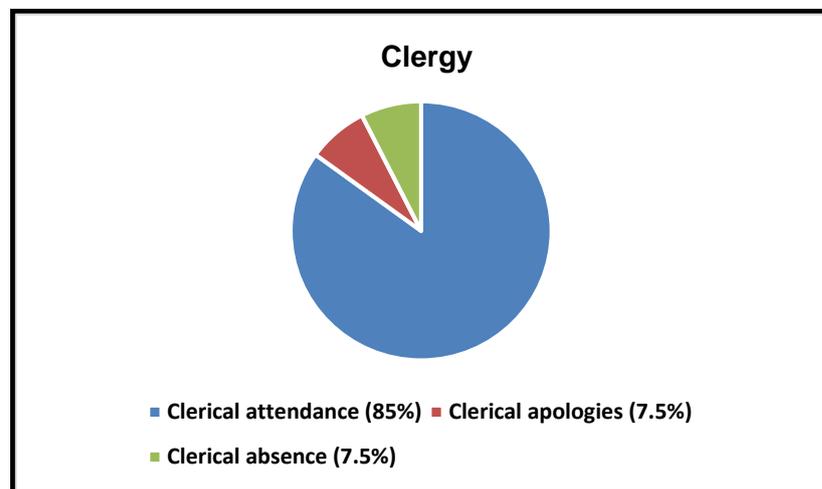
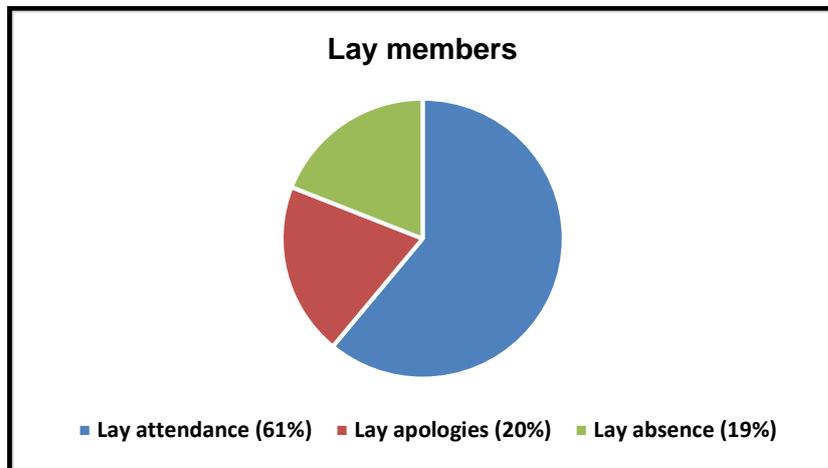
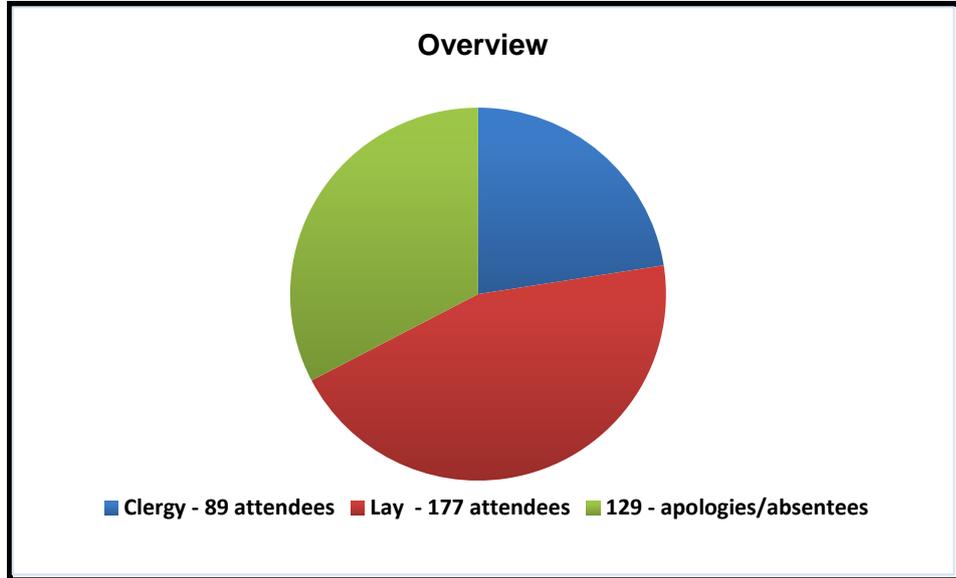
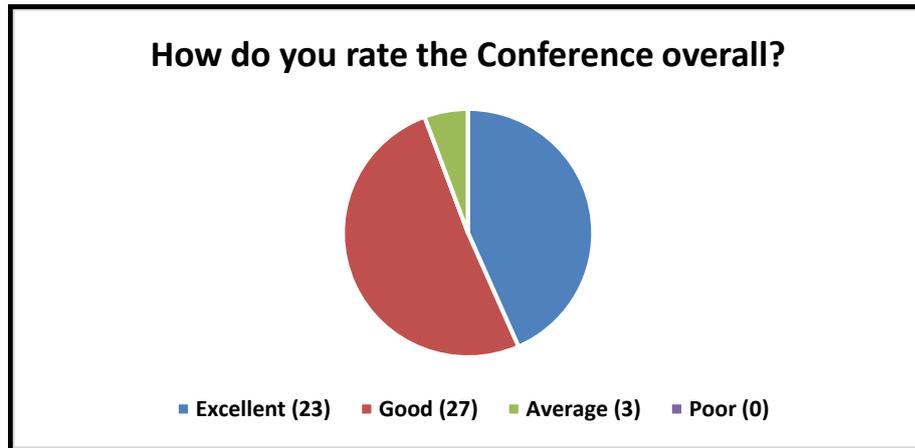


EVALUATION OF THE ST ASAPH DIOCESAN CONFERENCE
13 OCTOBER 2018 AT ST JOSEPH'S ANGLICAN AND CATHOLIC SCHOOL, WREXHAM

Attendance



Evaluation Form Responses



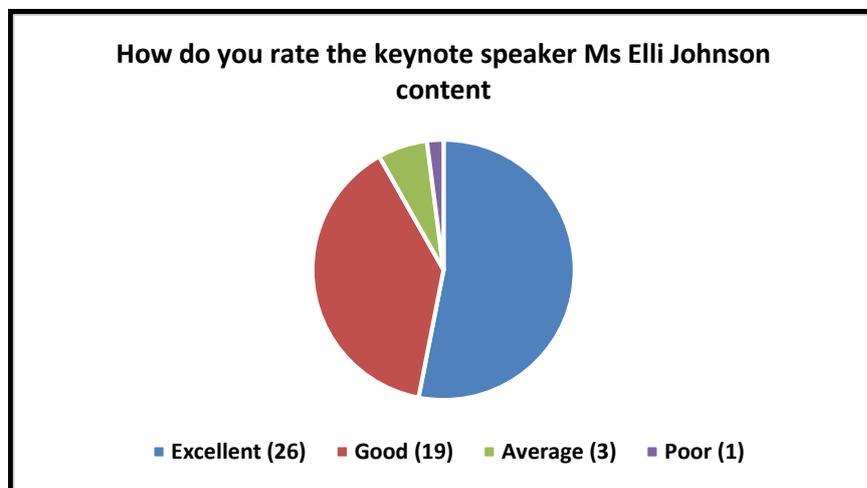
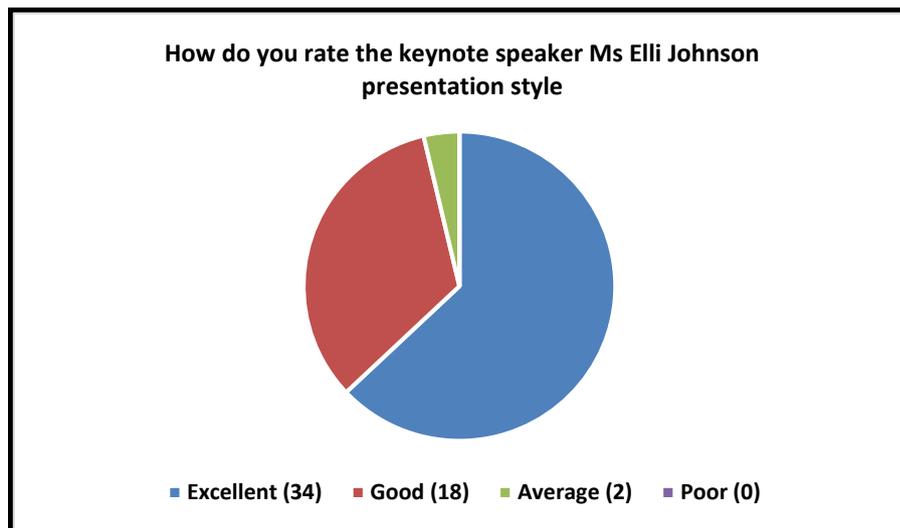
What were the most useful part(s) of the conference? Please give reasons

- Elli Johnson x16
 - Inspirational x3
 - very personal and resonated.
 - Excellent + provocative presentation.
- Meeting with others, films and talks, information gained. Also market place.
- Reporting back, especially youth work and Housing Justice Cymru.
- Bishop's address x8–
 - explaining Metanoia, with biblical refs. Something I can share with congregation at home.
 - Strong Christian message.
 - Well prepared pertinent presentation
 - Metanoia – Useful for sermon next day.
 - Most encouraging and empowering.
- Overall excellent x4
- Meeting people/networking/marketplace information.
- Tim Feak's presentation. X4
 - Was most interesting and inspiring.
- Youth work – Confirmation.
- Business (Helen Jones)
- Worship x2
- Films, presentation from Eli and Homeless charity.
- Housing Justice.
- Market place. The keynote address. Meeting others and getting together as a family.
- All good x2
- U25s vision inspiring short videos were engaging and a good way of breaking up the conference. Housing Justice presentation very inspiring.
- The speakers were excellent
- Finance report was well presented, Bishop Gregory gave a good opening address

What were the least useful part(s) of the conference? Please give reasons

- All useful x6
- Music – Too loud, too much
- Financial reports x2 –
 - perhaps above average individual but they have to be done!
- Keynote speaker – unrealistic & business meeting- boring could have voted online.
- There were so many good things.
- The ‘business’ part
- Too long lunch break
- We would like to know how much the appeal made.
- The loud music. Would it be possible to have a “quiet room” set up for the lunch break?
- Main presentation was interesting but question was fudged

How do you rate our keynote speaker, Ms Elli Johnson?



- Great to have a younger speaker – genuine and huge integrity
- Speech just a little too long. Very good though.
- Not quite my style!
- I could relate to her experience. We all need to take on her lessons learned x3
- Marvellous!
- Excellent presentation so personal and moving.
- White, middle-class, middle-aged, privileged. Some good points but v.unrealistic for the majority of the population.
- I think her message spoke to us all – brilliant delivery.
- Very good, talked about lots of good things to do to live our lives.
- Excellent speaker
- It was good to hear how far we have come from God and that we can be Godly by living.
- Outstanding combination of message and humility.
- She spoke very well, I had some difficulty relating/interpreting her personal story.
- Sometimes confusing yet there is a paradox here somewhere.
- Excellent talk on mental health, very relevant for individuals. Wouldn't have expected her to extrapolate to church situation but perhaps a gap in lining to a diocesan situation.
- We can all get 'bogged down' with all that is happening personally + keeping the church going with fund-raising, organising etc. When sometimes we just need to rest + recharge batteries.
- Interesting presentation raising issues around contemporary understandings of Christian Faith which would do with follow up.
- A very inspiring young lady. A lot of food for thought in her address.
- What a lovely person - everyone was taking a great interest in every word.
- She came across as very human.
- A bit "me, me, me" like a TED talk. A lot of what she did for herself, implying we should/could do it for ourselves. Not a lot about letting God work for, in and through us.
- What an inspiration.

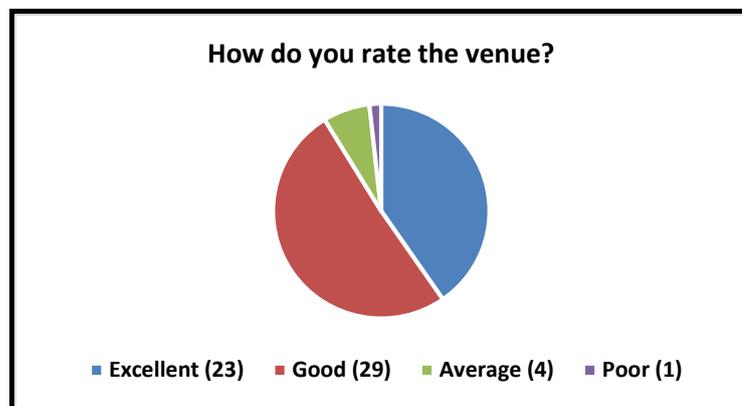
Was there anything you would have liked to spend more time on?

- No x8
 - Well organised -timewise.
- Opportunity for questions with the keynote speaker. X2
- Would possibly benefit from two keynote speakers in morning session. Shorter speeches.
- Liked bible references in Bishop's opening address – he could have explored more.
- Questions to Bishop and Elli.
- Good practice which others could learn from e.g. Housing Justice Cymru
- Would have like to spend more time in smaller groups. Too much sitting down in same place.
- More time for feedback from the floor
- I did not see all the stalls so a bit more time with that.

Was there anything you would have liked to spend less time on?

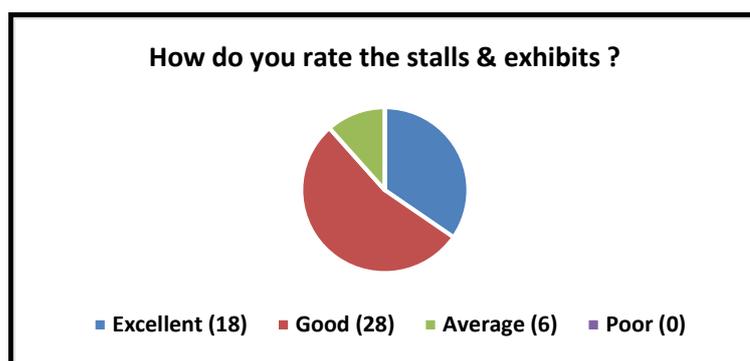
- No x8
 - all well timed
 - the time was well allocated.
- Lunch /shopping time.
- Keynote speech.
- Boring meeting stuff
- Main speaker could have usefully condensed her remarks.
- The work of the Diocese with dementia and how much money was raised

How do you rate the venue?



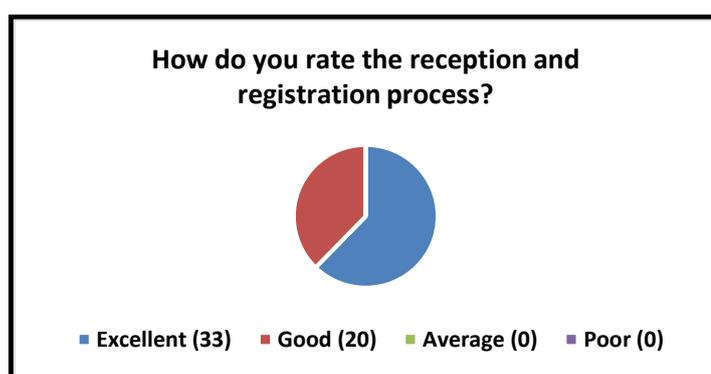
- Need new tarpaulins on the floor!
- It's good but could do with thinking of new venue perhaps to the south to freshen things up
- Good PowerPoint presentation.
- Room very warm & stuffy
- Few more signs would be useful but otherwise good.
- An excellent school with facilities what we are lucky to be able to use.
- Parking is always difficult. It is easy to get to. Plenty of space
- Excellent – But too hot!
- Works better as people become familiar with it. Conference better without breakout groups.
- Girls all very helpful and cheerful, made it a pleasure. Thank you girls.
- Thought I'd got it sorted this year, but still found the layout of the school a bit confusing. More notices with directions to this and that perhaps?
- Easy access, clean and tidy plenty of toilets

How do you rate the Stalls and Exhibits?



- Good to have more space with 2 locations x8
- Best part – especially finding out more about how to support the marginalised in society.
- I enjoyed flipping through a few books.
- Lots of different stalls with lots of different information.
- Good having books and others separate more room to browse.
- Good to use two venues + spread the books out more.
- Very friendly and helpful.
- A bit more time with this would have been nice.
- Not enough time to visit them all and also catch up with colleagues and friends.
- Something to interest everyone.
- Great variety – could more churches sell their products as did St Bart's Sealand?

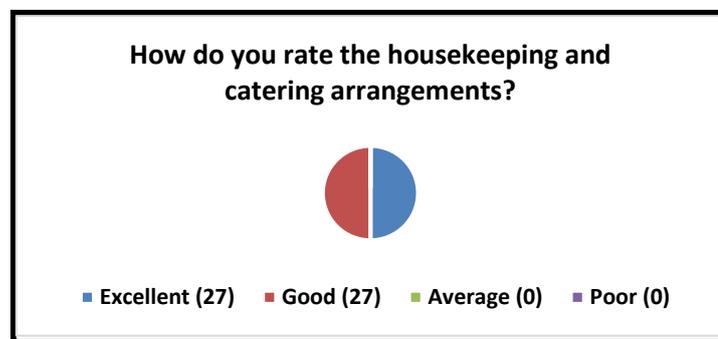
How do you rate the reception and registration process?



- Diocese office staff were excellent as usual!
- I wasn't immediately clear where the registration desk was situated.
- Very efficient.
- Very smooth.
- Well organised.
- Very quick once found it.
- Extremely welcoming.
- Very welcoming.

- Plenty of people around to give directions.
- Difficult to find.
- Excellent – No queues!
- A lively welcome and a good lunch. Many smiling faces who made us feel so welcome.
- Very quick and all the ladies very kind and helpful.
- Very efficient and pleasant.
- Ok because I know the system. I know for one first time attendee who found it bewildering and would have appreciated a more hands on welcome.
- Very smooth.
- The welcomers gave everyone a warm welcome on arrival and the registration was easy

How do you rate the housekeeping and catering arrangements?



- I am gluten free I was not told where to pick up my lunch bag for quite a while.
- Would be nice to have another large reception area to eat and stretch your legs from main hall.
- Excellent – but why leave so much to young people? Why treat them as 2nd rate delegates? They should not be asked to do so many menial tasks.
- Sandwiches were good and well packages.
- Good packed lunch.
- So organised and efficient.
- Pleased to see no water bottles – plastic.
- Could have a recycling bin to help reduce plastic waste in the world.
- Shame about the plastic.
- Young people were excellent hosts. Technical support very professional.
- Very quick again over in minutes.
- How can you dispense with all the plastic wrappings? The absence of water bottles (bring your own!) was a step in the right direction.
- Thank you to the young people who distributed lunch and the ladies who made tea.
- Most welcome hot drinks, and packed lunch suitable and enjoyable.
- Sandwiches and cake nice and fresh, did miss having a bottle of water this year

Do you have any other comments that you wish to make?

- Loved the worship – great to have something less traditional for a change; it was lively and energising!
- Loved the short videos.
- Overall length of the day ideal. Enjoyed the conference very much. Brilliant end. Thank you.
- It would be nice if we were told how much the Diocesan Offering cheque was for.
- Enjoyed the youth at the end.
- Could have been half day. I've ended the day being embarrassed at belonging to such a white, middle-class, elitist organisation. We seem to have no idea about how off-putting we are to those most in need. Just look at the delegates! Thank you, God, for restoring my faith through the Housing Justice Cymru talk. Closing worship was very good too!
- Music was too loud! particularly during the meditation. The light above the screen are too bright.
- Thank you. X2
- I normally don't like sitting down all day Saturday as I work Mon-Fri but today has been lifechanging. God called me here, I didn't want to come, I'm glad I answered as he was speaking to me #Elli #Youth.
- The lack of recycling facilities was notable. I feel it is an area we really need to do better on as custodians of God's creation.
- Dearth of toilets not helpful to certain males in the congregation
- Would it be possible, when delegates are selected, to ask if they would like correspondence to be in Welsh or English – it seems such a waste and people sometimes feel manipulated into accepting Welsh Language!
- Great videos. Good subtitles. Would have been nice to have some Welsh Speakers.
- I like the request that we bring our own things to drink out of and we reuse our conference folders.
- The worship at the end was beautiful but the music during the meditation far too loud.
- Directions to venue un-helpful.
- Youth talk and housing talk good
- Helen Jones gave an ideal presentation – but she did not need to say what was on the PowerPoint exactly – we can read!
- Thank you.
- Thank you for the worship. However, I feel this would be better at the beginning of the day. Everyone is so tired by the end!
- Helen Jones spoke clearly on the finance, so was able to understand.
- The day was well organised. The Guest speaker was delightful. Her words were thought provoking. I was disappointed with the answer to my question re 'parish share – 2023. I realise there are lots of unknowns – but there must be an idea within the assumptions. Thank you for the lunch/coffee etc, which was excellent.
- Better each year content interesting and I was glued to all topics in case I missed something. If anyone did not enjoy it they are in the wrong job and should not attend. Thank you for a lovely day.

- 1. The worship was little strange in so far as when people were standing those 'unable' to stand were unable to see the screen. Hence people asking me if we could sit down in order that they could see the words on the screen.
- 2. I had understood that this was meant to be a plastic free event. Yet the sandwiches and the cake were both in plastic! Could they not have been wrapped in other things?
- 3. Thought the two lay chairs were very clear and could hear everything they were saying – Fab.
- 4. Venue is always very good in St Joseph's and I think it is a very good venue to hold such a large gathering.
- The workshops in 2017 were deemed to be a success- but there weren't any this time. But how would they fit into the schedule, I wonder?
- One of my colleagues went home early with a migraine. Music and lighting seemed to be the cause.
- I enjoyed the film clips
- The youth team once again helped to make the conference a great success