

WORSHIP AS MISSION

“If we never deliberately think through ways to rightly contextualize gospel ministry to a new culture, we will unconsciously be deeply contextualized to some other culture.” *Tim Keller (Center Church: Doing balanced Gospel-centered ministry in your city. 2012)*

Challenges along the way:

- involving the right side of the brain as well as the left in worship services
- making times of worship accessible to all - regardless of age, ability, church background etc.
- overcoming our inhibitions
- breaking free from the moulds to which we feel we must conform
- enabling settled congregations to put others before themselves
- trusting in the creativity of the Holy Spirit and others



Opportunities used to move away from traditional orders of service/forms of worship etc..

Christmas Eve

Christmas Carols with the Town Band

Remembrance Sunday

Boys' and Girls' Brigade Enrolment

A Time to Remember - invite families for whom funerals taken

Easter and Holy Week services

Launching our Mission and Vision Statements

Back to School with God

Back to Church Sunday

Stepping stones to more interactive services...



- Moving from a traditional everyone in pews service to a genuinely interactive and inter-generational worship service
- Begin by introducing activity in early part of service instead of a children's talk
- Small planning group to plan these services - including Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade Captains
- Agreeing a theme and resourcing material
- Adapting/writing material and coming up with interactive ways of presenting the various parts of the service

- Fitting everything together around the theme of the service
- Inviting folk along to the service
- The before and after service context

Resources for worship

I have to say the Bible is the primary resource and time spent with the Bible passage usually sparks off all sorts of ideas as to how to explore the message of the text together in the service.

First of all decide on the Bible Passage

Listen for the Holy Spirit revealing the message of the text

Allow the message to shape the service - not the other way round

Ask yourself how you might introduce the theme in a way that involves the congregation doing something together

Key elements to include: prayers, Bible reading, God's Word to us today, a time to respond (all can be done creatively!)

