

## And afterwards?



Exploring Worship can form the training component for becoming a Lay Worship Assistant. Those who would like to explore this service should talk to their clergy or readers

Download our leaflet on Lay Worship Assistants from the Bath and Wells website.

“ Sharing with others on the course opened my eyes to the vast possibilities of being able to lead our church families into the presence of Our God through words and music. For me it is an opportunity to bring a vision of His Kingdom into the lives of His Children. ”

*Sally, LWA from Quantock Deanery*

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## Exploring Worship

### How do I find out more?

First, have a word with your clergy or Readers about the scope for a course locally and its suitability for you and your church.

For more details on running a course, clergy and Readers can contact the Ministry and Training team via:

E: [training@bathwells.anglican.org](mailto:training@bathwells.anglican.org)

More details are available on the website:  
[www.bathandwells.org.uk/exploring-worship](http://www.bathandwells.org.uk/exploring-worship)

“ O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before our Maker;  
For he is our God. ”

*Psalm 95:6-7*

## Who can do Exploring Worship?

If you:

- are prayerful
- want to find out more about corporate worship
- are prepared to try new things
- willing to have a go

then this might be the course for you.

The course is a practical course and participants will be asked to prepare for and participate in the sessions but only to a level you are comfortable.

Leading Worship is a ministry on behalf of the church, so you will operate under the guidance of the incumbent. This may involve becoming familiar with styles of worship that are not natural to you but are of benefit to your worshipping community.



## How do the sessions work?

The course tutors are provided by the deanery. If you are interested in the Course, talk with your clergy or Readers to see if course can be delivered in your deanery.

Each student receives handouts and there is some preparation work. You will need an hour or two per week. You will also need to attend a service each week, one of which will be a visit a service from a tradition or denomination different to your own.

You will need the permission of your incumbent or minister in charge to attend this course. If you would like to be involved in assisting with worship after the course you will need to speak to your incumbent about the possibilities.



## What will I learn?

The course consists of eight sessions.

The six core sessions are:

- What is Worship?
- The elements of a service
- Preparing a service
- Being a Worship Leader
- Who do we worship?
- Putting it into practice

Each session is two and a half hours long and your deanery tutors will decide on sessional arrangements. Those who complete all eight sessions get a Certificate of Completion.

In addition there are two specific sessions chosen by the facilitators based on types of ministry relevant to the group, e.g.

- Leading All Age worship
- Leading BCP Matins/Evensong
- Leading Cafe Church
- Leading CW Morning prayer
- Leading healing services
- Leading intercessions etc.