

Resource 4.1

Charlie's local church tour



Whitchurch Methodist Church

My church is so friendly and welcoming. The café is great as it brings lots of local people together and helps raise money to keep the church going. I look forward to coming here every Sunday to worship and study the Bible, and I see my friends too.

Janine, age 12



Bethel Baptist Church



St Teilo's Catholic Church

St Teilo's is such a special place! I met my wife here and we got married here too. Our baby, Josh, is going to be baptised here soon as well.

Joe, age 32

St Thomas's Church
(Anglican, Church in Wales)

Sundays are special to me as that's when I get to go to church. I love the singing and learning about Jesus. I feel all new and ready for a hard week at school after church.

Ellery, age 9

St Mary's Parish Church
(Anglican, Church in Wales)

St Mary's is a beautiful old church. We have so many weddings here! Every Sunday, we come here as family to worship and take Holy Communion. It's been a special place for our whole family for a very long time now.

Alwyn, age 19



Charlie's house

Welcome to
Whitchurch

I love coming to church on Sunday mornings with my grandad and my mum. There is always something going on and sometimes grandad gets to play his guitar. Lots of celebrations and fun and we do quite a lot of charity projects, too. My mum also goes to Zumba class in the church hall every week too.

Rhys, age 10

Our church looks much grander from the outside. Inside it's quite plain because we don't want to be distracted from focusing on the Bible when we worship. I'm really proud of everything our church does to support food banks and other charities too. The church is a big part of the community. I really look forward to the Christmas craft fayres and other community events.

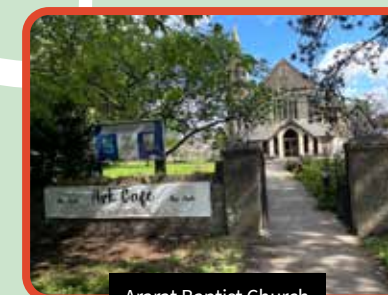
Audrey, age 68



Tabernacle Presbyterian Church sharing the church with the Welsh Evangelical Church. You could say this is 2 churches in 1!

This church is a place of worship and prayer for two local Christian communities. Although we worship in different ways – and even in different languages (one in Welsh and the other in English) – and have some different beliefs, we are all one in Jesus Christ. Fewer people go to church these days, meaning sharing our church is a good idea.

John, age 39

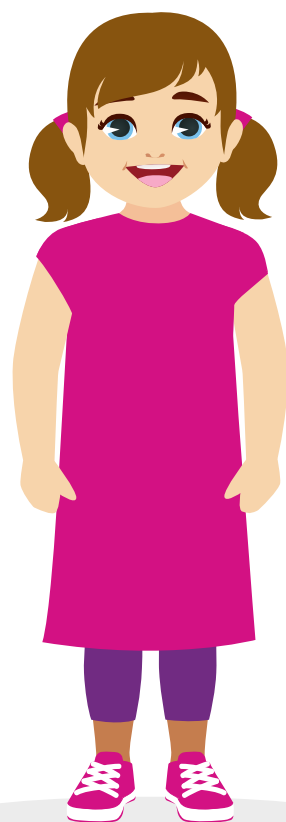


Ararat Baptist Church

Hi, I'm Charlie from Cardiff. I'm 9. There are lots of churches where I live but I hadn't really noticed until we had an RE lesson about how Christians worship. My Christian friends were talking about the different churches they go to, so I went exploring with my dad to find out about them.

I found out:

- there are seven church buildings in Whitchurch (the area of Cardiff I live in).
- Really, there are eight churches because one of them is two churches in one; two different types of Christians use the same building. A church is about the people, not just the building!
- Churches can look very different from one another – sometimes this is because different types of Christians have different ways of worshipping God.
- Churches are important for lots of different reasons.



Here is a map of the churches near me and some of the things people said about their churches.