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# Worship Matters!

## A newsletter for Local Worship Leaders February 2017

Welcome to Number 10!

Thank you for your feedback from Number 9—much appreciated!

A rather belated 'Worship Matters!' which has given me the opportunity to point you in the direction of some spring resources! Apologies but it has been a busy time all round!

This issue is stuffed full of resources to help you in your ministry throughout the coming months, both online and in print. Most of the books mentioned can be borrowed from the office in Bodmin but if you are further west arrangements can be made to get it closer to you!

The review of the ministry of Local Worship Leaders is ongoing but in it's final stages; hopefully you should start to see some difference in the support and affirmation of your ministry during the year.

One of the consequences of visiting the Deanery Chapters has been that the clergy have asked to have emailed a copy of the 'Worship Matters!' which is sent to you; this issue will be emailed to all clergy too for the first time.

Finally a bit of a plea, if you decide to stop leading worship and wish to have your name taken off the list or if you change your email address please let me know—it is our main way of communication these days.

*Every Blessing and thank you for all you  
do in your parishes! Shelley*

### WANTED!

Examples of Good Practice!

I know all LWLs are a shy and retiring group of people! But you all serve your parishes in a fantastic number of ways! At the Network days we heard great stories of ways in which LWLs had facilitated worship in their benefices and at the Chapters, many clergy acknowledged that they couldn't do their jobs without you! You are much valued in your parishes and we would like to be able to raise the profile of your ministry in the Diocese.

We would like to hear from LWLs who regularly meet as a worship team to plan, pray etc; we would also like to hear from anyone whose ministry is focussed on leading Book of Common Prayer services, or regular family services and also from anyone leading outreach style services such as café or Messy Church, as well as those who are leading Taize, other special services or combine their LWL work with Baptism visiting and other ministries.

You all have much to offer and we need to tell your stories to raise the profile of your ministries across the Diocese—you will not have to write anything! We will ask the Comms team to come and speak to you personally! Willing volunteers...contact me as soon as possible!

## Free Resources from Roots:

A whole week's resources for free . . . 23 - 29 April 2017



ROOTS recognises that Christian faith is above all expressed in community. Each week the ROOTS resources focus on the Gospel reading.

The direction of the resources is the same in both magazines, so everyone can explore the passage as a community - even when they're in their own groups.

(Find out more about ROOTS [vision and values](#)).

The resources for 23-29 April focuses on the resurrection appearance of Jesus to the disciples.

The passage from John chapter 20 explores the themes of trust and belief with the story of doubting Thomas. [Click here](#) to see all the resources for this week online.

### Added drama . . .

Handsome Thomas is a drama or two voices, in which doubting Thomas discusses his nickname and sees that it might be helpful to would-be believers. Based on the story from John, it links in with our free sample week (23-29 April)



You can find both this [drama](#) here or go to the "I am looking for . . ." section on our [web-site](#). You'll also find more dramas, plus free resources for children's sessions, prayers, sermon ideas, all-age services, material for school assemblies and much more!

### Motherhood: the cliché and the reality (a Mother's Day service)



In this act of worship we explore and celebrate real 21st century motherhood, with a view to supporting and empowering mothers and all people in mothering roles.

Three biblical extracts are integrated to weave the sacred into the secular, enabling people to see the Gospels' relevance in everyday life.

Click [here](#) for the all age service to celebrate Mothering Sunday.

I have some hard copy sample booklets of all the free resources— if you would appreciate a copy, one can be posted to you if you don't live within striking distance of Bodmin!

## worship4today

As many of you will know, I've been visiting Deanery Chapters on a fact finding mission (more about this later!). The clergy in the Carnmarth North Deanery have requested that we facilitate another Worship4Today Worship Leaders course in this Diocese beginning in September 2017. (You may remember that it was offered throughout 2013!)

Developed in the Diocese of Sheffield, the course consists of 12 monthly, 4 hour sessions, (including a Saturday); it is in far more depth than Sunday Plus and is particularly useful if you are a musician; it is open to both lay and ordained, so you may like to attend as a team.

The 2013 course had a mixture of lay and ordained people on the course and provided a good mix for thoughtful discussions. Those that attended the sessions thought that they were very worthwhile.

The plan is probably to use St Mary's at Portreath as all the facilities needed are available (it usually involves a meal together!) one evening a month, starting September 2017 and finishing by July 2018.

I am beginning to get a team together to deliver the course but it would be useful to know just how many people would be interested in attending. General information about the course is available [here](#).

Anyone, current LWL or person exploring being a LWL, Reader or incumbent, from within the Diocese is welcome to attend so if you are interested, please let me know by Easter please!

### Sunday Plus training review!

So that we ensure that our training continues to be fit for purpose, we continually review what we offer and is part of the course.

What is essential for newly trained LWLs? What needs to be included, what could be left out? What extra modules would be useful? And anything else that you think might be helpful as we review in the near future.

I had no response to this question from the last **Worship Matters!** I can only suppose that you are all happy with the content and think there is no need for further training modules!

I know this is not the case—nothing is ever perfect! I genuinely need to know what needs to be included in a introductory LWL course and what extra optional modules would you find useful for your team!

## Worship resources for all year round:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/worship/texts/times-and-seasons.aspx>  
<http://www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk/worship-resources-search?worship=yes> Particularly good for rural contexts—tried and tested!

## A new website that you may find useful:

<http://www.allageworshipresources.org/>  
Lots of tried and tested outlines of services of all types and themes. The plan is to add to the stock over time so keep returning to see what has been added.

<https://uk.pinterest.com/revmaryhawes/lectionary-resources/> has links to a huge number of resources and articles that you may find useful at various times of the year!

A resource list from [‘Alternative Worship’](#) from Iona worship resources to using ‘Prayer paths’.

A guide to [writing prayers](#) for worship.

Some great [real alternative ideas](#) from an ordained priest in north Halifax, Yorkshire.

Looking for prayers that reflect the latest news? Try the [Church of England website](#)

I hope you find some of these useful. If you have a particular website that you find useful, please let me know so we can share and pool our resources!

## Seasonal Resources

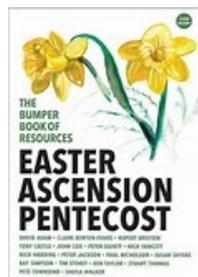
As we are coming up to Lent, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost, I thought you might like a round up of resources available to help plan your worship:

From Kevin Mayhew:

**The Bumper Book of Resources Holy Week and**

**The Bumper Book of Resources Easter, Ascension and Pentecost**

Both books draws together material from a wide range of sources and a number of top authors to create an invaluable resource for anyone seeking help with prayers, services, sermon ideas and illustrative material both for general and all-age worship.



## Lindisfarne Liturgies for Christian Festivals Ray Simpson

Ray Simpson’s liturgical prayers for Christian festivals provide worship for individuals, new monastic groups and churches. They reconnect the post 9/11 world with the seasons and the soil, the saints and the streets, the struggles, senses and silence, as well as the Spirit and

the Scriptures. These patterns of worship are drawn from early and contemporary Celtic devotion, Anglican, Orthodox, Reformed and Roman Catholic sources. A large proportion of the book is devoted to Lent, Easter and beyond. (Taken from Liturgies from Lindisfarne by Ray Simpson.

## Worship through the Seasons—Nick Fawcett

Provides complete service outlines for innovative and reflective worship during (amongst others) Lent, the opening days of Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

## From Church House Publishing:

### Together for a Season

**All-age seasonal resources for Lent, Holy Week and Easter**

### All- age resources for Feasts and Festivals of the Christian Year

Drawing on the material offered in Common Worship: Times and Seasons, Together for a Season is a practical travelling companion for the journey through the Church’s year. Aimed at all those planning and leading worship and those working with children and adults in groups, it offers a rich array of creative material designed to bring to life the seasonal liturgy.

## From Canterbury Press:

### Creative Ideas for Evening Prayer for Seasons, Feasts and special occasions throughout the year—Jan Brind and Tessa Wilkinson

This is an imaginative resource that will help churches cater for those unable to attend its main services and also offer richer, more varied fare for their regular congregations. An A-Z of simple and attractive service outlines is provided, some written especially for young people, some are quiet and meditative and some may be celebrated out of doors or at home. All are Bible based and have the worship of God at their centre. The informal services may be led by lay people or clergy.

## From Wild Goose Publications, The Iona Community:



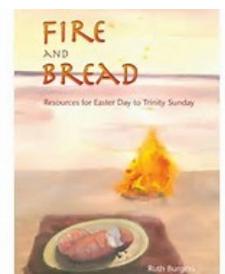
### Eggs and ashes, Practical and liturgical resources for Lent and Holy Week—Ruth Burgess and Chris Polhill

Suitable for group worship or personal reflection, and with material for Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday and Holy Week, includes a Lent discipline for those who care about the environ-

ment, liturgies, responses, prayers, poems, reflections, meditations, stations of the cross—written by Iona Community members.

### Fire and Bread, Resources for Easter Day to Trinity Sunday—Ruth Burgess

A collection of resources for Eastertide—prayers, responses, liturgies, songs, poems, reflections, and meditations.





## In 2 The Bible The Bishop's Lent Challenge for 2017

The Bishop's Lent challenge for 2017 is to read the Bible together with another person or with a couple of people. It is to encourage people to get in to the habit of reading the Bible with another person and talking about it together. It isn't about experts, it is about the Bible being part of our everyday relationships.

A booklet has been produced with 6 readings accompanied by some discussion questions that you might find helpful. One way in which LWLs might like to introduce the idea is during a service, hand them out in the talk slot and ask the congregation to get into 2s and 3s (multigenerational if possible), read the passage and discuss the questions. Encourage them to take the book home and meet others during the week to do the same thing over coffee. Once the six readings have been read then there are suggestions of further readings that might be explored.

If you would like hard copies of the booklet, contact Church House (01872 274351) or Archdeacon's House, Bodmin (01208 892811) to arrange delivery/collection. The booklet is also available on the [Diocesan website](#). There are also copies of A Simple Guide to the Bible available.

It would be good to hear your stories of how you have got on in your own context!

## Safeguarding and Local Worship Leaders!

Some clarification!

As Local Worship Leaders, you are not required to be DBS checked but you are expected to undertake at least C2 level safeguarding training. If you haven't attended this training then please check the [diocesan website](#) for training opportunities in your area or contact your PCC safeguarding officer who may be able to arrange some local training.

If, as part of your Local Worship leading duties, you also take home communions in to individual homes or nursing homes, then you will need a DBS check and at least C2 level safeguarding training. You may also need to ensure that your LPM co-ordinator knows who you are visiting and when.



## Thy Kingdom Come

From 25 May to 4 June, Christian communities and families around the world will be joining together to pray that their friends, family and neighbours come to know Jesus Christ. [Resources](#) to help churches and individuals to do this are now available to encourage us and others to join this global wave of prayer.

## Linking Songs—How and Why?

Sam and Sara Hargreaves consider how to create 'Flow' in sung worship, written for the Royal School of Church Music magazine 'Sunday by Sunday' but reproduced as a [free read](#) (download also available). The assumed audience was a church looking to transition from only using traditional music into including more contemporary styles.

## More ideas for weekly worship:



A whole raft of ideas that can be used in worship is available from the same website <http://engageworship.org/ideas> Well worth a visit if you are stuck for ideas and updated regularly from a wide range of contributors.

The same website are producing ideas for worship linked to the Revised Common Lectionary for [every week](#)

## Baptism services:

Having recently had 3 baptisms (during Sunday services) in two months in our village church (waiting for the new vicar?) we've made some changes to the way we welcome our Baptism families—we are using some of the new(ish) [Additional Baptism liturgy](#) and the prayers are accompanied by bubbles (LWL led)! Both changes have gone down well; 'At last they're using words I understand' was heard last Sunday! I'm happy to pass on the Bubble prayers—just ask!

## Mothering Sunday resources:

Many Local Worship leaders are asked to lead Mothering Sunday services in their parish; it can be a tricky and difficult one to take. Apart from the Roots material highlighted on page 2, The Children's Society also produce material annually as do the Mothers Union

From the [Children's Society](#)

From the [Mothers Union](#)

From the Church of England [New Patterns for Worship](#), a traditional service with liturgy suitable for all ages.

If you have a Toddler group attached to your church you might find these resources from [Scripture Union](#) useful.

For a family friendly call to worship idea from [Bible Reading Fellowship](#)

Ideas for hymns and talks from [Singing the Faith](#)

Resources from [CPAS](#) resources, images, sketches and talk ideas

Some [creative ideas](#) for multigenerational worship and gifts

I hope that gives you some ideas for a mid-Lent lift to your services on Mothering Sunday. For those not online, I have some books with fully worked out services, in Bodmin—just give me a call!