



Advent visions for Worship: feeding commitment to God



Stories from around the Connexion





Worship: Feeding commitment to God

1. What are the important elements of worship for you?
2. What makes a worshipping congregation part of the church?
3. Who is missing from our worship and how can they be included?





1. What are the important elements of worship for you?

Taizé Worship

A simple, reflective style of worship centred on the singing of simple chants, readings, prayers, and periods of silence.

<https://www.putneymethodistchurch.org.uk/taizeworship.htm>



Mindful Church

A quiet, reflective hour including mindfulness practices, along with other elements such as contemplative prayer and music.

<https://wilmslowmethodists.org.uk/mindful-church/>

Café Church... can take a variety of forms. It might include activities, presentations, discussion and singing. There will certainly be refreshments from the start and informal seating.

<https://landseer.methodistic.org.uk/cafe-church/>





2. What makes a worshipping congregation part of the church?



Messy Church is Christ-centred

It is a congregation alongside the other congregations of a church, not a feeder into them.

Messy Church is all-age

People of all ages come together safely to worship. Children learn from adults and adults from children.

Messy Church is creative

Worship is activity-based, engaging the imagination and using all senses in worship.

Messy Church is hospitable

Hospitality is practised at the welcome table, the Lord's Table and the meal table – as well as in the home.





3. Who is missing from our worship and how can they be included?



All are welcome?

- Autistic, Dyslexic, ADHD?
- Impairment in sight, hearing, mobility?
- English as second language?
- Young and old?
- First-timers and regulars?



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