

Notice to all churches in the Chester and Delamere Forest Methodist Circuit

Exploring Church and Place – research project

We often hear it said that “church is the people, not the building”, and yet buildings also seem important to our life together. Andrew Herbert, Mission Development Officer in the city centre and based at Wesley, is studying for an MA in Theology at the University of Chester. His dissertation will focus on this question of the significance of particular buildings and places to our common life in the church.

The research will involve people who attend circuit churches taking part in a small group conversation held at their local church next February or March. This will be introduced and facilitated by Andrew as the researcher. There will also be a short questionnaire for participants to fill in.

The research is completely separate from the prayerful conversation we have embarked on about the future pattern of our life in churches across the circuit. Nevertheless, one benefit of taking part in the study is that it might help you and others in your reflection as part of this wider conversation.

If you would be willing to participate in this research, please ask a steward or minister for an information sheet and consent form. Consent forms need to be returned by December 20th.

With thanks

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