

Worshipping Together Not Just Sunday.....

Communion

All Ages

Saturday evenings?

Being together

After school?

Study?

Sunday tea-time?

At Different Times

Midweek communion?

How?

Think about your situation

- When would be a good time for people to meet?
- How can you enable them to attend to God?

Think about the service, how will you enable all ages to be involved? Consider:

- Liturgy, it's good for people to become familiar words, look for seasonal rhythms
- Movement
- Interaction
- Communion - if you don't have communion when else will people be able to receive/ experience communion?
- Music

Think about context

- Would it be good to have refreshments before/ after?
- What about other connections / opportunities to grow - how else can all ages become involved and feel like they belong.
- How will you celebrate festivals?
- What about advent, lent and holy week for these worshippers?

Introduction

When considering Worshipping Together, we need to think much wider than Sunday mornings for a number of reasons....

- Changes in working patterns
- Family life is very diverse, for example children can often spend weekends in different places
- Sporting activities often take place on Sunday mornings - forcing a choice between sport and church is difficult and forcing anyone to attend church will often have a detrimental result!

Whilst traditionally Sunday mornings have been THE time for weekly worship, for several years the Church has been challenged to re-think how it engages people in worship.

Why all ages together?

It's important to give families opportunities to worship God together - anything aimed at one specific group can immediately bring problems re babysitters, younger/older children being left out.

If our worship never includes all ages WORSHIPPING together, how much do all generations lose.....

- When will the young benefit from the experience of older generations?
- When will the exuberance and passion of the young challenge and enthuse those born earlier?
- When will all ages be able to learn from each other?

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

When candidate(s) are presented for baptism and/or confirmation, the president says:

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome *these children/candidates*

and uphold *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

And the response from everyone is:

With the help of God, we will.

Thinking about other times for worship means we have more opportunities to honour these commitments.

