# SPIRITUALITY IN WORSHIP, DOCTRINE AND LIFE

WORSHIP

Prayer

Liturgy

#### WORSHIP SHAPES DOCTRINE

Worship is a direct experience and declaration of our faith. In worship we encounter the saving God whom our worship describes.

#### WORSHIP SHAPES LIFE

God's self-giving in worship promotes our response of service. The words and actions of worship shape the way we perceive and respond to the world.

#### DOCTRINE SHAPES WORSHIP

Faith

as

Trusting

Doctrine governs the nature and content of worship. Worship summarises and gives expression to what we believe.

### **FAITH**

- our immediate human experience of God and God's world

# LIFE SHAPES WORSHIP

Expression

of

Faith

In worship our life stories are gathered up into God's Story. Worship expresses contemporary human joys and concerns.

# DOCTRINE

Belief

Theology

on Faith

Reflection

Faith as **Believing**  Faith as

Experience

cf

Faith

Doing

## LIFE

Experience

**Ethics** 

## DOCTRINE SHAPES LIFE

Beliefs provide a frame of reference for our actions. Our lives are a practical "confession" of our faith.

Craig Mitchell, 1998

# LIFE SHAPES DOCTRINE

Belief systems summarise our real-life values and commitments. Doctrines are systematic reflections on lived faith.