**Resources for leading Worship**

**Some useful websites**

**The Methodist Church Website**

[The Methodist Church in Britain Home](http://methodist.org.uk/)

[The Resource Hub](https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/resources/) is the link to the Resource Hub on the site

The Resource Hub has various sections - the most useful for Worship Leaders are

**Worship Calendar –** gives readings and related hymns for each Sunday.

Singing the Faith Plus is now accessed on this page of the Resource Hub on the Methodist Church web-site. It gives suggestions for each Sunday from Singing the Faith and new material. Facility to listen to a short clip.

Click on **More+** to access

**Seasons and Themes –** resources for Special Sundays (Action for Children, Methodist Homes, Mothering Sunday, Remembrance etc), themes and Liturgical seasons.

**Leading Worship –** particularly the section headed Resourcing Local Arrangements. (I suggest you download the documents **Local Arrangements: locally-led worship at its best** and **Don’t Panic!! The step-by-step guide to Local Arrangements**) for general information and ideas. There are also a large number of services here you can download to use.

**Prayer in Worship**

**Other websites**

[**The Worship Cloud**](https://www.theworshipcloud.com/) **The Lincoln Circuit has a subscription to this which enables Worship Leaders and others who request to be on the mailing list to receive Local Arrangement services via email. (These are sent monthly under the heading Twelve Baskets)**

**It has a lot of other resources – you can buy credits to download a variety of material.**

[**Roots**](https://www.rootsontheweb.com/) (subscription) Material and ideas for each Sunday based on the Lectionary. Bimonthly Magazine and on-line.

[Worship | The Church of Scotland](https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worship)

Weekly worship link gives readings, prayers, sermon ideas and suggested hymns for each week (Same lectionary as ours)

**Faith and Worship** <https://www.faithandworship.com/>

Downloadable prayers plus books of prayers to purchase via the on-line shop. They also have Bible study resources suitable for House Groups.

**Engage Worship** [**engageworship**](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=0ee794f764c76933JmltdHM9MTcyOTcyODAwMCZpZ3VpZD0xMmE3YzNkMS0xMzA0LTYwNzYtMWExYS1kNzI3MTI5YjYxZGMmaW5zaWQ9NTIwMw&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=3&fclid=12a7c3d1-1304-6076-1a1a-d727129b61dc&psq=engage+worship+resources&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly9lbmdhZ2V3b3JzaGlwLm9yZy8&ntb=1)

Offers “creative, sustainable and world-changing worship ideas, videos, books, podcasts and courses for local churches”. You can register for a free account – some material is free, others you would need to pay for.

**Family Friendly Churches** is a subscription-based website. You can download PowerPoints of hymns (there's a long list) prayers etc. As the name suggests there is a lot of material suitable for children such as talks. They also have some songs as video with words which is useful if you have no musicians.

**Bible Gateway** [BibleGateway com](https://www.biblegateway.com/) (free)

Allows you to search Bible passages, word, topic and download from a large number of versions and to put two or more versions alongside to compare.

**Oremus** [oremus Bible Browser](https://bible.oremus.org/) (free)

Allows you to search Bible passages, words or phrases and download. Only NRSV and AV.

**Hymn Quest** [**HymnQuest**](https://hymnquest.com/) You can search for hymns by authors, themes, Bible references, Lectionary etc for free but you can only download the full text if it is out of copyright (i.e. more than 70years old). If you (or your church) pay a subscription you can copy the full text and export it to power point.

[iSingWorship - Worship Backing Tracks](https://www.isingworship.com/)

A list of songs can be found without subscribing to the site.

**Charities**

Many Christian charities such as All We Can, Christian Aid, Tear Fund, JPIT (Joint Public Issues Team – Churches working together for Peace and Justice) have material for prayers etc, on their websites, particularly for world issues and events.

If you are looking for a speaker, many charities have local speakers who would come and do a “sermon slot” talking about their work.

**Books**

**The Methodist Worship Book** has two orders of service with prayers p26-50, followed by some guidelines for putting together a service p51 and further resources p52-59. The communion orders all have prayers of intercession which could be used or adapted. If you don’t have a copy please contact the Circuit Office where there are some copies available.

**Epworth Press (May not be available now other than second hand)**

Companions to the Revised Common Lectionary

Volume 1 Intercessions

Volumes 2, 3 and 4 All Age Worship years A, B and C (Prayers plus some creative suggestions)

Volume 5 Before we worship (Vestry prayers)

Volumes 6, 7 and 8 Mining the Meaning (notes on the lectionary passages)

Volume 9 Dramatic Dialogues (based on the gospel lectionary)

Volume 10 Praying with the scriptures (Prayers based on the lectionary readings)

**Wild Goose Publications (Iona Community) Plus loads more.**

Cloth for the Cradle (resources for Advent and Christmas)

Present on Earth (resources on the life of Jesus)

Stages on the Way (resources for Lent, Holy Week and Easter)

Candles and Conifers (Resources for All Saints and Advent)

Hay and Sawdust (Resources for Christmas to Candlemas

Eggs and Ashes (resources for Lent and Holy Week)

Olives and Obligations (Biblical stories, scripts and reflections - Genesis to Nehemiah)

Fig Trees and Furnaces (Biblical stories, scripts and reflections - Esther to Maccabees)

Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter (Liturgical resources for each season)

Eh … Jesus …, Yes Peter? (3 booklets each with 7 humorous dialogues)

John Bell – He was in the World (25 meditations) plus other books

**Kevin Mayhew Publications –** I suggest you browse the website.

Prayers for all Seasons volumes 1 and 2

The Unfolding Story – reflective resources from the Old Testament

No Ordinary Man – reflective resources based on the life of Jesus.

Plus several others

**Susan Sayers** (Kevin Mayhew Publications) Intercessions for the church year (A Companion to ASB)

**David Clowes** – 500 prayers

**Ian Black** (SPCK) – Intercessions for lectionary years A, B and C.

**David Adam** (SPCK) Clouds of Glory, Traces of Glory and Glimpses of Glory – 3 volumes of Prayers for the Church Year. Plus several other books of prayers in the Celtic tradition.

**Eddie Askew (**The Leprosy Mission)

Several books of Meditations and prayers based on Bible passages.

**Margaret Roe** (available from me for £5)

Women of the Old Testament tell their Stories Volume 2 Ruth to Esther

Women of the Early Church tell their Stories

Women of the Old Testament tell their stories Volume 1 Sarah to Delilah has sold out but I am happy to send individual stories on request.