



The Diocese of Peterborough

NEW COURSE 2021-22

Certificate for
Lay Worship Leaders



*O worship the Lord
in the beauty of holiness*

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A new one-year course beginning in September 2021

The aim of this course is to discover, develop and release the talents that are already there in the local church. The course is particularly suitable for those who might:

- Wish to deepen their understanding of worship
- Already be involved in leading worship in their local church
- Sense a calling to a ministry of leading others in worship
- Wish to improve their practical worship leading skills

The course can be a useful starting point for some or a timely refresher for others. It is also ideal for church musicians who are regularly involved in choosing music for worship or leading parts of a service from a worship group.

The course covers four key areas

1. Theology and history of worship, liturgy and music
2. Leadership skills for putting together services, building a worship team and enabling a congregation in worship
3. Practical skills for facilitating liturgy, music, and prayer, use of audio-visuals and other expressive arts
4. Exploration of different church traditions and different worship styles, including Fresh Expressions and worship in a mission context

It is based on the *Worship 4 Today Course* by Helen Bent and Liz Tipple, (published by CHP, 2013/14). This course originated in Sheffield Diocese.

A blended learning approach

The course will combine eleven Monday evening sessions from 7pm – 9pm on Zoom with three Saturday mornings 10am – 2pm and one full Saturday workshop day for face-to-face practical sessions. This avoids driving long distances on dark winter evenings. Saturday sessions will use different churches spread evenly across the diocese to provide experience of planning and delivering worship in different contexts.

Course Leader

The course will be overseen by Revd Helen Bent, Associate Priest in the Walgrave Benefice and former Head of Ministerial Training for the RSCM. Helen is a respected author who brings a love of church history and liturgy together with a wealth of experience in training worship leaders, ordained and lay, and their musicians across the full breadth of tradition and style. She describes herself as a reflective practitioner and life-long learner with a passion for mission and church growth as well as a passion for worship.

Course Overview

Dates: Term 1 - Autumn 2021	Sessions	Topics
Mon 27 September	Session 1	The theology of worship
Mon 18 October	Session 2	Who is the God we worship?
Sat 13 November 10 am – 2 pm	Practical 1	Working with the Lectionary
Mon 29 November	Session 3	Worship in the Old Testament
Mon 13 December	Session 4	Leadership Skills
Term 2 - Spring 2022		
Mon 10 January	Session 5	The role of music in worship
Mon 31 January	Session 6	Worship in the Psalms
Mon 21 February	Session 7	Patterns of worship in the Anglican church
Sat 5 March 10 am – 2 pm	Practical 2	Preparing seasonal worship
Mon 28 March	Session 8	Building a worship team
Term 3 - Summer 2022		
Mon 25 April	Session 10	Worship in the New Testament
Sat 7 May Full Day	Practical 3 Session 9	Practical Workshops
Mon 23 May	Session 11	The challenge of all age worship
Mon 27 June	Session 12	Worship in a mission context
Sat 9 July 10 am – 2 pm	Practical 4	Alternative worship styles + Final Eucharist

Taster Session

If you would like to know more about the course, please contact Lesley-Anne Marriott on 01604 887 048.

Pre-Course Introductory Session

This will be an opportunity to meet together face to face and begin to get to know the others on the course. A date and venue will be arranged nearer the start of the course.

How much time is involved?

Apart from the actual session time:

- There are some **preparatory tasks** to be done in your own time. These include: Bible study, service planning; worship audits; church visits
- **Personal Project** - an opportunity to explore an area of worship of personal interest, presented in an appropriate manner for the topic
- **Portfolio** - to aid reflection on the learning experience. This has a carefully structured format. It can be a physical copy or electronic.

Applicants will require:

- the full support of their incumbent and PCC
- an up-to-date DBS Check
- attendance at a diocesan safeguarding training session during the certificate year

Course Cost:

- £110 per application paid by the PCC

At the end of the course:

- Successful candidates will be presented with a Lay Worship Leader's Certificate by the Bishop

Applications

Application forms may be obtained from and submitted to

Lesley-Anne Marriott

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Application forms can also be downloaded from the Diocesan Website.

Should you have any further queries please contact

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