

CHURCH SERVICE SOCIETY ANNUAL STUDY DAY 2026

A day about leading worship

In recent years in the Church of Scotland a new ‘office’ has been added to those of Minister, Deacon, and Reader, that of

Local Worship Leader

- elders and members who have recently had training, by presbyteries and universities, to conduct services when no other authorised person is available or who contribute and share in leadership. This day is especially for them ...

but also it is for ministers and others who have experience to share, or questions to raise about the church’s worship in these demanding times.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26 – ST JOHN’S KIRK OF PERTH – 10.15am-4.00pm

The day is planned in conjunction with the Presbytery of Perth, but is open also to those in other presbyteries or dioceses. We ask:

Worship Today –

- what does the leader bring, what does the congregation offer, what is passed to us from our predecessors over the centuries, what does the Bible contribute?
- does worship need its own special language?
- are there limits to imagination and exploration?
- what can saints and seasonal festivals add?
- have hymn books had their day?
- what can art forms like poetry and drama add to acts of worship?

Morning symposium *the shape, the history, the language of worship*

Principal Alison Jack, New College, University of Edinburgh
Professor Susan Hardman Moore, formerly New College
Rev Dr Liam Fraser, former Convener Theological Forum

A smorgasbord of afternoon workshops to choose from!

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Suggested contribution to defray costs £10 (pay on the day)