

Introduction to Liturgy

Co-ordinator

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Overall Aim

This Ministry Skills Stream aims to provide an overview of Anglican worship practice and to engage the imagination of students in making local worship happen creatively and well. It will help us to explore the worshipping heart of our life together as Christians and fresh possibilities.

Learning Goals

On completion of this Ministry Skills Stream participants will be able to:

- Describe what liturgy is and why we need it;
- Engage with signs, seasons and sacraments: cycles of meaning and living;
- Articulate some of the arguments for the changing worship needs of their local and contemporary context;
- Make use of A Prayer Book for Australia and other liturgical resources.

Dates of Stream

Saturdays: 9th April, 30th July and 19th November at Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College. Please check the NSTM website for further information and the programme for each day at www.schooloftheology.net

Successfully Completing Your Ministry Skills Stream

In order to successfully complete this ministry skills stream, you will be required to:

- attend all sessions throughout the programme, or have received permission to be absent from one session only prior to the session taking place, and satisfied the stream leader that aspects covered in that session have been studied in another form;
- actively participate as required in sessions;
- submit the assessed task on the date on which it is due.

Topics

The topics to be covered in the nine sessions will include:

- What is worship?
- The shape of Anglican worship
- The Christian (liturgical) year
- Signs & symbols
- The Sacraments
- The shape of the Eucharist & roles of those who participate
- Use of the Prayer Book and other liturgical resources
- Pastoral Offices (funerals etc)
- How do we open up the best of our worship tradition for our local & contemporary context?

Assessed Task

Participants will be expected to develop a liturgy which could be used in their local Church for one of the following:

- An event specific to the local area of the participant;
- A celebration or tragedy for which a liturgy is not currently provided in A Prayer Book for Australia;
- A contemporary rite of passage for which a liturgy is not currently provided in A Prayer Book for Australia.

Participants will present their liturgy to the group on 19th November and submit a copy of the liturgy to the stream leader.

Bibliography

Participants will be provided with a bibliography by the Stream Leader.