



Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane

LEADING WORSHIP A GUIDE TO TRAINING

What is a Lay Worship Leader?

The role of a Lay Worship Leader is to gather the congregation and lead them in worship which enables them to sense the presence of God. They serve within the Ministry Team in their local church, under the direction and authority of their rector, priest-in-charge or interim pastor.

For more information, see the Role Profile published by this diocese.

How is a Lay Worship Leader trained?

The rector, priest-in-charge or interim pastor is responsible for ensuring that a Lay Worship Leader receives training that is appropriate for their local context, covering the duties described

in the Role Profile. Resources are available online on the provincial and the diocesan website. At their discretion, the rector, priest-in-charge or interim pastor may supplement this with other material. The Diocesan Lay Ministries Group can be contacted for further guidance using the contact details here:

<https://standrews.anglican.org/lay-ministries-resources/>

Online resources available

- Training Course prepared by the Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway (a very useful resource covering all aspects of leading worship, but will need adapting to the local context)
 - <https://standrews.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Leading-Worship.pdf>
- “What is Liturgy?” (a helpful introduction for all who help conduct liturgy)
 - <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/publications/liturgies/what-is-liturgy/>
- “Leading Intercessions” (the advice on “Delivery” is relevant to all leading worship)
 - <https://standrews.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Leading-Intercessions-Guide.pdf>
- Authorised liturgies of the Scottish Episcopal Church (e.g. Morning or Evening Prayer, Compline, Service of the Word)
 - Daily Prayer <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/publications/liturgies/daily-prayer-and-psalter/>
 - Service of the Word (a toolkit of many alternative resources which includes seasonal material and an appendix of Notes describing its purpose and use)

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/publications/liturgies/a-service-of-the-word-2015/>

- Sample Service of the Word Liturgy (an 8-page order of service that is ready to use, using a non-seasonal choice of alternatives)

<https://standrews.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Sample-Service-of-the-Word-Liturgy.pdf>

- Calendar and lectionary, weekly collects

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<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/publications/liturgies/calendar-and-lectionary/>

- Guide to Calendar and Lectionary (published each year – this includes collects for Sundays and feast days)

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