

## Churches' Convention for Candidates

### Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate name: **Garry Michael Collins**

Date: **22/09/20**

Consent: **Yes**

I agree to my responses to this questionnaire, regarding matters of particular concern and interest to the faith community in Guernsey, being circulated to all Island churches for distribution to their congregations.

Signature:



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**Part 1**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Statement</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Undecided / Prefer not to answer</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Faith in the Community	The States should develop a better understanding of, and partnership with, the faith sector in shared Island outcomes.	Yes			
Life for Both	The States did not have sufficient regard for the life of the unborn child in deciding to increase the stage at which a healthy unborn life can be terminated from 12 weeks to 24 weeks.	Yes			
End of Life Care	The States should implement its extant resolution to improve end of life care through palliative care.	Yes			
Care for our wider world	The States’ existing commitment to supporting Overseas Aid should be maintained and the target of giving 0.2% of GDP by 2030 should remain.			Undecided	Depends on level of GDP, as expected the 2020 GDP will be less than previous years, but we should be funding the same level at least.
Caring for ex-offenders	The States’ support for caring for ex-offenders provides a good example of the faith community and the public sector working together for the good of the Island.	Yes			

Subject	Statement	Agree	Disagree	Undecided / Prefer not to answer	Comment
Poverty in the Community	Addressing poverty in food, pensions and work should be a priority area for the new States to create a fairer Island for all.	Yes			
Faith in our Schools	Churches working together to support the Island schools in delivering the Guernsey educational curriculum in religious education and personal development is to be encouraged.	Yes			
Faith in the environment and Creation Care	The existing States commitment to become carbon neutral by 2050 is too long term, given the climate crisis. The new States should actively work to reduce the Island's carbon emissions in a shorter time period.	Yes			Ideally by 2035



Subject	Question	Response
Care in our Island and for our wider world	Would you support the widening of Gift Aid thresholds from the current limits of £500 (min) to £5,000 (max) along with the introduction of payroll giving? Please inform us in your response, by briefly setting out your reasons.	Yes, I think that should be considered.
Poverty in the Community	What proposals would you like to bring forward to reduce poverty in various forms in the Island?	We most look at all the accommodation on the Island, which is very expensive, it's can be as much as 40/50% of someone's salary, so we need to address this urgently, as so many young people are leaving the Island.
Faith in the environment and creation care	How can the States more effectively implement its policies for protecting the environment and enhancing biodiversity?	Support the strategy with an action plan and funding, there are many low hanging fruit items that can be achieved very quickly.
Faith in schools	Do you support faith-based schools in the Island? <i>Note the Island currently has faith-based schools within the States provision and private schools which are faith based or where faith forms part of the tradition and values of the school.</i> Please explain your reasons in your response.	Yes

**Part 3**

Churches Convention for Candidates	Response
Do you agree with Guernsey Churches holding an event to engage with candidates in the Island wide elections and to inform their congregations of candidate responses?	Yes
Please give us your comments on the evening, including aspects that worked well or you feel could have been arranged better, given both the circumstances and timescales we are operating under.	<p>Likely many events, the number of candidates is overwhelming and perhaps needed to held on a few nights. I also think a pre-election presentation with some high-level facts would have been useful and some figures might have been useful to include in manifestos.</p> <p>Personally, I turned up at 6pm as booked in (but too busy) and returned at 7.30, disappoint that a few candidates did not book their space firstly.</p>

*Thank you for your responses.*

*If you have any further comments or questions please contact John Ogier on 01481 235030 or [johnogierasy@gmail.com](mailto:johnogierasy@gmail.com) or speak with me in person.*

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## Churches' Convention for Candidates

### Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate name: Jonathan Crossan

Date: Saturday, 26 September 2020

Consent:

I agree to my responses to this questionnaire, regarding matters of particular concern and interest to the faith community in Guernsey, being circulated to all Island churches for distribution to their congregations.

Signature: *(type name if form is being returned by email) Jonathan Crossan*

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**Part 1**

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Faith in the Community	The States should develop a better understanding of, and partnership with, the faith sector in shared Island outcomes.	<b>X</b>			
Life for Both	The States did not have sufficient regard for the life of the unborn child in deciding to increase the stage at which a healthy unborn life can be terminated from 12 weeks to 24 weeks.		<b>X</b>		As far as I understand, the change in the law was taken on advice and meant to align local provisions with other jurisdictions.
End of Life Care	The States should implement its extant resolution to improve end of life care through palliative care.	<b>X</b>			But be aware that we may need to revisit assisted dying if circumstances change.
Care for our wider world	The States' existing commitment to supporting Overseas Aid should be maintained and the target of giving 0.2% of GDP by 2030 should remain.	<b>X</b>			It is the action of a good global citizen. Donations are now subject to tests of viability, value and impact.
Caring for ex-offenders	The States' support for caring for ex-offenders provides a good example of the faith community and the public sector working together for the good of the Island.	<b>X</b>			

Subject	Statement	Agree	Disagree	Undecided / Prefer not to answer	Comment
Poverty in the Community	Addressing poverty in food, pensions and work should be a priority area for the new States to create a fairer Island for all.	<b>X</b>			To which I would housing and access to health care and social care.
Faith in our Schools	Churches working together to support the Island schools in delivering the Guernsey educational curriculum in religious education and personal development is to be encouraged.	<b>X</b>			With the caveat that religious education should not aim to proselytise but to inform young people about the faiths and philosophies of the world, how they interact and their various contributions to society and history so that they can make up their own minds about their path in life .
Faith in the environment and Creation Care	The existing States commitment to become carbon neutral by 2050 is too long term, given the climate crisis. The new States should actively work to reduce the Island's carbon emissions in a shorter time period.	<b>X</b>			We must move much faster to decarbonise the economy. Maybe 2050 will turn out to be the most realistic target, but in face of this emergency nothing should stop us from trying to beat our own target - and we can start now: more detail below in Part 3.

**Part 2**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
Faith in the Community	What steps you would like the new States to take to better engage with the faith sector and churches in particular, in serving our Island?	I am not a believer but I value and admire the commitment and contribution of the churches to the community. The suggested "forum" for discussion between the States and churches would be good starting point and could develop into an institution for genuine dialogue between State and Church, as well as for airing tensions and exchanging practical experience of how to tackle cross-community issues.
Life for Both	What are your views on the proposed States' legislation to legalise the termination life of the unborn up to delivery for "significant" abnormality (includes disability), when this could be held to be in contravention of the UN rights of disabled persons?	As far as I understand, the change in the law was taken on advice and meant to align provisions with other jurisdictions. I do not see this as pro-choice or pro-life matter but a rather of alignment of law with modern practice. This particular point, however, is extremely difficult, and in certain circumstances this may be the least of the evils - where a prospective parent would be unable to cope and the social support is simply inadequate. If the advice tells us that such a legal provision really does or would contravene adopted international law, then we must revisit and review and repeal / reject the provision / proposition.
End of Life Care <i>(Please answer both questions a and b).</i>	<p>a) Do you support the legalisation of various forms of euthanasia (including assisted dying) as an answer to end of life care?</p> <p>b) Do you support a greater investment in end of life care services, including facilitating a specialist on-Island consultant in this field?</p>	<p>(a) No. At some point when palliative care (or other end-of-life care) has been exhausted, we may need to revisit assisted dying. But - crucially -genuinely robust legal safeguards must be put in place. Such safeguards are difficult to devise but even harder to administer and enforce. At present we are still very far from devising such a system.</p> <p>(b) Yes, if it takes us further away from having to consider assisted dying (or other forms of euthanasia).</p>

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Care in our Island and for our wider world	Would you support the widening of Gift Aid thresholds from the current limits of £500 (min) to £5,000 (max) along with the introduction of payroll giving? Please inform us in your response, by briefly setting out your reasons.	Yes. The third sector is limited in what it can provide because it depends so much on the generosity and goodwill of the public, but it would help to raise that limit if donors are put in a better position to afford the donation.
Poverty in the Community	What proposals would you like to bring forward to reduce poverty in various forms in the Island?	<p>Cost of housing: besides programmes for building affordable houses, measures to contain the rise in housing costs and speculative development - whether private rents or owner-occupied mortgage financed houses - such as taxes on empty and idle properties and a revised dwelling profits tax.</p> <p>Cost of heating housing: introduce financial assistance (soft loans, part-grants, tax relief) to encourage and enable the installation of energy efficiency and saving measures, such as modern electric heating, solar panels, insulation of properties. To encourage landlords and owner-occupiers that could be offset against any dwelling profit tax.</p> <p>Continued support for social programmes that will help to break the cycle of transmission of poverty: rehabilitation of offenders; the drugs and alcohol strategy; education and training to qualify people for better paid employment.</p>
Faith in the environment and creation care	How can the States more effectively implement its policies for protecting the environment and enhancing biodiversity?	<p>Environmental protection: domestic insulation, solar panels, electric transport, renewable energy, improved telecommunications to reduce travel demand, green finance.</p> <p>Biodiversity: revision of planning and development laws to: introduce curbs on the expansion of domestic curtilage into</p>

		<p>agricultural land; ensure that new development - including the proposed enhancement and redevelopment of the Eastern Seaboard - take account of biodiversity and habitat preservation and reduce damage to sites of natural and scientific interest.</p> <p>Faith groups with their concept of stewardship of creation already understand the importance of action and change and can help the States and wider world to deal with the environmental emergency.</p>
Faith in schools	<p>Do you support faith-based schools in the Island?  <i>Note the Island currently has faith-based schools within the States provision and private schools which are faith based or where faith forms part of the tradition and values of the school.</i>  Please explain your reasons in your response.</p>	<p>No. I prefer a secular approach to education that will allow the pupil or student ultimately to make up their own mind at maturity. My concern is that faith-based education can sometimes become proselytisation. However, a rounded and complete education must include some knowledge and awareness of the religions, faiths and philosophies that have informed our civilisations and ways of life, such as I would expect of a modern religious education curriculum, including the value of tolerance of faiths and belief systems. Freedom of worship (prayer sessions, for example) should also be permitted in schools for those pupils from families that follow a particular faith. Both these elements are essential simultaneously to ensuring tolerance while preventing discrimination.</p>

**Part 3**

Churches Convention for Candidates	Response
Do you agree with Guernsey Churches holding an event to engage with candidates in the Island wide elections and to inform their congregations of candidate responses?	Yes.
Please give us your comments on the evening, including aspects that worked well or you feel could have been arranged better, given both the circumstances and timescales we are operating under.	I enjoyed the evening and found it useful as a non-believer to discuss with believers their concerns and learn of their valuable work and contribution to society. The format was good, but the candidates were - understandably - reluctant to move on early enough, so that often one group was waiting for another to finish up and move on. I do appreciate that this may happen with events of this kind, since everyone is keen to make their own point or to lean as much as they can before moving on. Many thanks for the experience and the welcome.

*Thank you for your responses.*

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## Churches' Convention for Candidates

### Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate name: Catherine Hall

Date: 27/09/20

Consent:

I agree to my responses to this questionnaire, regarding matters of particular concern and interest to the faith community in Guernsey, being circulated to all Island churches for distribution to their congregations.

Signature: *(type name if form is being returned by email)*

Catherine Hall

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**Part 1**

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Faith in the Community	The States should develop a better understanding of, and partnership with, the faith sector in shared Island outcomes.				
Life for Both	The States did not have sufficient regard for the life of the unborn child in deciding to increase the stage at which a healthy unborn life can be terminated from 12 weeks to 24 weeks.		Yes		It was a pragmatic decision based on clinical guidelines for viability outside the womb under NICE guidelines. Most terminations do take place before 12 weeks. It not being legal in Guernsey discriminated against those requiring a later termination but unable to pay for private care in UK
End of Life Care	The States should implement its extant resolution to improve end of life care through palliative care.	Yes			

Care for our wider world	The States' existing commitment to supporting Overseas Aid should be maintained and the target of giving 0.2% of GDP by 2030 should remain.	Yes			
Caring for ex-offenders	The States' support for caring for ex-offenders provides a good example of the faith community and the public sector working together for the good of the Island.	Yes			The states should ensure security of funding and access to other services to support the work done
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Statement</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Undecided / Prefer not to answer</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Poverty in the Community	Addressing poverty in food, pensions and work should be a priority area for the new States to create a fairer Island for all.	Yes			

Faith in our Schools	Churches working together to support the Island schools in delivering the Guernsey educational curriculum in religious education and personal development is to be encouraged.	Yes			
Faith in the environment and Creation Care	The existing States commitment to become carbon neutral by 2050 is too long term, given the climate crisis. The new States should actively work to reduce the Island's carbon emissions in a shorter time period.	Yes			

**Part 2**

Subject	Question	Response
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Faith in the Community	What steps you would like the new States to take to better engage with the faith sector and churches in particular, in serving our Island?	<p>I think the States needs to develop better partnership working with all third sector organisations including those within the faith community.</p> <p>I do think that faith sector and churches are an important part of our community and that they should have the opportunity take part in consultation and have their views heard on a range of issues.</p>
Life for Both	What are your views on the proposed States' legislation to legalise the termination life of the unborn up to delivery for "significant" abnormality (includes disability), when this could be held to be in contravention of the UN rights of disabled persons?	<p>I am opposed to it. It is discriminatory as it does not apply the same standard of protection ( viability outside the womb) as is accorded to a foetus with no detected abnormality.</p>

<p>End of Life Care <i>(Please answer both questions a and b).</i></p>	<p>a) Do you support the legalisation of various forms of euthanasia (including assisted dying) as an answer to end of life care?</p> <p>b) Do you support a greater investment in end of life care services, including facilitating a specialist on-Island consultant in this field?</p>	<p>a) No. I think it raises ethical dilemmas that make it extremely difficult to legislate for safely without discrimination.</p> <p>b) yes</p>
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
<p>Care in our Island and for our wider world</p>	<p>Would you support the widening of Gift Aid thresholds from the current limits of £500 (min) to £5,000 (max) along with the introduction of payroll giving? Please inform us in your response, by briefly setting out your reasons.</p>	<p>Yes.we rely heavily on the charity sector to provide services. Fund raising takes up a lot of time and effort that could be better invested in service provision.</p>
<p>Poverty in the Community</p>	<p>What proposals would you like to bring forward to reduce poverty in various forms in the Island?</p>	<p>Raising of basic minimum wage. Looking at the possibility of universal basic income. Considering applying rent caps. Personal bankruptcy and debt management support</p>

Faith in the environment and creation care	How can the States more effectively implement its policies for protecting the environment and enhancing biodiversity?	It need to give teeth to policies. Eg making sure planning laws support environmental policy.
Faith in schools	<p>Do you support faith-based schools in the Island?</p> <p><i>Note the Island currently has faith-based schools within the States provision and private schools which are faith based or where faith forms part of the tradition and values of the school.</i></p> <p>Please explain your reasons in your response.</p>	<p>I don't have any objection to faith based schools where faith forms part of the traditions and values. As long as the school is open to children of all faiths or none and offers a broad curriculum, an understanding of other faiths and is not discriminatory on religious grounds.</p> <p>I think it is important that children understand our culture's Judaeo- Christian roots and the concept of faith. I do not support the type of faith based school that indoctrinates children with narrow fundamentalist views ( fortunately we don't have any schools like that in Guernsey)</p>

**Part 3**

Churches Convention for Candidates	Response
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<p>Do you agree with Guernsey Churches holding an event to engage with candidates in the Island wide elections and to inform their congregations of candidate responses?</p>	<p><u>Yes. The churches and their congregations are part of the community. It is important that candidates should have an understanding of the issues of concern and helpful for voters within the congregations to get a feel for the candidates they might wish to represent them in the States</u></p>
<p>Please give us your comments on the evening, including aspects that worked well or you feel could have been arranged better, given both the circumstances and timescales we are operating under.</p>	<p><u>I enjoyed the evening. It did work quite well for the numbers attending. I learned a lot and would have liked to have longer conversations about some of the issues but I don't think it would be possible in the time available.</u></p>

*Thank you for your responses.*

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# Churches' Convention for Candidates

## Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate name: Rev'd Dr Rob Harnish

Date: 21 September 2020

Consent:

I agree to my responses to this questionnaire, regarding matters of particular concern and interest to the faith community in Guernsey, being circulated to all Island churches for distribution to their congregations.

Signature: R.G. Harnish

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## Part 1

Subject	Statement	Agree	Disagree	Undecided / Prefer not to answer	Comment
Faith in the Community	The States should develop a better understanding of, and partnership with, the faith sector in shared Island outcomes.	<b>X</b>			This statement is true in relation to all large and representative voluntary organisations. These relationships develop best when the lead is taken by the representative organisation.
Life for Both	The States did not have sufficient regard for the life of the unborn child in deciding to increase the stage at which a healthy unborn life can be terminated from 12 weeks to 24 weeks.	With the provision expressed			The States does not have a single mind. The outcome of the debate is, for me, a matter of regret. It shows insufficient understanding of and regard for the equal worth of all human life.
End of Life Care	The States should implement its extant resolution to improve end of life care through palliative care.	<b>X</b>			This issue is not a matter for further debate. It is important for concerned groups to make their frustration with the lack of progress publicly heard. Politicians who agree will otherwise be "voices in the wilderness".

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Statement</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Undecided / Prefer not to answer</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Care for our wider world	The States' existing commitment to supporting Overseas Aid should be maintained and the target of giving 0.2% of GDP by 2030 should remain.	<b>X</b>			Our moral duty is clear in this regard. I am of the view that our commitment to Overseas Aid in no way undermines our ability to address local need. An argument based solely on GDP would suggest we should be giving more.
Caring for ex-offenders	The States' support for caring for ex-offenders provides a good example of the faith community and the public sector working together for the good of the Island.	<b>X</b>			
Poverty in the Community	Addressing poverty in food, pensions and work should be a priority area for the new States to create a fairer Island for all.	<b>X</b>			

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Statement</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Undecided / Prefer not to answer</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Faith in our Schools	Churches working together to support the Island schools in delivering the Guernsey educational curriculum in religious education and personal development is to be encouraged.	<b>X</b>			Organisations like PACE, as well as individual church leaders have a role to play in religious and moral education. This Island's cultural heritage gives them a special role, alongside other religious and moral beliefs.
Faith in the environment and Creation Care	The existing States commitment to become carbon neutral by 2050 is too long term, given the climate crisis. The new States should actively work to reduce the Island's carbon emissions in a shorter time period.	<b>X</b>			This statement should not be controversial, as there are already significant opportunities available in terms of energy self-sufficiency and transport strategies to mean we can be carbon neutral much sooner.

## Part 2

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
Faith in the Community	What steps you would like the new States to take to better engage with the faith sector and churches in particular, in serving our Island?	<p>The States has a duty to consult with the public on all changes to law or social policy that will have a significant impact on public life. There should be no obstacle to ensuring that the voice of faith communities is sought specifically in all such consultations.</p> <p>Equally, there is a duty for leaders of faith communities to properly and fairly consult with their members to ensure that they can honestly and truly represent their voice.</p>
Life for Both	What are your views on the proposed States' legislation to legalise the termination life of the unborn up to delivery for "significant" abnormality (includes disability), when this could be held to be in contravention of the UN rights of disabled persons?	I am the manager of the Ron Short Centre for people with physical and sensory disabilities. For the last three years, I have been working alongside government to develop proposals for discrimination legislation as the social policy lead for the Guernsey Disability Alliance. This topic is particularly sensitive in the community I represent. Ensuring that the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability is extended to Guernsey is a high priority to me, so that we can all be held properly to account, and we can begin to tackle the fear and stigma attached to disability.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
<p>End of Life Care <i>(Please answer both questions a and b).</i></p>	<p>a) Do you support the legalisation of various forms of euthanasia (including assisted dying) as an answer to end of life care?</p> <p>b) Do you support a greater investment in end of life care services, including facilitating a specialist on-Island consultant in this field?</p>	<p>a) "Euthanasia" is a problematic term. Suicide is already <b>legal</b>. Killing another person is murder except in very constrained circumstances (<i>e.g.</i> in defence of self or others by proportionate means or in aggression against combatants during a declared war). Making "I want to end my life" such a circumstance is extremely problematic. There is no room here for a full discussion, but I am strongly against the legalisation of "euthanasia" while recognising both double effect, and the strength of common law in relation to "mercy killing".</p> <p>b) I support proportional investment in end of life care services. I have not investigated the level of need sufficiently to determine whether an on-Island consultant is warranted, since the vast majority of end of life situations are managed with a fairly small range of palliative options. I will follow the evidence on this subject.</p>
<p>Care in our Island and for our wider world</p>	<p>Would you support the widening of Gift Aid thresholds from the current limits of £500 (min) to £5,000 (max) along with the introduction of payroll giving? Please inform us in your response, by briefly setting out your reasons.</p>	<p>Yes. Despite a below average salary, I have myself wanted to donate more than the £5000 maximum to a cause I strongly supported and where such money would have made a crucial difference. The cap is arbitrarily set, and my own view is that it should simply be eliminated at least in relation to third sector organisations that meet public needs (fulfil gaps in public services).</p> <p>Payroll giving works well in other jurisdictions. I am not aware of any reasons for opposing it.</p>

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
Poverty in the Community	What proposals would you like to bring forward to reduce poverty in various forms in the Island?	Our social security net is such that no one in Guernsey needs to live in absolute poverty. There is no single proposal that can address relative poverty in Guernsey; it comes in too many different forms. The issue is made even more complicated when the life choices of the victim of poverty work against easy solutions. The Report on Guernsey Living Standards (2002) suggests that there are two crucial streams of work. The first is better supporting pensioners on low-incomes. The second is (unfashionably) providing better guidance/education on fiscal management for those who are struggling most. This should be done with the intent of empowering/enabling people to lead more successful lives (and relies on adequate underlying social insurance provision for those in need).
Faith in the environment and creation care	How can the States more effectively implement its policies for protecting the environment and enhancing biodiversity?	Implementation requires (1) commitment, (2) public accountability, and (3) effective enforcement of protections. The evidence from other jurisdictions suggests that there will have to be strong public demand for all three of these requirements if there is to be any substantial progress.
Faith in schools	Do you support faith-based schools in the Island? <i>Note the Island currently has faith-based schools within the States provision and private schools which are faith based or where faith forms part of the tradition and values of the school.</i> Please explain your reasons in your response.	I support excellence in education. There are no grounds for closing any of our current schools with Christian heritages, which provide a balanced education in accordance with the law. Equally, there is no reason to prevent the establishment of a new school with a religious or secular ethos that meets the requirement to provide a diverse and open education.

## Part 3

Churches Convention for Candidates	Response
Do you agree with Guernsey Churches holding an event to engage with candidates in the Island wide elections and to inform their congregations of candidate responses?	The Guernsey Churches have the same right as every other organisation to invite candidates to engage in an event they organise, and to provide honest and accurate feedback to their members.
Please give us your comments on the evening, including aspects that worked well or you feel could have been arranged better, given both the circumstances and timescales we are operating under.	From my point of view, the event was well organised and it was helpful to see the range of topics that were of interest to the Churches. I was somewhat surprised that a few topics I thought might have been of particular concern were not tabled.

*Thank you for your responses.*

*If you have any further comments or questions please contact John Ogier on 01481 235030 or [johnogierqsy@gmail.com](mailto:johnogierqsy@gmail.com) or speak with me in person.*

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