

St Saviour's Synod Questionnaire

We've been invited by Pope Francis to participate in listening and discernment on the themes: **Communion, Participation and Mission**. Through this Synod, Pope Francis is calling the Church to rediscover its deeply synodal nature. This rediscovery of the synodal roots of the Church will involve a process of humbly learning together how God is calling us to be as the Church in the third millennium.



Please reflect and share your thoughts on the following questions. You can return the completed questionnaire to Deacon Javier at St Saviours **before 21st November** by either:

- scanning or taking a photo of the completed form and emailing it to: javierelderfield@rcaos.org.uk
- handing the completed questionnaire to the Priest's House
- You can access and complete the form via the Parish website: <https://stsaviourslewisham.org.uk/>

Your answers will form a part of our feedback towards the wider diocesan synodal process. Feedback will be shared via the newsletter at a later date.

You are invited to pray the **Synod Prayer** before you begin:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Participation

Participation is based on the fact that all the faithful are qualified and called to serve each other through the gifts they have all received from the Holy Spirit. The authority of pastors is a specific gift of the Spirit of Christ the Head for the building up of the entire Body.

Questions:

2 a) How can we better enable full participation and co-responsibility in the life of the church at the parish and diocesan levels, today?

2 b) How can participation be strengthened moving forward into the future?

Mission

The People of God are on pilgrimage through history towards the heavenly homeland. Each one of the baptised is to be honoured with the same dignity as children of God and appointed to the same mission, the proclamation of the Good News and the building of the Kingdom of God.

Questions:

3 a) Are we looking in or are we looking out, as a parish community? Can we do both effectively?

3 b) Where is the Holy Spirit calling you to mission and service today?

Communion

The Church is Catholic because she is sent to all, in order to gather the entire human family from every nation and culture, under the Lordship of Christ and in the unity of his Spirit.

Questions:

1 a) What are the ways in which your parish most successfully brings people together?

1 b) In which areas of parish life (liturgical, charitable, social etc) are you able to discern the presence and movement of the Holy Spirit?