



NewWine

IN PURSUIT

Equipping Worship Leaders

What Is It?

A brand-new 9 month course funded by New Wine, run by Cath and Angus Music, which teaches and develops new worship leaders from across Calderdale to resource churches and church plants throughout our region, including, but not restricted to, Saturday Gathering and its plants.

What does it involve?

Getting practical!

The course will begin in June 2017 and finish in Feb 2018. Each month consists of 3 elements:

1. One group teaching session: What does the bible teach us about worship? How can we apply this to our lives, ministry and town?
2. One group practical session: An honouring and Presence filled environment for us to put into practice all we are learning and to lead worship in a group setting with the rest of the team, before leading in a congregational setting.
3. Individual tuition sessions: these will be tailored to suit every individual, depending on the level of skill, experience and calling on each person.

At an appropriate time, you will be given opportunities to lead worship in different church settings as required.

Who can apply?

1. Anyone who feels they are called to lead worship, or be involved in a worship team.
2. Anyone currently in a worship team is welcome.
3. Anyone who has never been part of a team before but would like to explore the idea.
4. If you don't yet play or sing but believe you're called to do this, don't let it prevent you from applying!
5. Anyone over the age of 16, with no upper age limit!

If your hobby is music and you love performing – this doesn't necessarily mean you are called by God to be a worship leader or part of a team – God blesses us with hobbies and gifts to enjoy and to bless others outside of church. Bringing joy to the world through performance is an incredible gift, but is different from being anointed to lead worship. What God is after is a worshipping heart. One who is content to close their door with no audience before them, other than God, and worship Him.

Why is this necessary?

Wherever we go around the UK, and whenever we speak to our ministry friends around the world, we hear the same exhilarating news – God is on the move in a very powerful way. We believe that God is always up to something, but it seems that we are in a time of an awakening of His bride, when He is intensifying the work of His Kingdom and His tangible presence around the world. Many describe it as the start of an unprecedented revival or time of renewal.

Whatever you want to call it, we believe that God's heart is after changing our culture permanently, through relationship, love, acts of kindness, miracles, provision, restoration and of course – worship. Over many years, there has been a deliberate work amongst Christian leaders in Calderdale to work together, overcoming denominational and individual church boundaries, to strengthen the unity amongst God's one Church across our region. For us at Saturday Gathering, we believe it's true to say we see new faces and new believers almost every week – and we know this is also true of other churches in Calderdale. There is something stirring throughout our town – a hunger to know God, a desire for an authentic relationship with the God who rescues, restores and commissions. We are blessed in Calderdale to already have anointed worship leaders and teams across the churches, but if we are to believe that God is going to increase what He has begun in our town, we are believing then that our places of worship will one day soon overflow with people desperate to worship Him in spirit and in truth. We're already starting to see people from different secular organisations wanting to know more about Jesus, and we see those from previously disinterested demographics of society begin to pour into our churches in large numbers. Those of us who currently lead worship, no matter how committed we are, if we're really dreaming big, won't be enough to minister to the crowds God will be bringing in. We believe we have a responsibility to respond to God's activity in our town, and partner with Him to raise up others to lead worship, in preparation for what He has in store.

What will be required of me if I attend “In Pursuit”?

Attending Sessions: You would be expected to attend all of the teaching sessions (1 evening a month), most of the practical sessions (1 evening a month) and all of the individual tuition sessions which will be arranged to suit your availability. We know sometimes unavoidable appointments crop up, in which case we'd rearrange to meet with you and fill you in on what you missed!

Character: Worship leaders have a position of leadership (how to state the obvious!), integrity, purity and character are all very important to God, so whilst we know all of us are still journeying through life in our human bodies, worship leaders and those in a team have a responsibility to work with God to live lives that honour him and others.

Practice: Whether you've been playing/singing/leading for years or not at all, God looks at our hearts and character first, but places a high value on skill and excellence (it's in His book!!) so it would be expected that you are able to set aside time to practice your instrument.

Relationship: True worship is all about relationship. We've lost count of the times we've heard people recite the phrase "you can't take people where you've not already gone yourself". This will be a great season to deepen your relationship with God, to discover more about who you are to Him and in Him and to develop your friendship with God. You can be taught only so much, but building your friendship with God is something no one else can do for you – it takes a commitment of time and self-discipline – but it's great fun, worth every second and will impact the way you lead worship in ways you never imagined.

What will it cost me?

The course is free of charge. New Wine have very generously provided the funding.

I'm interested - what next?

1. Pray – check it out with God and discern if this is right for you.
2. Feel free to come and have a chat with us if you like – **cathandangusmusic@gmail.com**
www.facebook.com/cathandangusmusic

2. Fill in the application form
(hard copy or it's available online at
www.cathandangusmusic.com/inpursuit)
and get it back into our hands!

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There is a limited amount of places, we will pray and contact you to confirm your place on the course.
The course will run a second time early 2018.

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