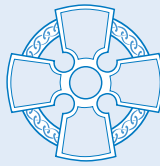


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# WORSHIP LEADER

## What is a commissioned ministry?

The Church in Wales affirms forms of accredited, public ministry known as commissioned ministries. There are three forms of commissioned ministry:

**Worship Leader**  
**Pastoral Assistant**  
**Catechist**

These ministries are discerned in your ministry / mission area, with the consent of your local church, and the training for these ministries is approved by your diocese.

## What does a Worship Leader do?

**Worship Leaders assist licensed and ordained ministers in helping to lead services of worship.**

### **Their work might include:**

- leading services of morning and evening prayer
- assisting the Ministry of the Word at the Eucharist
- leading Services of the Word, inside and outside the Church, when there is no sermon or Eucharist
- leading the intercessions or enabling others to do so
- encouraging the Church to develop creativity and good practice in liturgy and worship

## Could I be a Worship Leader?

**As a Worship Leader, you would be expected to:**

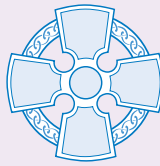
- have an active commitment to your faith
- be able to fulfil the formal criteria for public, representative commissioned ministry
- be willing to work under the direction of licensed or ordained ministers
- obtain a satisfactory DBS assessment and undertake the necessary safeguarding training
- show evidence of a gifting for this work such as a reasonably strong voice, clearly articulated delivery, sensitivity in public prayer, and appropriate self-confidence

## I feel called to be a Worship Leader

### **What's the next step?**

Speak to someone in your church's leadership team – perhaps your ministry / mission area leader or another priest. They will start you on a journey of discernment, where you will explore whether this ministry is right for you and whether you are right for this ministry.

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## What does a Pastoral Assistant do?

Pastoral Assistants support ordained ministers in showing Christ-like love and concern for others through pastoral care inside and outside the church.

### Their work might include:

- listening to, praying for, and being with the sick and suffering
- visiting the sick and housebound on behalf of the church
- undertaking additional discernment and training for additional specialisations such as wedding visiting, baptism visiting, bereavement ministry, Eucharistic visiting, or prayer and healing ministry

## Could I be a Pastoral Assistant?

As a Pastoral Assistant, you would be expected to:

- have an active commitment to your faith
- be able to fulfil the formal criteria for public, representative commissioned ministry
- be willing to work under the direction of licensed or ordained ministers
- obtain a satisfactory DBS assessment and undertake the necessary safeguarding training
- show evidence of a gifting for this work such as an ability to listen well, sensitivity in praying with and for others, and the ability to keep confidences

## I feel called to be a Pastoral Assistant

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# CATECHIST

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## What does a Catechist do?

Catechists support ordained ministers in helping people to deepen their faith by teaching and enabling study within the local church.

### Their work might include:

- encouraging the church to grow in knowledge, faith and discipleship through study and reflection
- enabling others to explore their beliefs for themselves.
- taking a particular lead in facilitating study groups for discipleship programmes and courses
- assisting in the preparation of candidates for baptism and confirmation

## Could I be a Catechist?

### As a Catechist, you would be expected to:

- have an active commitment to your faith
- be able to fulfil the formal criteria for public, representative commissioned ministry
- be willing to work under the direction of licensed or ordained ministers
- obtain a satisfactory DBS assessment and undertake the necessary safeguarding training
- show evidence of a gifting for this work such as an ability to inspire through teaching and the desire for enabling lifelong learning and vibrant discipleship

## I feel called to be a Catechist

### What's the next step?

Speak to someone in your church's leadership team – perhaps your ministry / mission area leader or another priest. They will start you on a journey of discernment, where you will explore whether this ministry is right for you and whether you are right for this ministry.