



To all those involved in the worshipping life of churches  
in the Chester and Delamere Forest Circuit

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am conducting a research project as part of the requirement for my Masters in Theology at the University of Chester.

As part of my studies I am exploring the significance of our church buildings to us in our experience of church. For some people and congregations, a building is just a building to meet in for worship. For others, it has great significance as a place: a sacred space, a place of belonging and of openness in its geographical context.

The purpose of this letter is to ask if you would be willing to participate in a project to research this area further, called 'Exploring Church and Place'. This would involve completing a questionnaire and attending a small group session to introduce and explore the topic. This session would take place in your own church.

If you are willing to be involved in this research, remember that you are free to withdraw from it at any stage. All information which is collected about you during the course of the research will be kept strictly confidential and you will be anonymised in any write up of the research.

Please think carefully about whether you can join in this project. Participant information sheets are available within your church via your minister and stewards. Please let me know if you need any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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