

THE NEXT GENERATION



Dr Angelina Osborne interviews church members Theo Rutherford, Samson Odubanjo, Wendy Walker, Marie Barnett and Matthew



From left: Samson Odubanjo, Theo Rutherford and Matthew Odubanjo with Dr Angelina Osborne

'Rev Eve encourages us to do more in the church... it feels like we are more a part of the church'

Most of the young membership at Holy Trinity have been attending since they were children, with their parents or grandparents. Others have been attending a short time, having recently moved into the area. Many have been christened here all have been confirmed. They are aware that retaining a younger presence in the church is a challenge currently being faced. How is the role of the church to be defined in the current digital age, as people become more and more attached to their electronic devices? Can they use the technology to their advantage?

If I want to make sense of something, the thing that helps me is faith. We are the church - if you take away the buildings it's the people that hold things together. One of the challenges is of the modern church is how do we get back to this working together and helping each other?

If we can find a way to change our beliefs that we all bring something to church; if we can find a way to do that properly, it will be the best opportunity we have to get the feeling back.

We need to think about things like streaming services live – technology means we can do whatever we want. For the church to survive and to attract new people, it must adapt to everyone's way of life, to respond to the issues that people are facing in society.

People are too quick to put their faith in technology and science to disprove religion. Rev. Eve talked about mystery, there was a whole mystery about the world, how we came to be and what our purpose is – religion was our answer for that. Nowadays, science has proven this, and engineering has answered that – what does religion give us? Religion is about faith, and faith is not about having evidence, but believing in something anyway.

Coming to church has helped me to develop as a person and the way I think.