

Ipplepen Methodist Church Multimedia Capabilities for Ministers, Local Preachers and Worship Leaders

Introduction

Ipplepen Methodist Church is blessed with a state of the art Multimedia System which allows Ministers, Local Preachers and Worship Leaders to augment worship with a wide range of audio and visual experiences, such as Power Point presentations, playback of CD and DVD clips, and invited Worship Groups/Bands

Below is a list (in no particular order) of the Multimedia equipment available:

Computer

This computer is operated by the Multimedia Operator at all times during worship or meetings.

Easy Worship and Sunday Plus Software

Easy Worship and Sunday Plus is designed to easily display songs, scriptures, videos, and messages to the congregation with little or no distractions. This is accomplished by utilising the dual video output capability of the computer. One video signal is sent from the first output to the working monitor at the computer. The second output is sent to the projector and to the congregation. This allows the operator to control all aspects of the service and only show the congregation what they need to see for effective worship. See www.easyworship.com and www.sundayplus.com for further details

Audacity Software

Audacity is free, open source software for recording and editing sounds, and is operated by the Multimedia Operator using the computer. Services are usually recorded and copied to CD for use by others and the sermon published to the [Church Website](http://www.ipp-lepen.org.uk). See <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/> for further details

Windows Media Player Software

Microsoft's own software allows the playback of MP3s and CDs by the Multimedia Operator using the computer.

LCD video projector and screen

This allows the video output from Easy Worship/Sunday Plus to be projected onto a large fixed 8'x6' white screen for viewing by the congregation. There are spare video inputs for other computers, so a Worship Leader could give a Power Point presentation using their own computer from near the pulpit.

Sound mixer

Operated by the Multimedia Operator, the 16 channel mixer allows the volume and tone levels of all instruments and microphones to be adjusted. Additional inputs can be made available for the Worship leader's own equipment e.g. computer, CD player.

Stereo Amplifier and Loudspeakers

These allow for the gentle and quiet playing of music during communion through to the ear-splitting cacophony of sound required by some Christian Rock Bands....

Hearing aid loop system

This system works with the latest digital hearing aids. Only the 2 wireless microphones are routed through the loop system to ensure that users are not overcome by the intensity of vocals through the sound system.

Wireless microphones

A miniature wireless 'tie' microphone is used by the main Worship Leader. This device clips onto a pocket or other convenient piece of clothing close to the user's mouth. There is a neck cord which can be used instead of the clip in conjunction with the microphone, but this should only be used as a last resort as the vocal quality can vary greatly. Please note that the Multimedia Operator can/will turn the microphone on and off as required!

A wireless microphone is available for use at the front of the Church, normally for readings by lay people. It is mounted in a quick release holder, so it can easily be taken to any part of the Church if required.

Wired microphones

4 microphones normally used by the Worship Group.

Fold-back amplifier/speakers

Used by the Worship Group to allow themselves to be heard.

DI boxes

Used by the Worship Group or others to enable up to 4 instruments e.g. guitars to be used by the Multimedia System.

Advice and requests

- It would be appreciated if material, including an order of service, is delivered to the Multimedia Operator by Saturday afternoon at the latest, to ensure there is time to load the Easy Worship/Sunday Plus software and iron out any technical issues.
- It would be advisable to inform the Multimedia Operator of any equipment that is required to be used with the multimedia system in good time, so possible problems can be mitigated.
- Please do not assume that the words for songs can be changed at the last minute, as they may not be available!
- Please ensure your microphone is as close to you as possible, and do not speak quietly because there is amplification. This ensures that the mixer levels do not have to be raised so as to induce feedback (screaming noises through the loudspeakers). Do not tap the microphones or shout into them to check operation as this can cause damage.

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