

Worship in Windsor

It is our aim that worship in Windsor would be a God centred, all inclusive, vibrant expression and reflection of our 'whole life worship'.

THE CONGREGATION

There is a powerful spiritual dynamic at work when believers come together and worship in spirit and in truth. The depth of this experience will undoubtedly be affected by how we as individuals approach the worship time.

- Humility:** We should come to worship with an attitude of humility. It is inevitable that the music will not suit the taste of everyone all the time. If we come thinking of our needs as being less important than the needs of others we are more likely to find ourselves engaging with the worship even when it is not our preferred style.
- Prepared:** In worship we should come prepared to meet with God, to hear from Him and to open our heart to Him.
- Reality:** Worship is not a time when we leave the realities of life at the door. The Psalms teach us the importance of being real with God in our worship.
- Participate:** Someone said that worship is not a spectator sport! Come prepared to give of your best to God in worship. It's not about singing all the right notes, it's about expressing what is on your heart.
- Freedom:** It is our desire that the congregation would feel an increased sense of freedom of expression in worship. Becoming less aware of ourselves and what others think of us and more focused on worshipping for an audience of One.

WORSHIP

We were created to worship, we worship with our whole lives.

"Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going to work and walking around life and place it before God as an offering"

We recognise that the worship that we bring as part of a church service should be a reflection of and come out of the reality of our everyday lives.

We also realise that there is a significant spiritual dynamic when a group of believers come together and participate in heartfelt passionate worship.

In Windsor it is our desire that corporate worship would be:

- God centred -** Worship is the face to face encounter of the church with God , Father Son and Holy Spirit.
- Truth centred -** It is vital that our worship services are filled with truth. We breathe in the powerful revelation of God and breathe out a cry of praise and devotion.
- Cross centred -** The centrality of the cross is essential in Christian worship.
- All embracing -** It is our desire that worship would be led sensitively so that all who come to worship in humility will be able to engage.
- Creative -** We are worshippers of the creator God and we are made in his image. Creativity is a sign of abundant life. It is an imaginative and heartfelt response to received revelation from God. We respond with creative expressions of joy, thanksgiving and reverence. Creativity is a mind-set that needs to be actively developed.

WORSHIP LEADERS

It is a humbling responsibility for anyone to lead a congregation in worship. We fully recognise our human faults and failings but also believe that there are standards of character and behaviour that we can strive towards with the help of the Holy Spirit.

- A pastoral heart:** Everyone who is involved in leading worship needs to have a pastoral heart. We need to be sensitively aware of where our congregation are on their journey of worship. It is best if song choices reflect a balance of new with the familiar and modern with more traditional.
- Humility:** It is important to lead from a position of humility or as Matt Redman puts it 'a heart posture of humility'. Leading worship is not about a personal agenda, it's about 'remaining' in Him, practicing his presence and listening for the voice of God. The worship leader should have the desire to lead in the anointing and power of the Holy Spirit.
- Creativity:** Leaders are encouraged to use creativity when planning and leading services.

TEAM MEMBERS

There is also a significant responsibility in being part of a worship team that regularly leads people in the worship of God.

A team or band by its very nature requires a dismantling of the individual and a coming together for a common goal. It is important that band members value unity and recognise that the focus is about actively pointing the congregation's attention to Jesus.

We aim to work together to produce the best quality of music that we can. Again, striving towards excellence while recognising our faults and failings.

Team members will flourish in an atmosphere of encouragement and mutual accountability.