

ALM Worship Leading Elective

Date & Time	Session Plan
05/01/21 7.15pm – 9.00pm Zoom	Session 1 – What is Worship? We set our understanding of worship in the context of the whole of life, exploring what might be distinctive about corporate worship in Anglican churches. We will note the differences in our individual experiences of worship and identify common strands. By the end of this session, students be able to begin keeping a learning journal to reflect on their experiences of participating in worship.
12/01/21 7.15pm – 9.00pm Zoom	Session 2 – Designing Worship In this session we will look at how one might go about designing an act of worship for a specific congregation on a particular day and time. We will introduce <i>A Service of the Word</i> and the resources of Common Worship. By the end of this session, students will be able to locate and navigate the resources available for worship in the Church of England and be aware how these can be used flexibly and creatively.
19/01/21 7.15pm – 9.00pm Zoom	Session 3 – Worship and the Seasons We explore the shape of the liturgical year and its origins in Christian history. We will observe how seasonal worship can reflect God’s story and help form us in faith. We will also consider how and why we read scripture in worship. By the end of this session, students will have a richer understanding of the variety of ways that worship through the seasons can engage us with the story of God. They will be able to design and craft worship which is informed by seasonal resources.
FLEXIBLE (Online resource for self-guided learning)	Session 4a – Words and Music in Worship We look at what we say and sing in worship, exploring both the history of congregational song in England up to the 21 st Century and the ways in which words and language can be used to include people. By the end of this session, students will be able to better understand the musical practices of their church and make informed choices about content in terms of inclusion.
26/01/21 7.15pm – 9.00pm Zoom	Session 4b – Worship Workshop This is a practical session (solely for those training as ALMs) where we identify and discuss the hallmarks of a good worship leader. By the end of this session, students will be able to reflect on their practice as leaders of worship and identify areas where they would value further support and training.
02/02/21 7.15pm – 9.00pm Zoom	Session 5 – Worship Around the Table We look at the shape of a typical service of Holy Communion and consider the theology and theory revealed by our practices in worship around the Lord’s Table. In this session, focus will be given to the lay involvement and response vital to eucharistic worship. By the end of this session, students will be able to identify and discuss the key parts of a Communion service and relate them to their own church experience.