

North East – Brierley | Hemsworth | Monk Bretton | Ryhill | Staincross

South – Hoyland & Birdwell | Darfield Wesley | Great Houghton | Pilley | Wombwell

North West - Buckley | Dodworth | Emmanuel | Higham | Kexborough

Volunteering Outline - Role Description

Volunteer Role Title: Worship Leader

Location: Barnsley Methodist Circuit

Responsible to & supported by: Ministers, Lay Workers, & Church & Chapel representatives

What is a Worship Leader?

A Worship Leader is a person appointed by the Church Council to help lead worship with knowledge, conviction and competence, doing so in accordance with Methodist doctrines. The appointment of Worship Leaders is the responsibility of the Church Council in consultation with the Local Preachers Meeting. The appointment is subject to triennial review by the Church Council.

Skills Required

- Communication Skills
- Enthusiasm
- Commitment
- Reliability
- Ability to work within a team

Time / Commitment Required

- 2+ hours preparation/planning before the event or service
- Approximately 1 hour on day of event

The role of a Worship Leader

- Be available to help lead worship at times and in places as agreed by the Superintendent as indicated on the plan. As to place – this is chapel appointment, however serving in another church is possible with the consent of the Superintendent and relevant church council
- Fulfil responsibilities in respect of an act of worship as agreed by the Church Council

What requirements are needed to fulfil the role of a Worship Leader?

- Be a member of the Methodist Church that attends public worship.
- Completion of the Advanced module: Creating Safer Space: Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Course which takes approximately (6 hours every 4 years) & passing on any observed or communicated concerns or worries relating to any person attending the chapel to the Pastoral Lay Worker, Safeguarding officer and / or minister.
- A satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) (every 5 years) – volunteers will be asked to provide all relevant documents for these checks. There is no cost to the volunteer for this check.
- Completion of the EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion course of the Methodist Church).
- Recommended but not compulsory - completion of the Unconscious Bias training.

This role outline was approved by Barnsley Circuit Meeting on 17th September 2026 and will be reviewed annually.

Please refer to the Circuit website for contact details of all chapel Leadership Teams, Church Council members, Circuit Meeting representatives & Circuit Leadership Team members.