

A Simple Worship Audit

To help you reflect on your Church's Worship, please "visit your own church" on a Sunday and ask yourself some of the following questions:

- Would you have known about the date, time and nature of this service from the church notice board?

- How good was the welcome when you arrived?

- What was the "atmosphere" like before the service?

- Was there a lot of last-minute preparation going on?

- How easy was the service book or leaflet to use and follow?
Were you given any help?

- Did you find the print large enough to read?

- Did you have any problems seeing or hearing anything during the service?

- How appropriate was the service (and the way it was conducted) for the particular building and congregation?

- Was the leadership of the service helpful and clear?

- How many people participated in leading the worship (ministers, readers, musicians, etc.)?

- Were any sections of the congregation not represented among the worship leaders?

- Did the service "hang together"? If there was a theme, was it stated clearly at the beginning?

- Was there a balance between word, prayer, praise and action? Were any parts "top-heavy"?

- Was the worship directed and addressed to God, or primarily directed towards the congregation?

- Was there a balance between "passive" (listening, watching) and "active" (movement, response)?

- Did you maintain the same posture (sitting, standing, kneeling) for too long?

- Did you know when to sit, stand, kneel? Were there too many changes in posture?

- Did you find the ceremonial and symbolism helpful?

- Did the music fit in with the rest of the service (especially with the theme, if there was one)?

- Were you happy with the mix of musical styles?

- Was any of the music unfamiliar? Did this prevent you from joining in?

- How was the Bible reading introduced and read?

- Did you find the sermon/ talk clear and understandable? Was it challenging or thought-provoking?

- Were the prayers (intercessions) helpful?

- Did the service allow you times of silence to use for your own prayer or reflection?

- Was it clear what was happening, or did you think the leader had lost their place in the book?

- Did you feel that the worship was connected to your daily life in any way?

- As a visitor, did you feel part of the worship (a participant rather than a spectator)?

- Did anything make you feel excluded, unwelcome, awkward, stupid or second-class?

To help you reflect further on your church's worship, ask yourself:

- What do the congregation think about the worship?

- What do those outside the church think about our worship?

- What does God think about our worship?
