As always, this newsletter finds us grateful to God for his goodness, and to you for all the ways you support this ministry. Your prayer, giving and encouragement is amazing!

WORSHIP TEAM TRAINING COURSE

This term we have mostly focused on creating our How Would Jesus Lead Worship video course (see stills to the right). This included two days of filming teaching, a day of music and worship with a small group, and now lots of editing.

We are also thoroughly revising the book to go alongside the free six week course. These will be launched together in March 2020. Please pray for the impact of this project for churches across the world.

TINY ADVENT POEMS

We are really excited about the potential of Amy Scott Robinson’s #TinyAdventPoems, which have been visually presented by Richard Lyall (see below). Since launching these free resources we have had lots of great feedback:

“These are awesome. My mind is swimming with all the ways I can use them! I will definitely use them daily on our church Facebook page, but am thinking of ways to use them in worship as well.”

“I am leading a quiet day this week for a group of ‘non-churched’ young mums in our community and these initiated the theme of Advent in my head!”

OTHER NEW RESOURCES

Sam co-authored a Grove Book - How to Write Worship Songs, with Joel Payne. The Resound Worship live album Let Praise Resound was also launched this term, and we’ve had some encouraging feedback. Both the book and CD make great Christmas gifts - go to engageworship.org/store

Our Harvest Worship book was used by hundreds of churches, and we heard back from this happy church leader:

“Just a word of sincere thanks and appreciation of your harvest resources, and in particular [the song] ‘We see the Fruitful Harvest’ - it went down a storm at our harvest service yesterday. We worship in an ancient Walsh hilltop church, 900 feet above the nearest village. Our packed church picked up the refrain instantly - it nearly lifted our 12th century roof!! I can see it becoming a favourite. Thank you so much for blessing us with your ministry.”
EVENTS THIS PAST TERM

We took Whole Life Worship to Banbury in October, with a Saturday training event followed by leading worship and preaching at The People’s Church on Sunday. Two separate churches emailed to feed back on how the teaching had impacted their subsequent Sunday worship:

“Six of us attended from Brackley Baptist Church and we found it inspiring, challenging & equipping. THANK YOU! In fact some of the simplest changes (aren’t they often the sweetest?) were used in our service today. There were things we’d been saying to people and believing them to be right which were challenged and found wanting. We had already begun on the journey of change but this has given us some real focus.”

“We had a morning rich with 3D worship - from the songs, kids talk, prophetic, prayer and preach... last week opened my eyes to something I’d not seen so clearly. We’re already doing it in part, but this morning it was so clear. Thank you Sara and Sam, those of us who came together really feel like we’ve caught something fresh.”

Later in October we enjoyed teaching for a day at the Association of Christian Writers - giving them input into writing for worship. Sam was at London School of Theology for two days in November, teaching the Songwriting Intensive with Geraldine Latty. And both Sara and Sam travelled into London to led worship for a LICC Supporters Evening.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

15th-16th January - Salvation Army Frontline conference
4th Feb - Sam teaching at Roehampton University
7-9th Feb - Brunel Manor weekend with Geraldine & Carey Luce
14-15th Feb - LST Songwriting Intensive part 2
24th Feb - Whole Life Worship teaching at St Mellitus
7th March - Whole Life Worship for Horsham LICC Hub
28th March - Whole Life Worship in Trowbridge
14-17th April - Resound/engage family week at Wydale
16th May - Chester Lay Conference, Swanwick
22nd-24th May - Cliff Fest (TBC)
27th June - Whole Life Worship for Leigh on Sea LICC Hub... plus more TBC!

A NOTE ON GIVING

If you don’t currently give to this ministry via the Music and Worship Foundation, or haven’t reflected on your giving for a while, please prayerfully consider whether you could make a further contribution. Regular, sacrificial gifts make this ministry possible!

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