

“If you’re passionate about worship and preaching, these evenings are for you. Stimulating speakers, engaging conversations, goodworship and tasty food. If I lived in Essex, I’d be there every month!”

**Bob Bartindale**

Officer for Worship & Local Preachers,  
Methodist Connexion

“Good food, good company, inspiring fellowship and always something to learn.”

**Jane Fulford**

Local Preachers' Tutor

“Spiritual and practical learning, in a friendly, encouraging environment.”

**Janet Warner**

Worship Leader

“Learning about the different ways we can be creative in our worship in a safe group reminds us of the diversity of our needs, opinions and individual relationships we have with God.

It prepares us more fully for when we take these ideas to our churches and communities.

To do this after we have all shared a meal together is a joy and blessing to us all.”

**Heather Simmons**

Student Presbyter



2020/21

## What is Worship Academy?

It is a training programme particularly for leaders of worship in the Methodist Church but is open to everyone.

We meet monthly at Benfleet Methodist Church starting with a meal at 7pm.

At 8pm one of the churches leads an act of worship followed by a speaker, who may involve us actively in all sorts of ways.

We have excellent speakers and great fellowship together

**Online booking is essential and invitations come from the Circuit Office**  
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### For other queries:

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## *Programme for Southend and Leigh Circuit Worship Academy 2020/2021*

### **Autumn 2020 All Wednesdays**

- Oct 7** Rev. Dr. Calvin Samuel *'How to Be Antiracist'*  
**Nov 4** David Friswell *'Children's Address'*  
**Dec 2** Keith Norman & Team *'The Future of Worship'*

### **2021**

- Jan** *N/A* *No Meeting*  
**Feb 3** Rev. Dr. Calvin Samuel  
*'Distinctly Divine: Holiness as a Divine Attribute'*  
**Mar 3** Rev. Steve Chalke MBE *'Whole Life Worship'*  
**Apr 7** Richard Armiger *tbc*  
**May 5** Rev. Paul Wood & Rev. Ian Worsfold  
*'Alternative fillings for the 5 Hymn Sandwich'*  
**June 9** Rev. Dr. David Chapman  
*'The Royal Priesthood in Worship'*  
(Please note change of usual first Wednesday so we get a meal)  
**July 7** Rev. Dr. Calvin Samuel  
*'Distinctly Human: Suffering and Holiness in Job'*