

Prior to 20 March, you are asked to give some time to the following assignment :-

Consider what the word “worship” means to you and what it might mean to others in our time and place.

Take time to reflect on your experiences of worship within the life of the Methodist Church and in other Christian traditions.

Consider the different “ingredients” of a service of worship, and the role of the worship leader.

Please be ready to share your thoughts on 20 March.

Please register your intention to take part in this course by completing and returning the enclosed slip as soon as possible.

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The **Methodist** Church

Bailiwick of Guernsey Circuit

“Worship Matters”

2 days

for

Worship Leaders

Saturday 20th March

and

Saturday 15th May

2010

At

Les Camps Methodist Church

What it is

This two day course aims to enable participants to:

- have a better appreciation of Christian worship
- gain insight into the theology underpinning Christian worship
- aid the discovery and evaluation of gifts and skills
- prepare for a possible ministry as worship leaders

What it's not!

There are a number of competencies that Worship Leaders need in order to be effective. Learning to lead worship is a gradual process in which the experience of "doing" is vital.

Attendance and participation in this course does not automatically qualify persons as competent to lead or participate in leading worship. Each local church must consider how to build on this initial training by giving opportunities for individuals to lead worship with continued supervision and feedback.

What the course involves

The course will make use of a variety of learning experiences. It is vital that participants in this course come willing to share fully in all aspects. The expectation is that those seeking accreditation as Worship Leaders will attend the whole course. There will also be home assignments to be completed prior to each of the two days.

Who it's for

These two days are aimed at all who lead worship within the local churches of the Circuit.

Those already accredited as Worship Leaders or Local Preachers are especially invited to come and share their experience, for either part or all of the time.

Place, date and time

The course will be held at Les Camps Methodist Church over 2 Saturdays – March 20th and May 15th.

Each day will begin at 9am and end at 430pm.

A simple lunch will be provided.

Proposed Outline of the Course

Preliminary task

Saturday 20 March

0900-0930	arrivals, coffee
0930-1000	welcome, explanations, expectations
1000-1100	sharing experiences of worship
1100-1115	coffee break
1115-1215	what is worship?
1215-1300	lunch
1300-1350	preparing to lead worship
1400-1450	Approaching God(i) Awe and Wonder Adoration and Praise
1500-1550	Approaching God(ii) Confession and our Dependence on God's grace
1600-1630	link to May 15

Interim task

Saturday 15 May

0900-0930	arrivals, coffee
0930-1000	welcome, recap from 20 March
1000-1100	The Word(i) Approaching and Reading the Scriptures
1100-1115	coffee break
1115-1215	The Word(ii) Creative ways of sharing the Word
1215-1300	lunch
1300-1430	Responding to God in Thanksgiving, Commitment, Intercession and Offering
1445-1530	Team-working and Good Practice
1530-1630	Backburner issues, what next?