

# SUMMARY PROFILE

This Summary Profile provides highlights about your local church from the 2021 National Church Life Survey

## Eastwood Uniting Church







Full Profile

Coming soon: Your full Church Life Profile will contain comprehensive results with comparisons to other benchmarks

### The People of this Church:

#### Most value:

-  **43%** Openness to social or cultural diversity
-  **41%** Wider community care or social justice emphasis
-  **40%** Sermons, preaching or Bible teaching
-  **28%** Sharing in Holy Communion/the Eucharist/Lord's Supper

#### Want to give attention to:

-  **43%** Building a sense of community
-  **34%** Worship services that are nurturing
-  **26%** Encouraging new approaches
-  **24%** Spiritual growth (e.g. direction)

Note: Attenders could select up to three options so percentages may not add up to 100%.

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# People of This Church

This Summary Profile contains a snapshot of your church's unique results from the 2021 National Church Life Survey. This profile is based on 87 responses from attenders aged 15+.

Supporting resources available at [2021ncls.org.au](https://2021ncls.org.au) may also help you you make best use of your results, to strengthen the vitality of your church, grow an owned vision and plan for the future.

## Demographic profile

### Gender



**60%** are female

**40%** are male

Note: The percent for those who chose 'other' will be included in denominational and national reports. Figures have been rounded to 100%.

### Marital Status

**58%** are currently married

### Ethnicity

**65%** are born in Australia

**35%** are born overseas

**30%** speak a language other than English at home

### Employment

**25%** are employed full-time (30 hours plus)

**47%** are retired

### Education

**74%** have a university degree

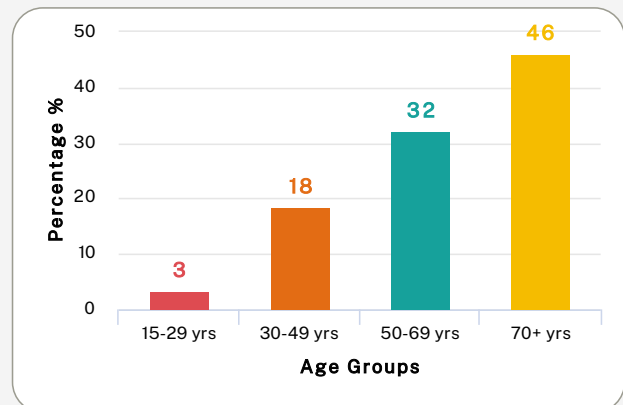
**16%** have a trade certificate or secondary school education

## Age and intergenerational ministry

**64 yrs** is the average age of attenders over 15

**46%** are satisfied with what is offered for children aged under 12 years

**19%** are satisfied with what is offered for youth aged 12 to 18



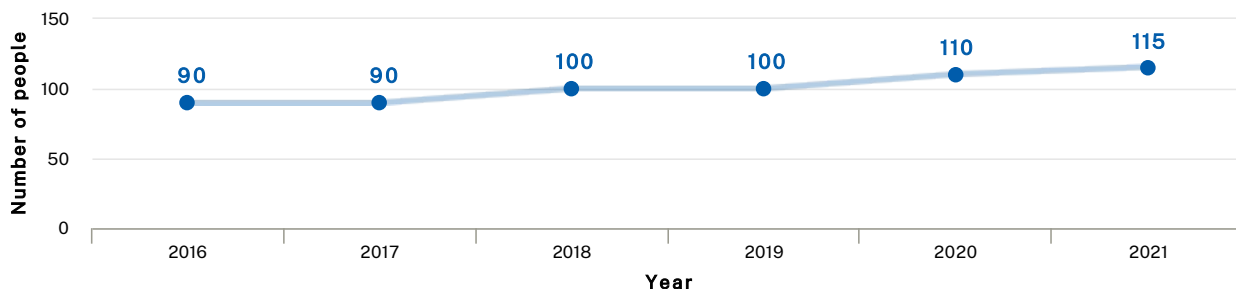


# Church Attendance and Background



## Attendance patterns

### Estimated attendance



### Attendance at this local church (including online)

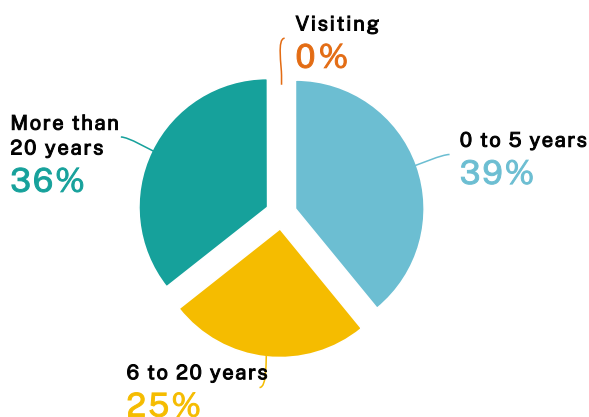
- 89%** are frequent attenders (monthly or more)
- 60%** attend weekly or more
- 61%** have attended this local church for more than five years

### Attendance elsewhere (in person or online)\*

- 70%** do not attend any other church
- 16%** attend elsewhere, in person
- 15%** attend elsewhere, via online services

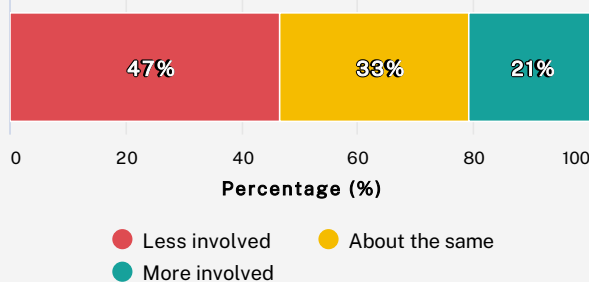
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### Length of time attending this local church



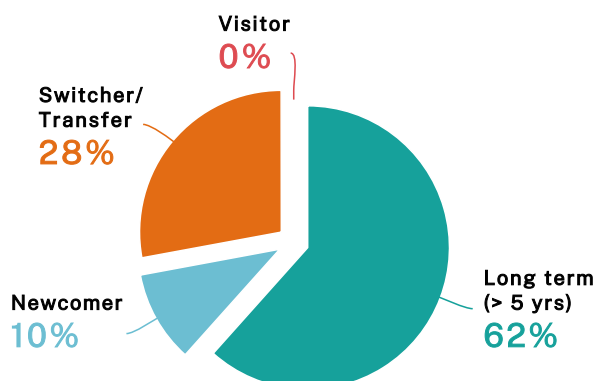
### Impact of COVID-19

Current involvement compared to 2019 (before COVID-19)



## Church background

**39%** of attenders here are new arrivals to this local church in the past 5 years



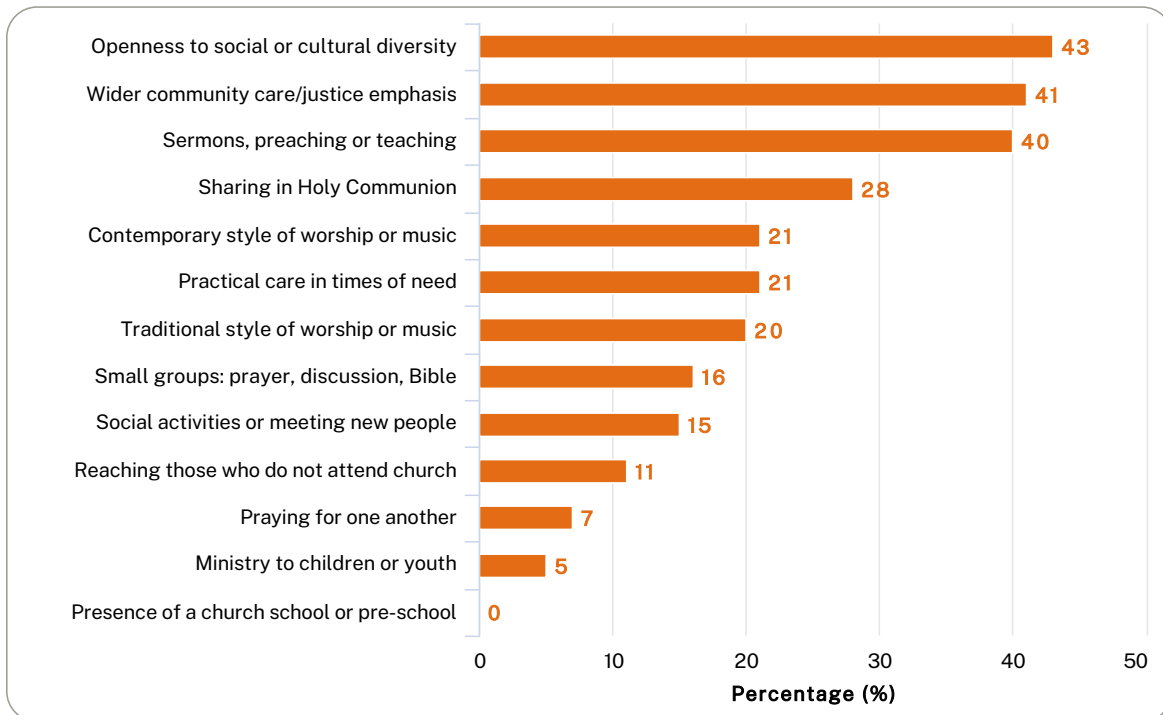


# What People Value and Prioritise



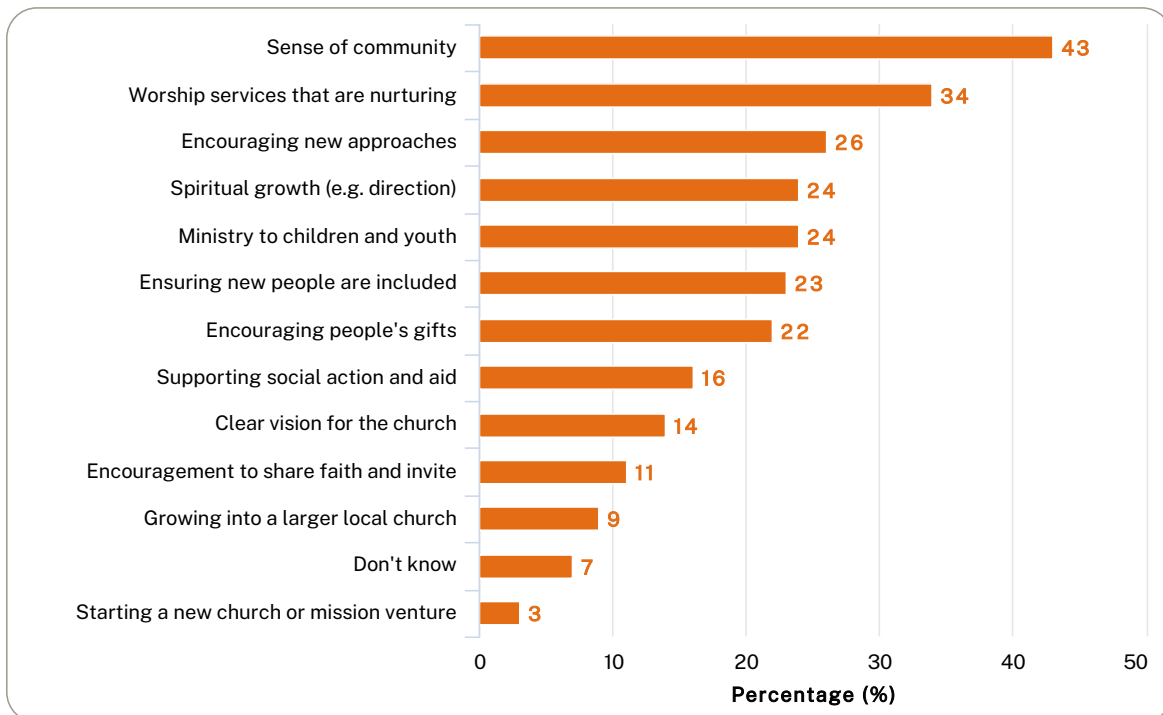
## What people value about this church

Attendees of this local church most value 'Openness to social or cultural diversity' and 'Wider community care or social justice emphasis'.



## Future priorities

Over the next 12 months most attendees would like priority given to 'Building a sense of community' and 'Worship services that are nurturing'.



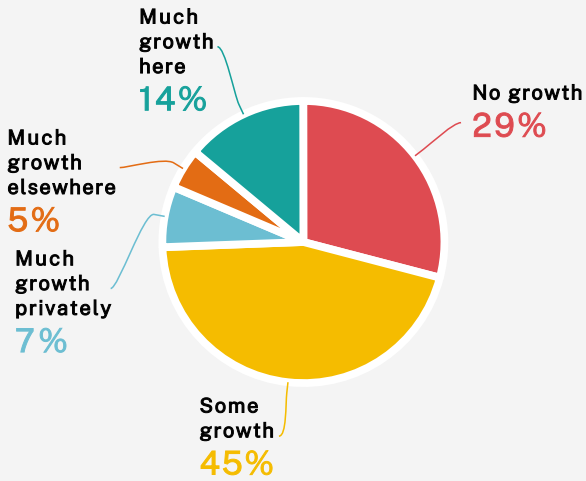


# How People Relate to God

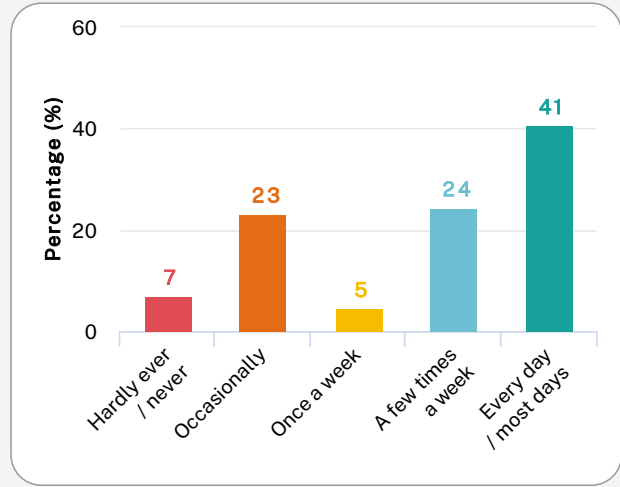


## Personal faith

**26%** of attenders said that they had experienced much growth in faith in the previous 12 months



**41%** spend time in prayer, Bible reading, meditation everyday or most days



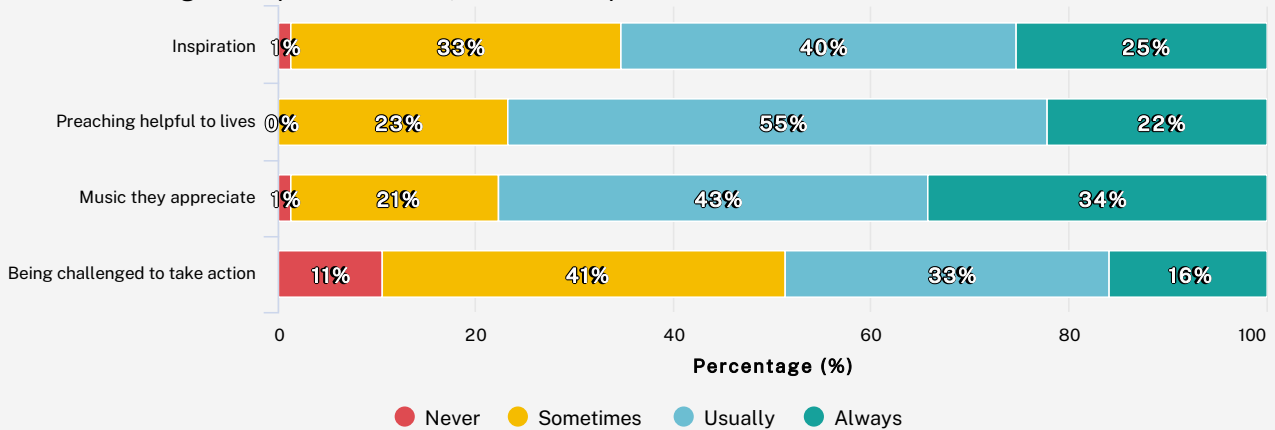
**93%** agree their faith influences decisions and actions in daily life

**91%** agree that 'my faith in God is an important part of who I am'



## Church worship services

During worship services here, attenders experience:





# How People Relate to Each Other



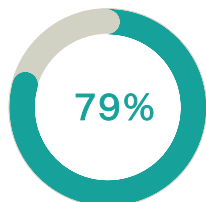
## Belonging and inclusion

42% always or mostly personally seek to make new arrivals welcome

14% are likely to follow up someone drifting away from church involvement

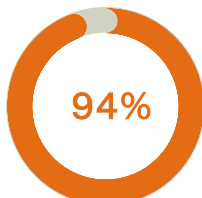
### Belonging

Have a strong sense of belonging



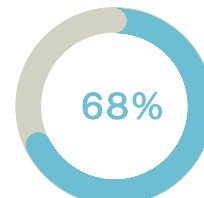
### Inclusive

Agree this local church is inclusive of different kinds of people



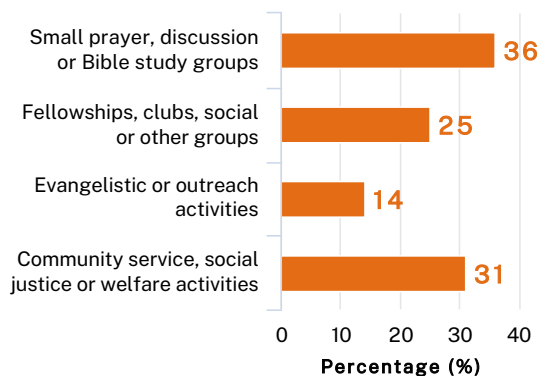
### Friendly

Found it easy to make friends in this local church

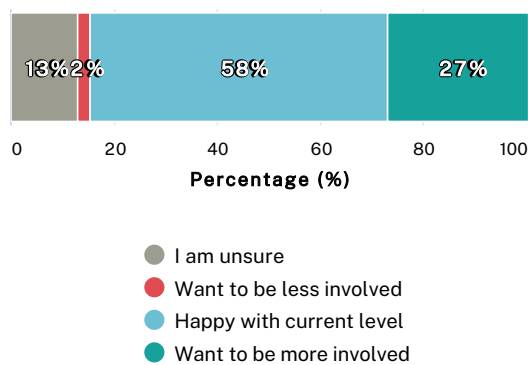


## Involvement

### Group involvement



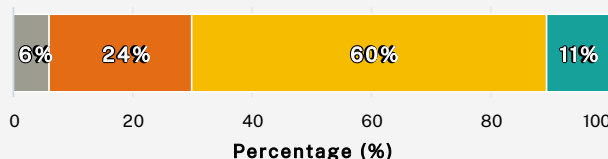
27% want to be more involved at this local church



### Financial giving

Patterns of giving to this local church (as a percent of net income).

- Do not contribute financially here
- Give a small amount when present
- Give less than 10%
- Give about 10% or more



# How People Relate to the Wider Community



## Involvement in groups

- 64%** of people participate in wider community groups
- 15%** are very actively involved in online groups (e.g. social media, community groups)

## Church-based activities

- 38%** reach out to the wider community through activities of this local church
- 31%** are part of community service activities
- 14%** are part of evangelistic activities



## Words and actions

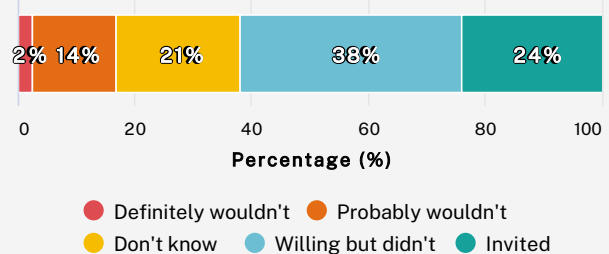
- 77%** talk about matters of faith with other members of their household (19% live alone)
- 20%** feel at ease talking about faith with others and look for opportunities to do so

## Attendees have offered to help others in the past 12 months

Donated money to a charitable organisation	<b>65%</b>
Supported a campaign (online or other)	<b>44%</b>
Lent or gave money to someone outside your family	<b>43%</b>
Helped someone through a personal crisis (not sickness)	<b>35%</b>
Given some of your possessions to someone in need	<b>31%</b>
Cared for someone who was very sick	<b>25%</b>
Contacted a parliamentarian/councillor on a public issue	<b>23%</b>
Attended a public meeting/march	<b>19%</b>
Visited someone in hospital	<b>18%</b>
Tried to stop someone abusing alcohol or drugs	<b>10%</b>

## Inviting others to church

- 24%** invited friends and relatives to a church service in this last year



## Acting for the environment

- 95%** agree that Christians have a responsibility to actively care for the environment
- 23%** are very active
- 48%** are a little active
- 24%** are currently not active



# Vision, Innovation & Leadership Culture

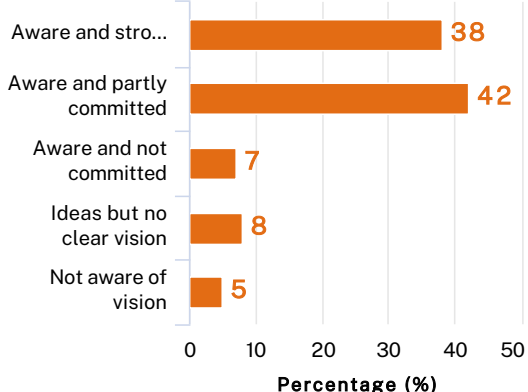


## Vision and innovation

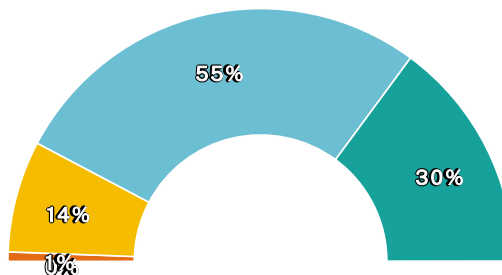
**38%** of people are both aware of and strongly committed to the vision and goals or directions for this local church

**31%** are fully confident that this local church can achieve the vision, goals or directions set

### Vision

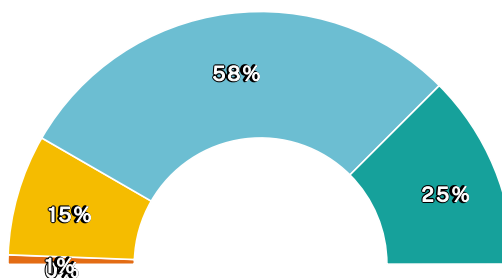


**85%** agree that this local church is always ready to try something new



Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

**83%** agree that they would support the development of new initiatives in the ministry and mission of this local church



Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree



## Leadership culture

**73%** agree that this local church has good and clear systems for how it operates

**79%** agree it is easy to get involved in ministry at this local church (e.g. join a roster, take on a role)

**61%** of attenders perform a leadership or ministry role

**55%** agree 'leaders encourage me to find and use my gifts and skills to great or some extent'

**72%** agree 'leaders here inspire me to action'