

RESEARCH INVITATION TO THE QUANTITATIVE STUDY

Dear participant,

Thank you for considering taking part in this research study exploring Minority Anglicanism in the Church of England. Please read the description & instructions below before you decide whether you would like to take part.

About the study

The 'Exploring Minority Anglicanism project' is a research initiative to better understand the issues surrounding welcoming, accommodating, acclimatising, absorbing, licensing and supporting self-identifying Minority ethnic Anglicans in our church congregations in the Church of England. This study is conducted by the Edward Cadbury Centre for the Public Understanding of Religion, in the School of Philosophy, Theology & Religion, at the University of Birmingham, in collaboration with the Diocese of Birmingham, and is funded by the William Paton fund.

Who is eligible to take part in this study?

The only qualifying criterion to take part in this study is that you are over eighteen years of age and self-identify as a Christian. While this study is primarily focused on congregations in the Church of England, we hope to collect a non C of E sample for comparison, so please feel free to take part even if you do not belong to a Church of England congregation. While the study hopes to understand whether ethnicity among other demographic characteristics plays a part in how congregants are absorbed and identify with their worshipping community, we hope to have a representative sample from all ethnic groups, to fully grasp the mechanisms at play. So please fill out the questionnaire to the best of your ability and feel free to give us feed-back on the feedback boxes allied to each section. We hope to gather data in every diocese in the Church of England, so please share this with other members of your congregation and anyone else appropriate who you think might be interested irrespective of ethnicity.

Data protection, anonymity, privacy & security.

As a participant you may be assured that process of data collection has been approved by the University of Birmingham ethics panel, and that the methodology has been developed with collaborative guidance from the Diocese of Birmingham. Given the nature of automated data collection, and aggregate responses that the Qualtrics software produces, it is impossible to identify individual participants from their responses, and if there are any open-text comments which would make it possible for us to identify you, these comments will be excluded before the analysis begins. So please be absolutely assured of anonymity, privacy and confidentiality of the data collection process. You can also be confident that the data will be stored securely and anonymously according to GDPR guidelines, and held in the secure University of Birmingham research storage drive for ten years.

How long will the study last?

The questionnaire is separated in to four blocks, and each block should take about five minutes to complete; altogether it should take about 20 minutes to complete the survey. If you wish to complete the questionnaire at a later date, it is possible to save the blocks you have completed and return to complete the next block at a later date.

Can I stop taking part in the study?

You can decide to stop participating at any time. At the end of each block, there is a '*save block*' or '*reset block*' option. At the end of the questionnaire there is a *submit* button if you wish to submit questionnaire, or '*delete all data*' button, if you wish to delete your data.

What risks can I expect from being in the study and who has access to this data?

Participation in this study does not pose any foreseeable discomfort or risks to you. The principal research investigator and the Co-investigator are the only people who will have access to the raw data. Information you provide will be evaluated in aggregate form; in statistical patterns. Qualitative open ended question data will be analysed as a volume of reoccurring themes and your experiences and opinions will not be recorded in such a way that an individual or parish is not discernibly identified.

Are there benefits to taking part in the study?

There will be no direct benefit to you from participating in this study. However, we hope, the information that you provide will help enrich and shape the mission & ministry of the Church of England and further develop the public understanding of religion.

Who can I contact for further information on this study?

Please direct all your queries to Dr. Sanjee Perera-Child at theminorityanglicanproject@contacts.bham.ac.uk. You may also access contact details of the Principle Investigator and the Cadbury centre via the Philosophy, Theology & Religion website

Where will I find the results of the study?

We hope to produce a publicly accessible summary of research findings on the Cadbury centre page of the University of Birmingham, Philosophy, Theology and Religion website in parallel to any academic papers and presentations we might produce. These will be signposted via our social media platforms. If you would like to be kept updated, it is also possible to sign up to a newsletter which will keep participants updated on our progress and send you links to any public / academic workshops and forums. More detailed reports will be formulated for the diocese of Birmingham. Other diocese who would like a copy of the detailed report can contact the principal investigator for a copy. Various research output from the data will also be presented at academic conferences & in peer reviewed academic journals. We will also signpost these as and when they are ready via our social media platforms.

Thank you again for your support and collaboration in this study, which we hope will enhance the mission and ministry of the Church of England and contribute to the public understanding of religion.