

**How do we get
where we need
to be?**



*Looking at where
Church is now and
where it could be.*

- *Church &
Culture-*
- *Church a
Journey*
- *Re-Imagining
Church*
- *A mixed
ecology of
church*
- *What next?*

Looking Beyond

A series of 5
workshops



Can church survive
today?

What new things might
we need to explore?

How do we take those
first steps?



Cumbria
Methodist District



A Mixed Ecology

We all know that numbers in churches are declining steadily.

We know there are challenges ahead.

The God For All vision here in Cumbria invites us to consider a mixed ecology of church, where many different expressions of church will co-exist and flourish together.

The National Methodist New Places for New People strategy challenges us to consider what we might do as local churches to reach beyond our existing connections and explore what community might look like in these places, and how new forms of church might develop.

This series of 5 workshops are designed to take you on a journey from where we have come from as church, to where we are now and to explore what the 'New' might look like.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF WORKSHOPS

CHURCH & CULTURE WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Exploring the connections between society, culture and community and what has changed over the past 30 years and how this affects church.

We begin to identify who our community is and what they are passionate about.

CHURCH A JOURNEY WHERE HAVE WE COME FROM?

Looking at the complexities of church history, beginning in Acts and briefly looking through the key challenges and changes the church has journeyed through.

Re-discovering and re-connecting with the realisation church is an ever-changing, adapting missional movement.

RE-IMAGINING CHURCH HOW DO WE DO THIS?

Exploring what we mean by a Mixed Ecology of Church and how Fresh Expressions and Pioneering support this.

Following the stages of FX development to see how this could relate to your community.

A MIXED ECOLOGY- CHURCH WILL LOOK DIFFERENT

Exploring the final stages of FX development we'll look at how church takes shape and discipleship develops in a fresh expression.

What might worship look like?

What might the hurdles and challenges be?

WHAT NEXT? WHAT WILL SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

After some time for you dream and put into practice all you have learnt, we will come back together to explore your next steps and what support and resources are needed.

Contact your superintendent minister to book your place



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