

POST-PANDEMIC WORKSHOP 2ND. OCTOBER 2021

DISCUSSION GROUP COMMENTS

Do we have to be a hybrid church to serve the community effectively in the future?

Both, but more emphasis on meeting face to face. Building relationships. Belonging. Perhaps “business” meetings on Zoom support those who can’t go out at night.

Online brings new faces from different parts of the country. Keeping a link.

There is a place for it. Church is about community meeting together/interaction with others.

Less commitment online but useful for those who can’t attend.

Online worship does have a place – less intimidating online.

Necessary tool, not to replace face to face fellowship.

Benefits not essential. Utilising it for convenience.

Outreach.

Balance between church fellowship and technology.

How can we further expand our connection with the community brought by the pandemic?

Key is to CHANGE rather than online or not.

Lack of boldness “I am a Christian” or “I love Jesus!

Needs to be a physical witness.

Online can be an open door to take a step of faith, explore Christianity (not instead of church meeting).

Use of social activities to bring children into contact with the church – friendship centre, toddler group.

Problems such as debt management; involve agencies such as Citizens Advice, food banks, Christians against poverty.

Needs to take Jesus into the community.

Are we living with Jesus in the week?

Testimonial worship. Romans 12 vv 1-2

Finding ways of bringing people into the church as well as going out into the community.

Helping people with post-Covid mental problems.

How might we go about reaching our increasingly post-Christian society, post-Covid?

Reaching out to non-Christians through church groups, talking and praying with people

Sharing God's and Christ's word.

Reaching people -DANGER that we reach them with entertainment, worldly entertainment, not Jesus.

We must go out but prayer first,

Need a weekly structure but question "Why are we doing it?"

Hybrid – online is so convenient. Commitment?

Weekly newsletter has been going out – do we need to continue with this?

How we operate might need to change but care needs to be taken to avoid offending members of the congregation.

Consultation