

Prayers of the People (Intercessor) training

St Matthews Church

Abbotsford BC

Course Description:

The Prayers of the People are an integral part of Anglican liturgy. This short course is meant to equip those who feel they would like to lead the prayers of the people.

Learning Outcomes (What the learner should be able to do after the training)

1. Discuss the importance of intercessory prayer within the Anglican Church
2. Source resources which will assist in the preparation of the Prayers of the people
3. Write an intercessory prayer
4. Lead the group in Prayer

Prerequisites:

A desire to learn, acceptance of Jesus Christ as the head of the church, an active member of St Matthews church family

Training Format:

The training will be made up of a prereading, two 40 minute sessions and some homework

Prereading – Prayers of the People Instructions at St Matthews located on the website

Week 1

- Round table discussion from participants on what we think intercessory prayer is, examples of good and bad that we have seen.
 - Identify the basic parts of the prayers and their significance
 - Present some examples of intercessory prayers and get the participants to point out the different components
 - As a group write a short intercessory prayer
- Close in prayer

Homework - each participant prepares a intercessory prayer which we will present the following week to our group

Week 2

- Start with a discussion of how we found the exercise of building an intercessory prayer
- Have each participant lead us in the prayer which they have written
- After each prayer we have a very respectful discussion on how we felt we did and if the participant is willing we ask for feedback from the others
- Close in prayer