

Presbytery of England and the Channel Islands
2025 Authorised Worship Leaders Online Course (Zoom)

Leading and Preaching:

This new and exciting course is designed to help equip those whom God is calling to lead people in worship, to preach the Word of God and to speak of the transforming love of Jesus Christ.

Our Presbytery Training and Development Committee and invited guest speakers seek to enable people to develop the understanding and to gain the skills required to lead worship in the Church of Scotland.

Enrolment:

Those wishing to attend this course should have discerned the Call to be a Worship Leader and also be nominated by their Minister and Kirk Session.

Attendees should complete the application form and they should also be available to attend all sessions on Thursday evenings 7-8pm. The online course is one hour per fortnight with some further reading. Attendees should also have the support of their Minister and a mentor within their own congregation who would provide accurate feedback and encouragement for the journey.

On successful completion of the course, attendees should lead an entire church service where at least two people from Presbytery will provide an assessment. A certificate will be provided allowing the successful attendees to lead worship in any of the churches within our Presbytery.

Course Dates: June 5th , 19th, July 3rd , 31st, August 7th, 21st, September 4th, 18th, concluding October 2nd.

Course Topics: Presbytery Approved Worship Leaders Course

1. Foundation – What is Worship and Worship in Practice
2. Leading Public Worship – Privileges and Responsibilities

3. Understanding the Bible
4. Doctrine and Theology
5. Worship Styles (Awareness of Differing Needs)
6. Exploring different ways in which music can form an integral part of worship.
7. Recognising different types of prayer in Worship
8. Engaging with God's Word
9. Children's Talks, Benediction, and recommended resources (book list, websites, copyright, music, images).

Course Speakers:

Rev'd Peter Neilson, (Retired Parish Minister and Mission Consultant)

Rev'd Andrew Anderson (Retired Parish Minister)

Prof Alison Jack, (Principle, New College, University of Edinburgh.)

Prof Paul Middleton, (New Testament and Early Christianity, University of Chester)

Prof Susan Hardman-Moore, (OLM, Vice Principal, New College, University of Edinburgh)

Rev'd Douglas Galbraith, (Office for Worship, Doctrine and Artistic Matters)

Rev'd Arthur Christie, (Retired Parish Minister)

Rev'd Fraser Penny, (Parish Minister, Dunkeld)

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Worship Leader's Course 2025

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND CONGREGATION	
WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADVISE US OF ANY VISUAL, AUDITORY OR MOBILITY NEEDS THAT WE NEED TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION FOR THE DURATION OF THE COURSE?	
WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO APPLY FOR THIS COURSE?	

HAVE YOU BEEN NOMINATED BY YOUR MINISTER AND KIRK SESSION?	
SIGNATURE AND DATE	

DATA PROTECTION

We handle your information according to the Presbytery of England and the Channel Islands Data Protection. Any queries should be raised with the Presbytery Clerk, the Rev'd Alistair Cumming England@churchofscotland.org.uk

Thank you for completing this application.

Please send this to the Convenor of Presbytery Training and Development,

Rev'd Carolann Birnie no later than 19th March. CBirnie@churchofscotland.org.uk