



Relaunch Event

Creative Worship Outside

Thursday 7 July 2022, 2 - 4pm on Zoom

We are relaunching Praxis East in a new network style format to enable liturgy and worship practitioners across the eastern dioceses to come together. This is an ideal opportunity for clergy and lay ministers to share ideas and expertise. We plan to meet each term for a topical online discussion.

Gatherings offer the opportunity for up to eight topics to be considered under a broad heading by means of eight short presentations of up to eight minutes, each immediately followed by discussion of up to seven minutes.

Call for papers:

Covid-19 restrictions forced us to explore worship differently. Many churches have been experimenting with creative worship outside, but what does this look like? From 'Forest Church' to 'Pimms 'n' Hymns' to 'Wild Compline', how does worship look in an outdoor space? What is the biblical precedent for such worship? And how does this relate to our concern for the environment? This is an opportunity to share experiences and find out more in time to enjoy further experimentation over the summer in your own context.

Praxis members and interested parties are invited to put the date in their diaries and come along. Everyone is welcome. If you are willing to offer a short presentation on the theme, please let me know your topic (no more than 15 mins in total including time for discussion). Please contact me:

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Praxis East is one of the regions of a national organization, [Praxis](#). Those who participate in Praxis East events are warmly encouraged to become an affiliate of Praxis. The major benefit of the annual subscription of £15 is the quarterly journal *Praxis News of Worship*, which keeps you informed of topical worship and liturgy issues and Praxis training events across the country. You can find an application form at: https://www.praxisworship.org.uk/assets/Affiliation_Application_Form_2020.pdf

Whilst members of Praxis East will be routinely invited to these gatherings, others who are interested in participating and wish to be added to the invitation list are encouraged to contact me, Helen Bent, via helenbent99@gmail.com



Worship is the only activity of the Church which will last into eternity. Worship enriches and transforms our lives. In Christ we are drawn closer to God in the here and now. This shapes our beliefs, our actions and our way of life. God transforms us as individuals, congregations and communities.

Worship provides a vital context for mission, teaching and pastoral care. Good worship and liturgy inspires and attracts, informs and delights. The worship of God can give hope and comfort in times of joy and of sorrow. Despite this significance, we are often under-resourced for worship. For this reason, Praxis was formed in 1990, at the instigation of the Liturgical Commission of the Church of England, the Alcuin Club, and the Group for the Renewal of Worship.

We offer practical guidance, inspiration and quality training events:

- To enrich and inform practice of worship, both traditional and contemporary, in the Church of England
- To resource congregations, lay leaders and clergy in their understanding of and approach to worship
- To provide opportunities in which different worshipping traditions of the Church can meet and engage creatively with one another