**Sunday 25th July 2021**

**Worship**

**John 4: 19-26**

**23 “**Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. **24**God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

Questions

1. How would you describe ‘Christian worship’ to someone who isn’t a Christian? What aspects would you want to emphasise?
2. How do you understand the phrase to worship ‘in spirit and truth’? What is it that makes worship ‘real’ rather than just a ‘ritual’?
3. Why do you think it is important for Christians to come together for worship? Are there both biblical principles and practical factors involved? Look at Matthew 18:19-20, Hebrews 10:24-25, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13
4. ‘Christian worship is about participation not observation.’ How can each one of us ‘participate’ in a worship service? Is it confined to singing or saying words? What of listening, seeing, touching, tasting?
5. Have you ever looked carefully at the pictures and symbols in our church such as the stained glass windows, the cross, and the banners? In what ways can they help us worship?