



Introducing the Key Foundations of FEAST



Thank you for your interest in our New Places for New People project taking place within the Northampton District.

FEAST is all about **F**riends **E**xploring **A**nd **S**haring **T**ogether and invites those who may be curious about faith to join others, together with FEAST facilitators, using their common interests to build relationships and further conversations about how faith issues surface in the culture of today, and perhaps even how arts and culture speak into theology and into daily our Way of Life as the people called Methodists.

New Places:

FEAST groups will look different from Sunday models of church in that their location will, but not always, be a new place of gathering.

Their focus, especially in the gathering stages, will be on a common interest or issue which acts as the starting point for faith exploration. Therefore, it is vital to listen and learn from the local culture and context.



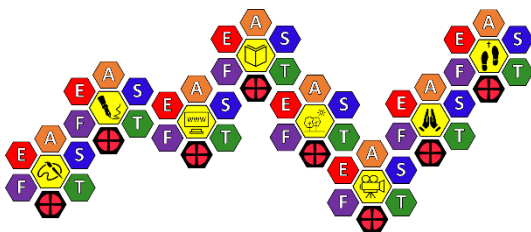
FEAST groups are primarily designed for people who self-identify as 'spiritual but not religious' or no longer see themselves as being part of a church.



Other people may, but not exclusively, have little or no faith background. Some people might simply be curious about what the group is doing, and we hope that they too will find a welcome.

New People:

Collaborative projects are to be encouraged within the groups and their local community.



We pray that FEAST will be a helpful partner alongside the other mission and ministry activities that take place across the Northampton Methodist District.

The District FEAST Enabler will be available to coach group facilitators and help with any training sessions. FEAST groups will also need local encouragement as they begin building a new and prayerful team within their new contexts.

Our Prayer

'Sanctify us, Lord, and bless, Breathe thy Spirit, give thy peace; Thou thyself within us move, Make our feast a feast of love.'



Charles Wesley (1707-88) STF 646 Come, and let us sweetly join

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