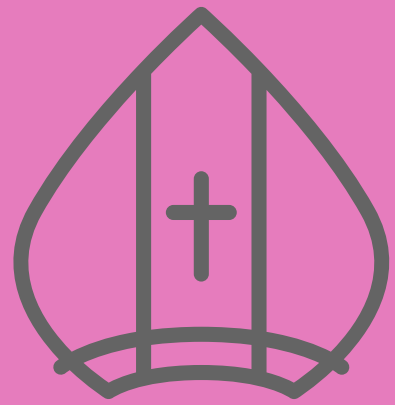


WHAT MAKES A NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY ANGLICAN?



Coming under the authority of the Bishop

This means the overall leader needs to be licensed by the Bishop and that your church plant or fresh expression will come under the authority of a PCC or a BMO.

Following an Anglican 'shape' in your worship such as:

A Greeting/clear beginning
Authorised prayers of penitence
Songs/Hymns/Silence interspersed or in a block
One or more Bible Readings
A psalm or song based on a psalm
Sermon/Interview/Drama/Discussion
Creed or authorised Affirmation of Faith
A clear ending e.g. the grace, a blessing

Or this 'Service of the Word' (above) may be followed immediately by a Holy Communion service (which can be led by an ordained minister)



Moving towards practicing the two sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion



The aspiration is that Holy Communion should be celebrated regularly in every worshipping community and that baptism for all ages is offered, as required, followed by confirmation when a person is ready.

Being part of a world-wide Anglican communion



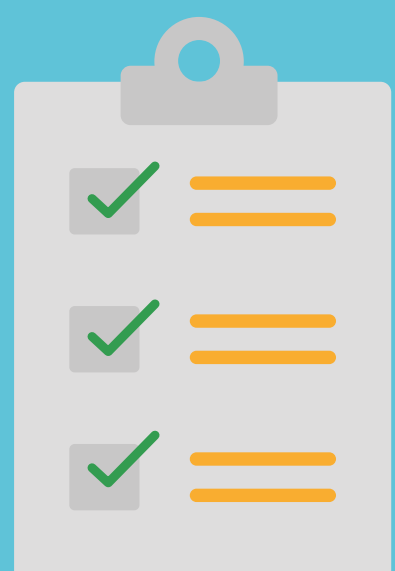
Wherever you are, you will be part of a deanery, diocese, the wider Church of England and the Anglican Communion sharing, amongst other things, a commitment to the 'five marks of mission'.



Being part of a broad church

Comprised of people who may be more catholic, liberal, evangelical or charismatic than you, and that's just for starters!

Being part of an ordered church



The CofE prides itself on being an 'ordered' church with Synods and canons, church law and proper processes designed to keep everyone safe in every way. A new worshipping community should have due regard for such ordering.



Being part of a Church that takes the Bible seriously

The CofE takes the Bible seriously, amongst other things, through the encouragement of daily reading (using a lectionary if helpful) and the licence and theological study which is required before anyone can preach regularly.