

Young Worship Leaders

On April 22nd four young people (aged 12-17) gathered together in Bodmin Parish Centre to start a new course for Young Worship Leaders.

Led by Lydia Remick (Lay Ministries Development Officer) along with Revd Sophie Troczynska (Assistant Curate in the benefice of Ludgvan, Marazion, St Hilary and Perranuthnoe), Revd Rose Jones (Assistant Curate in The North Cornwall Cluster of Churches) and Barbara Brittain (Local Worship Leader and Local Pastoral Minister in The Bodmin Team Benefice) this 4 part course is designed to equip young people to assist in leading worship.

Opening and closing with prayer the sessions look at 'Who can lead worship' thinking about who we are worshiping and the characteristics needed; 'What is a service?' looking at what a service needs to include and it could look like; 'How to lead well' helping the young people with the skills needed to lead effectively; and 'How do we pray?' considering what prayer is and the difference between personal and corporate prayer.

To support the young people they have each been paired with an experienced worship leader who they are asked to meet up with between sessions so they can discuss the sessions and ask them questions about their faith and experience of leading worship.

At the end of the course all the young people will be presented with a certificate of completion and be asked to consider if they would like to be 'commissioned'. The commissioning will happen alongside the adult Local Worship Leaders then they will be allowed to help with lead worship in their home parish, supported by their mentor. They will also be offered ongoing training to give them additional skills in areas they would like to be involved in such as creating intercessions or even giving a talk.

Once a young person gets to 18 they will be given the opportunity to complete the Sunday Plus Course and become a Local Worship Leader.

The sessions to date have been filled with fun, laughter and great discussion. The young people have shown a deep awareness of their own faith alongside a light-hearted sense of humour and ability to link their own lives to the life of the church.

It is our hope this course will be offered annually from September 2023 gathering young people from across the Diocese to help them to grow skills to lead worship as well as their own faith.

If you know of any young people who would like to be involved or if you would like more information please contact Lydia Remick on lydia.remick@truro.anglican.org