

# Appendix 1

## Church Scores Sheet

circle the number you consider most appropriate

1. *energized by faith*

rather than just keeping things going or trying to survive

low      1      2      3      4      5      6      high

2. *outward-looking focus*

with a 'whole life' rather than 'church life' concern

low      1      2      3      4      5      6      high

3. *seeks to find out what God wants*

discerning the Spirit's leading rather than trying to please everyone

low      1      2      3      4      5      6      high

4. *faces the cost of change and growth*

rather than resisting change and fearing failure

low      1      2      3      4      5      6      high

5. *operates as a community*

rather than functioning as a club or religious organization

low      1      2      3      4      5      6      high

6. *makes room for all*

being inclusive rather than exclusive

low      1      2      3      4      5      6      high

7. *does a few things and does them well*

focused rather than frenetic

low      1      2      3      4      5      6      high

# Scoring Guide

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Circle the number that best describes what *you* see is happening in your church

1. weak and holding us back
2. only a few signs
3. some evidence of this
4. making progress
5. evidence of much of this
6. this is a strength

# Appendix 3

## Church Profile Sheet

<i>Mark</i>	1 low	2	3	4	5	6 high	Total
1. Energized by faith							
2. Outward-looking focus							
3. Seeks to find out what God wants							
4. Faces the cost of change and growth							
5. Operates as a community							
6. Makes room for all							
7. Does a few things and does them well							

## Appendix 4

# Seven Marks Summary Sheet

### Mark 1: energized by faith

*rather than just keeping things going or trying to survive*

- *worship and sacramental life*: move people to experience God's love
- *motivation*: energy comes from a desire to serve God and one another
- *engages with Scripture*: in creative ways that connect with life
- *nurtures faith in Christ*: helping people to grow in, and share, their faith.

### Mark 2: outward-looking focus

*with a 'whole life' rather than a 'church life' concern*

- deeply rooted in the *local community*, working in partnership with other denominations, faiths, secular groups and networks
- passionate and prophetic about *justice and peace*, locally and globally
- makes connections between *faith and daily living*
- responds to human need by *loving service*.

### Mark 3: seeks to find out what God wants

*discerning the Spirit's leading rather than trying to please everyone*

- *vocation*: seeks to explore what God wants it to be and do
- *vision*: develops and communicates a shared sense of where it is going
- *mission priorities*: consciously sets both immediate and long-term goals
- able to call for, and make, *sacrifices*, personal and corporate, in bringing about the above and living out the faith.

### Mark 4: faces the cost of change and growth

*rather than resisting change and fearing failure*

- while embracing the past, it dares to take on *new ways of doing things*

- *takes risks*: admits when things are not working, and learns from experience
- *crises*: responds creatively to challenges that face the church and community
- *positive experiences of change*: however small, are affirmed and built on.

## **Mark 5: operates as a community**

*rather than functioning as a club or religious organization*

- *relationships*: are nurtured, often in small groups, so that people feel accepted and are helped to grow in faith and service
- *leadership*: lay and ordained work as a team to develop locally appropriate expressions of all seven marks of a healthy church
- *lay ministry*: the different gifts, experiences and faith journeys of all are valued and given expression in and beyond the life of the church.

## **Mark 6: makes room for all**

*being inclusive rather than exclusive*

- *welcome*: works to include newcomers into the life of the church
- *children and young people*: are helped to belong, contribute and be nurtured in their faith
- *enquirers* are encouraged to explore and experience faith in Christ
- *diversities*: different social and ethnic backgrounds, mental and physical abilities, and ages, are seen as a strength.

## **Mark 7: does a few things and does them well**

*focused rather than frenetic*

- *does the basics well*: especially public worship, pastoral care, stewardship and administration
- *occasional offices*: make sense of life and communicate faith
- *being good news* as a church in its attitudes and ways of working
- *enjoys what it does* and is relaxed about what is not being done.

# Appendix 5

## Action Lists

1. *energized by faith*

what needs working on.....  
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2. *outward-looking focus*

what needs working on.....  
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3. *seeks to find out what God wants*

what needs working on.....  
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4. *faces the cost of change and growth*

what needs working on.....  
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5. *operates as a community*

what needs working on.....  
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6. *makes room for all*

what needs working on.....  
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7. *does a few things and does them well*

what needs working on.....  
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Appendix 6

# Naming the Angel of the Church

The colour of our church is (church *life*, not *building*)

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Our church building says

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The local context/culture can best be described as (e.g. *fragmented, comfortable, friendly, frantic ...*)

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The history of this church is a story of .....

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What we are trying to do here is

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The clergy/lay relationship can best be described as

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What is missing in this church is

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The best thing about this church is

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The angel or personality of this church can best be described in terms of

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