

## The Worship Leadership Team

The Worship Leadership Team is one of the several Teams established by Council. The current Team is made up of 6 members of the congregation plus the Minister and Music Director. Diane Thomas is the chair.

What is worship? What are its roles in our church life?

- Worship is at the centre of our church life, gathering us together and bringing us into God's presence in an intentional way.
- Worship is the primary opportunity for us to hear the word of God, the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Christian story.
- Worship educates us. It connects us to the historic church, to the wider universal church, and it interprets God's word for us for living in today's world.
- Worship provides us with the opportunity for prayer, a time to give praise and thanksgiving to God and to pray for particular people, for events and situations in our world, and for ourselves.
- Through our participation in our Worship Service - in prayer, in song, in reflection, and in community - we respond to God's call and are refreshed and renewed as we are sent forth to serve the wider world

The Worship Team works with the Minister, the Music Director, the Lay Worship Leaders, those who prepare and serve communion, and other members of the congregation to see that our worship services fill these purposes - to ensure that when we come to church on Sunday morning, we have a "worshipful" experience.

Behind the Sunday services are other important tasks for the Worship Team: to develop policies on baptism, marriage, and funerals, to maintain records of those important life events, and to oversee membership in our church and keep the official roll of members.

The members of our Worship Team feel both challenged and blessed to have the opportunity to work together on these important tasks.