



HOLY TRINITY  
Ashby de la Zouch

# Musical worship

an agreed statement of common purpose

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# Summary

## Objective

For those involved in musical worship to agree, communicate and be accountable to a statement of common purpose.

## Goals

To better express our understanding of musical worship to each other and the church community that we serve; namely that we will seek:

- to be passionate and authentic worshippers; understanding that this is a fundamental expression of gratitude and wonder for God's love for us and should be found in us every day, not just in music or corporate worship
- to serve our brothers and sisters in our church community by supporting corporate musical worship wherever one or two are gathered in Jesus's name

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves"

*Philippians 2:3*

## Scope

This document considers the development and delivery of musical worship at Holy Trinity Ashby which is an activity that involves everyone who:

- plays a musical instrument and/or sings to lead a congregation
- is responsible for the audio mixing or runs the video projector
- selects music for use in church

We recognise that in all these activities we place ourselves under the spiritual authority of Tim, our Vicar, and that Ian Harris (Musical Worship Coordinator) and Paul and Beth Lunt (Audio and Video Coordinators) will direct and co-ordinate the day to day activities.

"Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you."

*Hebrews 13:17*



# Delivery

## Giftng and Service

We recognise that worship to God is a gift, enabled by the Holy Spirit, perfected by the grace of Christ and to give glory to the Father. We can no more claim credit for this gift than we can for a birthday present. Without the action of the Holy Spirit we are just making music.

We are therefore committed to dealing with our team, with our leaders and with our brothers and sisters in the church with humility and in a spirit of service. Christ, through whom all things were made, washed his disciples feet. This is to be our pattern.

Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

*Mark 9:35*



*We worship  
Christ,  
led by the  
Holy Spirit.*

*Christ  
perfects our  
worship by  
grace and...*

*...makes it an  
acceptable  
sacrifice to  
the Father*

## Qualities

As those responsible for delivering musical worship, we are all called to be passionately and authentically seeking to glorify God.

In keeping with the test of fitness throughout Holy Trinity Ashby for those in positions of influence and responsibility, we consider that a Worship Leader and a Coordinator must also to be recognisable as someone who is:

- faithful in their marital relationship
- temperate
- self-controlled
- respectable
- hospitable
- able to teach
- not given to drunkenness
- not violent but gentle
- not quarrelsome
- not a lover of money

*1 Timothy 3:2-3*



## Commitment

As a team we need to be committed in service to God, to each other and to the roles and responsibilities we have agreed to.

In practical terms this means:

- honesty, clarity and grace in communication with each other
- making sure we attend rehearsals and services that we are committed to in good time
- trying to attend every Wednesday's rehearsal, whether we are contributing on the following Sunday or not; to grow together as a team and to spend time in worship - this includes all members of the team
- musicians, sound engineers and video projectionists who are contributing on the following Sunday must attend the preceding Wednesday rehearsal
- advising Ian or Paul & Beth in good time if we are unable to meet a commitment we have made
- supporting, contributing to and taking part in the time we spend together praying, waiting on God, and sharing God's Word with each other
- seeking God in our private devotional life and inviting the Holy Spirit to work in us to make passionate and authentic worshippers to the glory of God
- accepting guidance, loving counsel, correction and rebuke gracefully

"since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe"

Hebrews 12:28

We recognise that despite sincerely committing to the roles we have accepted, we will not always meet the commitments we have made since we are not yet perfect. But we serve and worship one who is.

*(The Lord)* said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Intimacy is  
meeting God

our worship is  
the vehicle -  
not the  
destination

