980
see above we are committed at Queens for initial training and Cliff college for further training in many areas impacted poverty.	427179-427170-47749717
We have a ministers training and development program.	427179-427170-47754692
The training of student ministers (now undertaken predominantly at Queens) focuses very clearly on culture and context - though how far there is a specific focus on poverty is not a question I can answer.	427179-427170-47827576
Not known	427179-427170-47841325
Each Baptist College takes a lead in training of ministers. Our role is to support them where they are leading a church in the Association, but our support is not around input / content of lectures.	427179-427170-47845168
No influence	427179-427170-47878156
The curriculum must include an understanding of the breadth and nature of poverty, its address, effective advocacy, leadership in involving congregations to express their faith in action.	427179-427170-47874381
Student ministers need a better understanding of the things I've mentioned in comments above, particularly a liberation theology perspective to go beyond the local need into political action; also the intersection between social responsibility and evangelism; also the fact that the purpose of evangelism is kingdom, not church.	427179-427170-47898276
N/A	427179-427170-47919588

	427179-427170-47819388
Minimal ! At a time when the church about it's own survival I would expect to see higher priority being given to church growth than anti poverty work	427179-427170-47826668
Students are made aware of the help and support that is available to them when they embark on future ministry. Some having specific training for specific issues of poverty.	427179-427170-47943887
It would be included in training.	427179-427170-48039571
Training must include the need to be both salt and light in every community	427179-427170-48076943
Less of the teacher/preacher/pastor role is required and more of the community pastor/chaplain, pioneer, social justice advocate roles.	427179-427170-48115603
I can't comment on this.	427179-427170-48215937
We have a long tradition of calling and training Church Related Community Workers. Also ministers of Word and Sacraments are trained in new ways to relate to the changing world and needs for new ministries.	427179-427170-48214518
N/A	427179-427170-48226290
teaching ordinands to be pioneers and preparing some for bi-vocational ministry	427179-427170-48238808
This is an important area but I cannot comment on the extent of this with the priest/deacons training. We do not have a seminary based in our Diocese.	427179-427170-48492543
Little	427179-427170-48529892
Ministerial training includes consideration of social and community action.	427179-427170-48561221
N/A to the nature of how we work	427179-427170-48584260
I'm not sure how it is worked in to initial theological education, but I would expect it to be.	427179-427170-48602891
A mixed economy, but certainly a move to contextual based training	427179-427170-48602825
it is included	427179-427170-48604388
Not my area to comment on	427179-427170-48607717
There needs to be a strategy for this	427179-427170-48608232
Don't Know	427179-427170-48608991
None	427179-427170-48612669
Seminary students receive an extensive course in Catholic Social Teaching and take part in outreach to the poor and marginalised in society during formation.	427179-427170-48614564
We actively offer placements for ordinands in deprived contexts	427179-427170-48624823
we do have a bible college that stresses the holistic gospel	427179-427170-48630652
Our seminarians are well aware of how they can help. But remember the Church's first commitment is mission, evangelisation and sacramental practice. Christians pay taxes to mandate the government to work for the	427179-427170-48636293

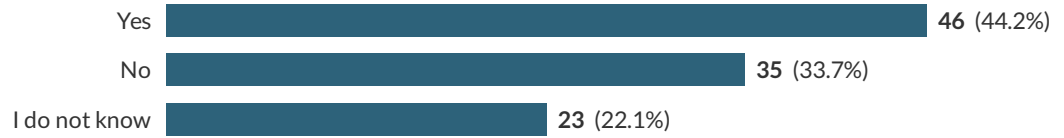
practice. Christians pay taxes to mandate the government to work for the eradication of poverty	
don't know	427179-427170-48637349
-	427179-427170-48624027
none	427179-427170-48674607
Don't know	427179-427170-48674857
Semnaries need to have a greater input from those dealing with poverty. There is some now and some students are drawn to it through their vocation, but it needs to be placed more centrally and less theoretically. Though I have not been to seminary for some years and may be doing them a disservice here.	427179-427170-48683409
N/A	427179-427170-48687459
N/A	427179-427170-48693550
Woodbrooke is the Quaker academic body. They offer a very varied programme of courses including concern for UK poverty.	427179-427170-48694810
I don't know whether poverty (and the church's role in relation to it) currently appears specifically in the curriculum for those training for ordination or licensed ministry.	427179-427170-48705937
?	427179-427170-48869301
We do train leaders, but have nothing explicit in the training about UK poverty.	427179-427170-48880456
They need to be trained about Homelessness: ie causes, national policy, emergency housing, etc) Debt (ie causes, Fair Finance, Universal Credit, agencies who can help such as CAP, CMA etc, Credit Unions, how to run budgeting courses, etc) Addictions (ie causes and which agencies can help) They should know about emergency first aid for rough sleepers, agencies that work in the field who they can partner with, such as Housing Justice etc, and how to run a Night Shelter. They should know how to run holiday clubs, breakfast clubs etc. They should have basic mental health awareness training and be able to spot the signs and signpost to help. They should know about the work of Porchlight, the Salvation Army etc and the value of partnership working.	427179-427170-48880578
Our students are expected to train in a variety of settings and many opt to experience work in a Priority Area parish	427179-427170-48888084
Work based knowledge is provided	427179-427170-48895566
I have no input here.	427179-427170-48899099
Justice is a very significant issue particularly at the North West Baptist College	427179-427170-48917121
Catastrophically low numbers, mostly entering mid-life. Antiquated and off-putting selection system.	427179-427170-48926684
Needs to include training on aspects of social injustice and outreach.	427179-427170-49041890
I don't think that UK poverty impacts on clergy training.	427179-427170-49050769

Ensuring each student has the opportunity to spend time on a "social placement" - x number of hours at a community lunch centre; involvement with advice centres etc.	427179-427170-49071744
n/a	427179-427170-49075616
don't know	427179-427170-49095955
We have more than one training programme that serves the Christians in our regional network of churches. They will instil a holistic gospel and a kingdom perspective into their students, with a strong emphasis on social justice themes and the encouragement to be actively engaged at a personal level.	427179-427170-49139949
None	427179-427170-49194467
Not sure, but I expect and believe that students are taught about Catholic Social Teaching, and during pastoral placements are given experience of working in may situations with people with all kinds of needs.	427179-427170-49193132
N/a	427179-427170-49196663
don't know	427179-427170-49242181
Not greatly connected except that I teach a community engagement programme for 3 hours once a year.	427179-427170-49536915
Not Applicable	427179-427170-48884462

17 How do you think that the impact of your Church's response to UK poverty in your region compares to the central government's response?



18 Has your national Church in your region been involved in campaigns against the government's austerity policies?



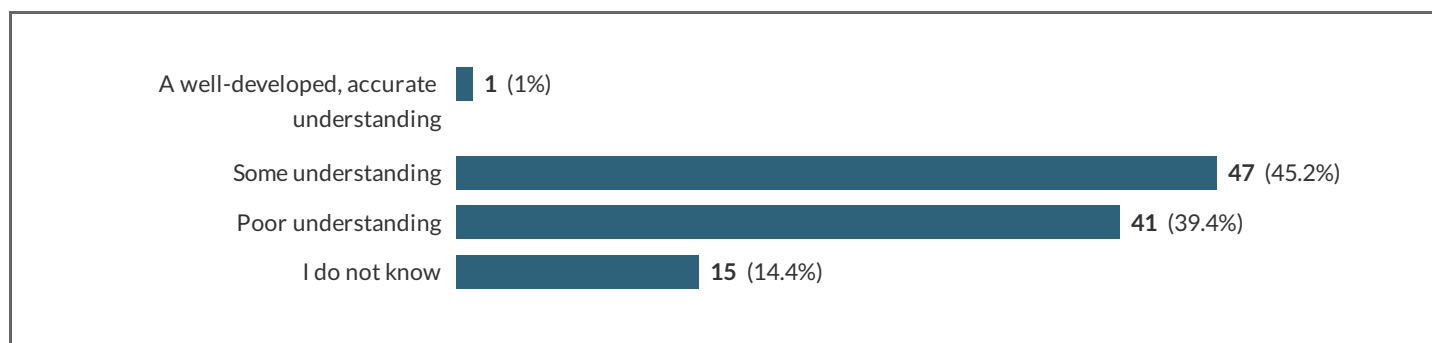
18.a What are some examples of this?

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Working with other churches to lobby for mitigation's and better treatment in individual cases.	427179-427170-47663652
The Kirk's Church & Nations Committee constantly decries poverty in the UK	427179-427170-47669428
Through the Free Churches Joint Public Affairs group but individuals (myself included) have also active by speaking at rallies and taking opportunities through print and broadcast media.	427179-427170-47672104
JPIT campaignsTCC	427179-427170-47688011
Every congregation collects money to support local charities	427179-427170-47706218
There is a team at Territorial Headquarters who engage social policy and lobby government, periodically support will be sought more locally.	427179-427170-47705225
Work of the Joint Public Issues team	427179-427170-47708527
CRC for Yorkshire and the Humber led on this regionally to 2014. JPIT Yorkshire is developing new work. Yorkshire North and East is picking up the homelessness agenda at the moment. Sheffield district has done a lot of work with asylum seekers and refugees.	427179-427170-47709393
JPIT campaigns	427179-427170-47715075
We have been involved in challenging the Government around the use of universal credit.	427179-427170-47725385
JPIT's work on Benefit sanctions, Universal Credit, etc.	427179-427170-47725733
Please see informatoin from the Joint Public Issues team	427179-427170-47727092
Local churches may have been involved	427179-427170-47729492
N/A	427179-427170-47729228
Developed and run by our media and parliamentary departments	427179-427170-47741404
Through the joint public team with the Methodists, running campaigns around truth and lies and benefit changes	427179-427170-47746252
Minimum wage support Bedroom Tax Living Lent Universal credit	427179-427170-47749717

Our Bishop has twice written to Ministers in DWP about the adverse impact of Universal Credit on poor people.	427179-427170-47750292
N/A	427179-427170-47754692
L:obbying MSPs and hosting visits to Salvation Army centres	427179-427170-47772505
The JPiT campaign 'The Lies we tell ourselves' about poverty and unemployment	427179-427170-47827576
Refugees, Night Shelters, National representative for AHT	427179-427170-47841325
JPiT (Joint Public Issues Team) sees Baptists, Methodists and URC working together. We highlight the work of JPiT and direct churches to it's resources.	427179-427170-47845168
C of E in House of Lords and local Bishops lobbying MPs	427179-427170-47878156
Individual members have but not at an organised level.	427179-427170-47898276
Hunger Hut in Birmingham Cathedral grounds	427179-427170-47934849
Through the work of the Joint Public Issues Team and responding to that work.	427179-427170-48039571
I preach locally about this and encourage people to write letters to lobby MPs, but I don't know what others do.	427179-427170-48115603
A recent example was to join the march through Wakefield to celebrate the Labour Movement in Yorkshire. The United Reformed Church has a long tradition of dissent through petition, conversation with politicians, education - all at a local level. In Yorkshire we have developed our own Yorkshire Joint Public Issues Team to tackle social concerns, but we are now discussing whether this would be more productive to have a JPIT for the North of England	427179-427170-48214518
Have got involved in the changes to benefits, also Brexit as examples	427179-427170-48226290
JPIT (on behalf of Baptist, Methodists and URC) as campaigned on austerity	427179-427170-48238808
In conjunction with the action taken by the Bishops' Conference for England and Wales.	427179-427170-48492543
Some churches and individuals follow campaigns such as JPIT campaign re Universal Credit	427179-427170-48561221
Although individuals in churches will have been engaged.	427179-427170-48584260
Engagement with Joint Public Issues Team materials.	427179-427170-48602891
End Hunger campaign around changes to Universal Credit Support Living Wage Campaign	427179-427170-48602825
Jpit	427179-427170-48604388
Church and Society Council reports and activities	427179-427170-48607717
Challenging DWP sanction decisions Challenging MP's on affordable housing Supporting the campaigns and advocacy of Greater Manchester Citizens; Living Wage etc	427179-427170-48608232

Not officially. It depends on your political stance and your appreciation of social Justice	427179-427170-48636293
Red Fridays campaign against Benefit sanctions Hand cuffing ourselves to church railings to raise the issues of sanctions and benefit changes An angel campaign at Christmas 2017 to demand the cessation of Universal Credit rollout A candle campaign to highlight recent data released by the Office of national statistics around poverty and life expectancy.	427179-427170-48674857
Through our Faith and Justice Commission which assists in such things as the Morecambe Bay Poverty Commission and advises parishes on what to do in the face of benefit changes	427179-427170-48683409
Use of social media to decry government strategy	427179-427170-48705937
We've spoken out about Universal Credit, the gambling laws regarding in-shop machines, the lack of affordable housing, the ending of some peoples right to free school meals, and Stop Loan Sharks.	427179-427170-48880578
representations to Government and policy decisions taken at our General Assembly	427179-427170-48888084
We work with Church Action on Poverty on various campaigns, both as a Diocese and through individual church membership.	427179-427170-48899099
Through Bishop's speeches in the House of Lords, through Christian MPS, through Christian Aid's involvement in national campaigns, through diocesan staff engaged in such issues	427179-427170-49095955
Social Issues in South Lincs	427179-427170-49194467
Bedroom tax	427179-427170-49242181
The C of E rarely campaigns with one voice or directly. I know that the Bishops have raised issues in the House of Lords.	427179-427170-49536915
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19 How well do you think that central government policy makers on UK poverty understand the work that your Church is doing to respond to UK poverty?



19.a What are some examples of this?

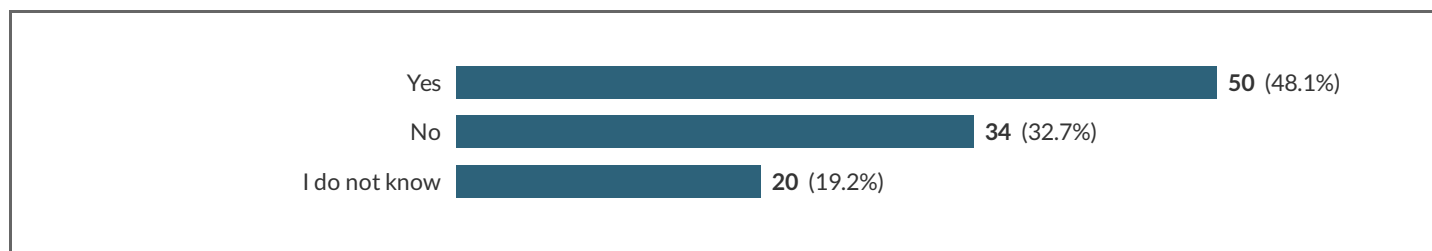
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Acknowledge food bank and debt work	427179-427170-47663652
We engage with the Scottish Parliament through our Scotland Offcie based in Edinburgh	427179-427170-47665445
Public statements often suggest a view that the poor are so because they are feckless and DWP demands on benefit claimants are capable of being interpreted as being punitive - 'the digital workhouse' was a recent description.	427179-427170-47672104
Local churches are really consulted	427179-427170-47698013
TSA contracts with national and local government for the provision of services. MPs etc are pleased to visit SA projects and applaud the work being done on humanitarian grounds while not endorsing the undergirding missional intent of SA social work.	427179-427170-47705225
The Government appear to recognise foodbank usage but little else as conversations we have with baptismal families reveals the need many work with	427179-427170-47709323
CRC for Yorkshire and the Humber published work in the early 2000s about the impact of churches across the region. This was developed by the Yorkshire and Humber Faiths Forum later. Policy Papers by CRC were presented to MPs, local authority leaders and newspapers across the region and sent to the PM and departmental heads relevant to the work. All this was signed off by regional church leaders from all denominations.	427179-427170-47709393
They are aware of our actions on food banks, shelters, supported living schemes.	427179-427170-47715075
The Salvation Army's voice is listened too and we have representatives 'in the room' for Government focus groups.	427179-427170-47725385
JPIT (The Joint Public Issues Team) have a significant campagining role, including submitting evidence to Government consutations	427179-427170-47725733
I would hope that JPIT has had an impact	427179-427170-47729492
I know that there are some Christian think tank organisations in Westminster who have been in touch with us and some of the organisations we partner with to try to highlight/understand some of what the church is engaged in.	427179-427170-47729228
The national Caritas network, Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) is represented at national events.	427179-427170-47739217
Churches are relied upon by Central and local Government but they fear us in case we are too evangelical.	427179-427170-47741404
They pretend there is no such need and so try to silent the churches	427179-427170-47746252
Our local MSP is aware of what we do, but I suspect you mean the London Parliment. Not sure about that.	427179-427170-47749980

When church leaders stress that it is undesirable for the church to have to run food banks and that policies need to change so that food banks are not necessary, there appears to be a lack of understanding by Ministers, some of whom appear to think that food banks are a sign of a god and vibrant community.	427179-427170-47750292
No contact	427179-427170-47754692
MP/MSP visits give good examples of what is happening. It would be difficult for them to know otherwise	427179-427170-47772505
The willingness of the Welsh Government to engage with church officers on a variety of issues, including especially asylum seekers and refugees through Cytûn (Churches together in Wales)	427179-427170-47827576
See above (18a)	427179-427170-47841325
Some MPs have a good understanding of the work local churches do, but others simply focus on Central Government and do not realise the impact Churches make. Around 15 years ago a book was published showing the work of churches across the Black Country (activities, time, etc).	427179-427170-47845168
Clearly local MP's seem to have good handle on what is going on locally.	427179-427170-47878156
There is a recognition at the centre of the impact that 'faith' groups can and are having on poverty. That would apply to my organisation, NOAH Enterprise which is recognised as a Christian-inspired charity working proactively with those among the most deprived in society. We are currently engaged in 4 government-funded welfare contracts in support of people who are homeless.	427179-427170-47874381
Our National Church's Church and Society Council is in regular contact with The Scottish Executive over a range of matters including Anti poverty measures. The Scottish Govt. has hosted events relating to our Church's Priority Areas Agenda. The UK Govt however will not have much info as to the Church of Scotland's responses to poverty	427179-427170-47826668
Some local councillors have visited some of our ministries and given finance to help the work we do to respond to local issues of poverty. In terms of main government there has been little interaction with my own church. I cannot speak on this for the Union.	427179-427170-47943887
We have been granted funding from Welsh Government to support and expand our work.	427179-427170-48115603
Politics deals with voting intentions and outcomes - politicians fail to understand the motive of the Church as service to the community without any expected returns.	427179-427170-48214518
Have employee's who work with policy makers to try and get point across.	427179-427170-48226290
in conversations with local Councillors and MPs I find a mixed response, some being ignorant of what the church does , some very grateful when they acknowledge how much we do.	427179-427170-48238808
I feel that the Scottish Parliament has some understanding as many MSPs would hold similar views to the church regarding austerity cuts but the UK Government doesn't seem to understand the full effect of some of it's policies.	427179-427170-48344984

Some members of Parliament within our constituencies may be aware about what is happening but perhaps we need to be more proactive.	427179-427170-48492543
Discounting the value and need for food banks	427179-427170-48561221
engagement with CUF eg Near Neighbours Funding re social cohesion support for funding all year emergency winter shelter	427179-427170-48602825
Some political responses to what Church is saying	427179-427170-48607717
MP's respect and recognise our ability to effect change at a grass roots level and bring communities to gether; they acknowledge that the state cannot sub-contract care and kindness.	427179-427170-48608232
It is clear the UK policed makers are woefully ignorant of the actual impact of their policies on the most vulnerable who, for example: 1. Cannot have bank accounts or emails (for Universal Credit) because they have no residential address 2. Single Family Payment further imprisons domestic abuse victims As the policy's makers aren't even aware of these problems, they have no sight of the work Churches are doing to alleviate to problems.	427179-427170-48608991
All too often the Church faces prejudice from key decision makers as the fear is that there is going to be proselytization. The local church is the grassroots organisation!	427179-427170-48609325
Working with local council.	427179-427170-48612669
SCOTTISH government is not good at listening; response better than in England Government priorities different. Christian responses under appreciated.	427179-427170-48636293
Rarely referred to in speeches and policy documents.	427179-427170-48674857
The central Catholic Church office does have some input to government but not a great deal as far as I know, but it is beyond my sphere of work.	427179-427170-48683409
Church Urban Fund Visit of Government minister	427179-427170-48687459
Affirmation from the local (non-Christian) MP in regard to the work that local churches are doing to support the poor.	427179-427170-48705937
Recognition/praise from government bodies for the work of Cross Reach in particular.	427179-427170-48869301
They know about our work with older people, our Night Shelters , Foodbanks and some debt centres, but they don't know how much and what exactly we're doing.	427179-427170-48880578
Well they know about all food bank activity, and stuff about homelessness I reckon. They have little understanding of the continuing low level support that local churches are with people day in year out.	427179-427170-48885046
I think many in Government have no experience of poverty and also little awareness of the immense contribution churches make in communities.	427179-427170-48888084
The APPG on food poverty chaired by Tim Thornton, with all the evidence provided by dioceses about how it manifests locally.	427179-427170-48899099

They look at it in a completely different way - they don't understand how we are structured and design everything around the Anglicans - they cannot understand how "faith" and "social action" are theologically inseparable - they bias towards centralist organisations rather than community based - but they do appreciate that churches make a significant difference in their communities.	427179-427170-48917121
I see no evidence of central government action on poverty in any way.	427179-427170-48926684
The Archbishops have had a high profile in raising awareness which hopefully has helped central government notice but still those who are in denial about the level of poverty, or not prepared to admit it as reflects badly on their particular political party.	427179-427170-49041890
We recently had a consultation group from the House of Lords looking at the problems of coastal communities. They did not know that our street lighting is turned off late evening. That we have problems with transport, we can get a bus out of the village on Monday and another one back on Tuesday is a common scenario.	427179-427170-49050769
I think they have little idea of the vast numbers of volunteers who work with organisations such as food banks, but also the countless pastoral visitors and 'good neighbours' who just keep on going	427179-427170-49095955
Cabinet Office has been interested in our project and the National Rural Centre for Health and Well being.	427179-427170-49194467
Bishops speaking in House of Lords	427179-427170-49242181
I run a Good Neighbours Network with 4,000 volunteers across 123 independent local groups. They did 171,000 tasks last year, a small army. Our impact report talks about the equivalent of £7.9m of work. We could set up more of these but government doesn't understand the need for infrastructure support or that volunteers need organising and sometimes that means paid staff.	427179-427170-49536915
JPIT North	427179-427170-48884462

20 Do you think that your Church in your region can influence central government policy makers on UK poverty?



20.a Why do you think this is?

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No mechanisms for doing so		427179-427170-47663652

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Through engagement with our local MPs, exposing them to need and our attempts at alleviation.	427179-427170-47665445
We can write to MPs and Ministers, invite them to events. The church can raise awareness in the Press (although the Press is often unsympathetic to both the church and to issues of poverty.	427179-427170-47668660
Nothing changes	427179-427170-47669428
Our local MPs are all in opposition, our own MP, Carolyn Harris, is a shadow minister for Women and Equalities. We have a reasonable level of contact with her, though much less since the Parliamentary agenda has been dominated by Brexit.	427179-427170-47672104
Central government policy is more likely to be influenced by national Church. Regional church can lobby politicians to help with specific regional projects but generally not to influence policy	427179-427170-47677072
I'm involved personally in TCC (Wales Broad-based Community Organising), which has a proven track record of influencing. Local churches can become member groups and work with us	427179-427170-47688011
The accumulated power of para-church organisations, like Tearfund and Christian Aid	427179-427170-47698013
We are a very small church with very low numbers	427179-427170-47706218
A liberal and secular Government will always be wary of faith based social service. Religion is suspect and privatised, too much exposure of the religious intent of TSA would I think close down any conversation. The worth of TSA to government is in the provision of support to the needy and helping the State with those on the margins. The only influence TSA has I would think is in the weight of support it is able to give which if not provided would create a vacuum needing to be filled. Better practice and successful programmes could be adopted and replicated by the State - in this way TSA would have influenced the authorities.	427179-427170-47705225
Not sure the government is listening as the church is seen as having an agenda that it cannot support	427179-427170-47709323
But not much. Regional work from Yorkshire seemed mostly to fall on deaf ears in the South. It has often felt like talking to ourselves in the past. There has been a general reluctance by Central GOvernment to acknowledge a North-South divide. That divide relates primarily to an unequal distribution of good work since the mid 80s.	427179-427170-47709393
The north West is increasingly marginalised.	427179-427170-47715075
Our reputation and track record on these matters.	427179-427170-47725385
I'm not sure that the Government are listening to regional bodies and responses	427179-427170-47725733
We are a small denomination in a far-flung region	427179-427170-47729492
All work being done is often small scale actions impacting small areas. Gov is only really interested in a bigger collective voice, but no one is draying this together to a single voice.	427179-427170-47727115
Focus on local and diocesan activities. CSAM is the national influencer	427179-427170-47730217

Focus on local and diocesan activities - CSAN is the national influencer	427179-427170-47759217
Our Territorial media and parliamentary dept's, work at national, regional and local levels.	427179-427170-47741404
Because they are not listening	427179-427170-47746252
A long way from London and not big enough to be a significant lobby group	427179-427170-47749980
I don't think the government listens to any faith group	427179-427170-47749717
The church networks are very wide and extend to the grassroots, so that often churches have a better idea of what is really going on than some politicians. Also church leaders may have a reputation for honest reporting. At the same time, under the present Government, South Yorkshire with its dearth of Conservative MPs finds it difficult to have a great influence..	427179-427170-47750292
This would be done by the National church	427179-427170-47754692
Through an evidence based approach we can provide factual information to our politicians	427179-427170-47772505
See below	427179-427170-47827576
We can't get to speak to the decision makers	427179-427170-47841325
I don't think our Association can, but I do think churches working together can impact central government. JPIT do a great job in this regard.	427179-427170-47845168
The established Church still has a voice at the power table. This will only continue if we can arrest the decline in numbers and demonstrate we are making a difference on the ground.	427179-427170-47878156
The Catholic Church has a voice in the national forum and it is listened to. There are Catholic and other Christian members of both Houses of Government. There is recorded evidence of Christian action positively addressing poverty. The leader of the Church in our region is a member of the national Bishops' Conference which has a very influential voice.	427179-427170-47874381
Our current government does not listen to people. We need to keep trying but we are playing a long game here.	427179-427170-47898276
I have no evidence to indicate that Govt. responds to our approaches in terms of policy formulation or change	427179-427170-47826668
If we made a concerted effort with other churches on a particular issue I believe we could for people do listen when enough people speak on one issue.	427179-427170-47943887
I don't think we are a big enough player.	427179-427170-48039571
Although there appears to be an appreciation of what churches do, on the whole it all seems pretty much taken for granted and as an excuse not to fund the work centrally.	427179-427170-48076943
We can lobby hard, run for local government and have a big voice if we are committed to doing so.	427179-427170-48115603
We can gather evidence of the impact of our clients.	427179-427170-48215937
The chaos in central government shows the need for stability in local and regional life and the divisiveness deepening over the Brexit debate can only	427179-427170-48214518

be healed with politicians, faith communities and voluntary sectors working together and showing respect in their diversity.	
They are always looking for solutions. So as we develop strategy if we can provide evidence / statistics then I think will listen. Takes more time to move the ship!!!	427179-427170-48226290
By engaging with MPs and local Councillors.	427179-427170-48238808
I'm genuinely unsure about this as I'm sure they believe they are doing the right thing but, ideologically we are poles apart	427179-427170-48344984
By coordinating the activities taking place and submit such data/case studies as evidence to the relevant authorities	427179-427170-48492543
Government is not focussed at present on internal issues	427179-427170-48561221
Clearer articulation of principles, regaining a corporate prophetic voice, activities that are currently engaged in to alleviate poverty, standing together with other denominations. However it more be more strategically effective for Christians to be involved in political parties.	427179-427170-48584260
The current government take a doctrinaire approach and seem unwilling to hear criticism or challenge.	427179-427170-48602891
working with other churches where possible but as the established church there is sometimes a route to influence via Bishops - based on local lived experience. We are still in most communities (just) Key charities such as CUF, CAp, Trussel Trust partner with our church (and many others of course)	427179-427170-48602825
They need our votes and we provide services they can't	427179-427170-48604388
The SNP have little interest in anything other than their one agenda of independence. Note the paucity of action in Svottish parliament on any legal moves on any issue in past five years	427179-427170-48607717
Government policy is the result of parliament and MP's can be lobbied successfully to implimnet changes to benefit peopel expereincing poverty	427179-427170-48608232
Partly because NI has no functioning Regional Assembly.	427179-427170-48608991
We have opportunities to access key decision makers. However, the collection of raw data and case studies is required as well to gain momentum.	427179-427170-48609325
Catholic Social Teaching is well respected.	427179-427170-48614564
We are a small rural area with little impact on Government policy makers	427179-427170-47694183
I'm not sure that the current government is ready to re-balance wealth distribution in this country. Whilst the majority of MPs don't experience poverty personally, they wont be motivated to make changes to policy. Films like 'I Daniel Blake' are powerful stories, if they are watched and acted upon	427179-427170-48624823
local council involvement; some connection with civil service; some political invovlement	427179-427170-48630652
See above	427179-427170-48636293
when Bishops speak, people tend to listen	427179-427170-48637310

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The charitable work we do is becoming increasingly known	427179-427170-48624027
too weak	427179-427170-48674607
We have continued to make our voices heard and worked with our local MP to raise the profile of issues.	427179-427170-48674857
We are way away from London and Cumbria is rarely considered in general unless government wants to bury some nuclear waste.	427179-427170-48683409
Too small	427179-427170-48687459
Central government has been a major cause of UK poverty and is largely unaware or unconcerned about it.	427179-427170-48694810
See 19a above.	427179-427170-48705937
The UK churches together have a membership large enough to exert pressure on government.	427179-427170-48869301
Never tried to do it, so no evidence of whether we can do so effectively	427179-427170-48880456
We can lead successful campaigns and we can flag up best practice; we still have a voice although not many use it.	427179-427170-48880578
Because there is no mechanism for them to do so and basically, many that really get it are pretty buggered just keeping on doing what they are able to do. it requires something like Jubilee2000 to energise something and that aint happening. Most national mainly secular NGOs and JRF and other research bodies continual bleating about poverty has largely help politicians polarise the debate so you can't even start a discussion without everyone having taken up a standardised position. ('the society we want' on the Webb Memorial Trust website is by far the best answer to this and applying that question/approach locally can i think help... it has in hull, but this has not been done through/with churches)	427179-427170-48885046
Because what passes for consultation is often revealed to be a sham or window dressing when policy has already been formed	427179-427170-48888084
Lobbying through CUF	427179-427170-48895566
Evidence gathered by the Trussell Trust, though very partial, has been used frequently to dispel the untruths that food poverty is simply a result of bad behaviour by individuals. The JPIT work on 'truth and lies about poverty', and the language used by the media about those experiencing deprivation has challenged lazy thinking and the scapegoating of those who are poor and disabled.	427179-427170-48899099
Because we talk to our MP's - talk to Bishops who sit in the house of Lords - and have taken a co-operative stance with Conservative ministers rather than just ranting at them for being "Tory".	427179-427170-48917121
Government is not interested in the views of ordinary people, less still the church. The church has no credible national voice.	427179-427170-48926684
Use of dedicated and articulate members to put concern into words and action.	427179-427170-49024943

There is always hope...	427179-427170-49041890
I have been part of a consultation by members of the government some years ago and once they didn't hear what they wanted to hear they soon closed the meeting.	427179-427170-49050769
We are encouraged to send regional concerns to our national organisation. Britain Yearly meeting joins with other churches to lobby government on issues of concern.	427179-427170-49075616
Through our Bishop, through expertise on particular issues, through campaigns,	427179-427170-49095955
Because the church has helped fill the void created by austerity and this will come to the notice of the government (through studies like this one!)	427179-427170-49139949
involvement of government Green Paper and Cabinet Officer and National Centre for H&W	427179-427170-49194467
Probably best in speaking alongside other Christian churches. We come from a place of experience in dealing with people in need, and working with other (faith and secular communities) in responding to need and know the people in our region, what is available, what is not. The churches are already doing a great deal locally, and the opinion of the Church be listened to.	427179-427170-49193132
We are disconnected from our local councillors.	427179-427170-49196663
Bishops in House of Lords speaking from local experience	427179-427170-49242181
Yes but it requires organising, clarity of messages and focus on particular areas of opportunity.	427179-427170-49536915

- 21 If you are based in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland, how do you feel that the devolved Parliament/Assembly has responded to these issues?

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In NI the Welfare mitigation's were helpful and some success in challenging individual PIPS outcomes	427179-427170-47663652
More good intenmtion than action. Practical action is often sacrificed on the altar of political dogma.	427179-427170-47665445
Scotland has tried to mitigate some of the impact of UK spending cuts through its own spending decisions.	427179-427170-47668660
Not well	427179-427170-47669428
Yes, for example through the 2015 Future Generations Act (Wales). There is a significant congruence between the thinking behind the East Swansea Chaplaincy in that we do things with people and not too people and the force of the Act. Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) is another related concept. We are hoping to work with our AM, Mike Hedges, to translate the Act's provision into ideas for local action. The Welsh Government is also making grants to support what they call the foundational economy as an alternative to trying to encourage inward	427179-427170-47672104

investment, a long standing policy which in many places in Wales has either failed or had only a temporary effect. The most high profile instance was the withdrawal of Burberry from the Welsh factory.	
Devolved parliament has responded with rhetoric and will listen but have limited funds based on the Barnett formula. It remains to be seen if increases in income tax will be used to help alleviate poverty.	427179-427170-47677072
I think the Welsh Assembly government has a better understanding of the issues in Wales than Westminster	427179-427170-47688011
I'm not very familiar with specific.	427179-427170-47694356
Patchily	427179-427170-47698013
There are only 2 congregations in Scotland	427179-427170-47706218
N/a	427179-427170-47725733
n/a	427179-427170-47729492
Our experience in North Wales would be a greater sense of engagement and connection with the Assembly etc.	427179-427170-47729228
N/A	427179-427170-47741404
Very positively.	427179-427170-47749980
N/A	427179-427170-47754692
There appears to be a willingness to listen and to engage in conversation	427179-427170-47772505
I think that in Wales the Welsh Government has been more open to engage in matters of poverty and injustice, but there is a perception that Wales comes out badly in terms of the financial settlement under the Barnett formula, and that there is little incentive for a Conservative government in London to prioritise spending on addressing these issue in Wales.	427179-427170-47827576
N/A	427179-427170-47874381
I think that the Scottish Govt. has made positive responses to poverty. eg funding streams/programmes/	427179-427170-47826668
Unsure, I think they are better in some areas than in other areas which is the always the same across the world.	427179-427170-47943887
n/a	427179-427170-48076943
Welsh Government is more in tune with the needs of Wales than Westminster is.	427179-427170-48115603
NA	427179-427170-48215937
Better than at UK level	427179-427170-48344984
Not applicable	427179-427170-48492543
Nil	427179-427170-48607717
Completely failed!	427179-427170-48608991
They have tried to respond but with minimal impact.	427179-427170-47694183

n/a	427179-427170-48624823
See above	427179-427170-48636293
poorly - hasn't seen such issues as a high enough priority when had the opportunity to do so.	427179-427170-48674607
The Welsh Government is a far more progressive administration than the UK Government. Its key legislation has been the "Wellbeing of future generations" which constrains all legislation to address this issue.	427179-427170-48694810
Lots of talk, little action.	427179-427170-48869301
in general the Scottish Parliament is easier to access than Westminster and seems to have a greater awareness of the issues surrounding poverty and a stronger sense of justice and fairness than a capitalist focussed elite based in the south	427179-427170-48888084
I am not sure the Welsh Assembly really knows that North Wales exists.	427179-427170-48917121
The Scottish assembly is focused solely on independence and does not listen to the nation at all.	427179-427170-48926684
With more compassion than UK Government, eg free prescriptions; school meals etc	427179-427170-49071744
Quakers in Wales are part of CYTUN (Churches together in Wales). CYTUN has a very active Assembly Liaison Officer. The church's concern about poverty and other issues can be raised directly with Assembly Members and the CYTUN Liaison Officer keeps the churches informed of policy developments and areas for action.	427179-427170-49075616
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22 Would you like to be added to the Life on the Breadline blog mailing list to receive updates on the project including findings and project events such as the end of project conference?

Yes  **63** (60.6%)
 No  **41** (39.4%)

Multi answer: Percentage of respondents who selected each answer option (e.g. 100% would represent that all this question's respondents chose that option)

22.a If yes to the above question, what email address would you like to be contacted on?

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