

Equipping for life

Learning for discipleship and ministry

Courses for April–July 2020

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Welcome

Welcome to 'Equipping for Life'. You will find here a range of courses designed to help you grow in your faith, discipleship and understanding so you will be better equipped to serve God in everyday life at work, at church and at home.

Who are these courses for?

Offered by Oxford Diocese as part of its Local Ministry Programme, these courses are for those training as Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs) or for ordination, and also a growing number of people with a passion to learn more about their faith, about God and our place in his world. Perhaps you want to explore something new, become better equipped or dig a bit deeper into what you believe and why? Simply select your course and sign up.

What level? Will I cope?

You don't need qualifications or prior experience to get the most from these courses. While we provide a more structured learning environment than is possible in a local church, sessions are pitched at a level well within the grasp of most adult learners. Level 4 courses are introductory (i.e. equivalent to the first year of university) and assume no prior knowledge. Level 5 is more 'intermediate' and assumes some prior learning or experience at Level 4. Saturday courses often cover more practical areas of ministry and can be good taster sessions for other courses.

Will I need to do any assignments? Is there any homework?

While assessed work is compulsory for ordinands and LLMs in training, there is no pressure for other 'interested learners' to do marked assignments. The option, though, is always there if you want it and a number of



people do find this helpful. Some sessions involve an element of preparation but we understand that life is busy and not everyone enjoys independent study.

Validation and awards

Our evening courses are delivered as part of the national Common Awards programme validated by Durham University. Should you opt for assessed work and wish to take things a step further, it is possible to work towards a Foundation Award or a Certificate of Higher Education in Theology, Mission and Ministry from Durham. Please ask about this soon, if you are interested, so we can ensure any work you do can be fully accredited.

How many courses can I do?

As many as you like! Some people just do particular courses which take their fancy; others come along for one and then just keep coming each term. Why not give it a go, dip a toe in the water and see how you get on?

How do I sign up for a course? bit.ly/local-ministry-Oxford

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Introducing funeral ministry

(Part 1: Death, dying and loss)



A MORNING TO REFLECT CREATIVELY ABOUT THEOLOGICAL, LITURGICAL AND PASTORAL ASPECTS OF FUNERAL MINISTRY. This course will cover a range of issues and challenges encountered in funeral ministry, with a focus on death, dying and loss. It will be of interest to experienced funeral officiants (clergy, lay or civil) as well as anyone just starting to take funerals or wanting to think a little further about exploring this ministry.

This course may be taken as a stand-alone morning or followed-up with Part 2: Funerals and the bereaved (6 June). Both elements are compulsory for anyone working towards authorised Lay Funeral Ministry within the Diocese of Oxford.



DATE

Saturday 18 April



TIME

9.30am – 1pm



COST

£15



VENUE

Fitzwilliams Centre
Windsor End
Beaconsfield
HP9 2JW



TUTORS

Rev'd Charles Chadwick (Parish Development Adviser, Dorchester Archdeaconry)
Rev'd Dr Jeremy Brooks (Team Rector, Beaconsfield)



BOOK ONLINE

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Introducing healing ministry



THIS DAY COURSE WILL CONSIDER BOTH PASTORAL AND LITURGICAL ASPECTS OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALING. It will explore how this ministry might best be practised in a parish, and address some of the issues which may arise. Attention will be given to the Wholeness and Healing section of *Common Worship: Pastoral Services* (the 'green book').

People attending the course should look through the Wholeness and Healing section of *Common Worship: Pastoral Services* before the course begins. It is available online: churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources



DATE

Saturday 25 April



TIME

10am – 4pm



LUNCH

Please bring a packed lunch



COST

£20



VENUE

Church House Oxford
Langford Locks
Kidlington
OX5 1GF



TUTORS

Rev'd Canon Dr Phillip Tovey (Warden of Readers)
Rev'd Dr Sam Muthuveloe (Associate Priest, Stantonbury Partnership and GP)



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Introducing funeral ministry

(Part 2: Funerals and the bereaved)



A MORNING TO REFLECT CREATIVELY ABOUT THEOLOGICAL, LITURGICAL AND PASTORAL ASPECTS OF FUNERAL MINISTRY. This course will cover a range of issues and challenges encountered in funeral ministry, including care of the bereaved in relation to funeral services. It will be of interest to experienced funeral officiants (clergy, lay or civil) as well as anyone just starting to take

funerals or wanting to think a little more about exploring this ministry.

The course may be taken as a stand-alone morning, or as a follow-on from Part 1: Death, dying and loss (18 April). Both elements are compulsory for anyone working towards authorised Lay Funeral Ministry within the Diocese of Oxford.



DATE

Saturday 6 June



TIME

9.30am - 1pm



COST

£15



VENUE

Fitzwilliams Centre
Windsor End
Beaconsfield
HP9 2JW



TUTORS

Revd Charles Chadwick (Parish Development Adviser, Dorchester Archdeaconry)
Revd Dr Jeremy Brooks (Team Rector, Beaconsfield)



BOOK ONLINE

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Starting out in preaching



THIS DAY COURSE IS INTENDED FOR THOSE WHO ARE BEGINNING TO PREACH. It will provide a basic introduction to the theology and practice of preaching and will include opportunity for practical learning. Designed in order to meet training requirements for those with a bishop's

authorisation to preach, it is also suitable for anyone simply wanting to explore this ministry further.

(Please note, this course is not intended for ordinands or LLMs in training.)



DATE

Saturday 13 June



TIME

10am – 4pm



LUNCH

Please bring a packed lunch



COST

£20



VENUE

Soltau Centre
St James the Less
Henley Road
Stubbings
Maidenhead SL6 6QW



TUTOR

Revd Chris Leslie (Team Curate, Loddon Reach)



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A Christ-like Church for the sake of God's world

Introducing Communion by Extension



HOLY COMMUNION IS CENTRAL TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP. This day course explores Communion by Extension and its relation to the Eucharist in both the Bible and Anglican tradition. It is open to anyone

interested in discovering more about this aspect of Christian worship and is particularly designed for those training through Oxford's diocesan Authorised Ministry scheme to lead services of Communion by Extension.

**DATE**

Saturday 27 June

**TIME**

10am – 4pm

**LUNCH**

Please bring a packed lunch

**COST**

£20

**VENUE**

St Mary's Church Centre
Station Road
Twyford
RG10 9NT

**TUTOR**

Revd Chris Leslie (Team Curate, Loddon Reach)

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DIOCESE of OXFORD

A Christ-like Church for the sake of God's world

Learning to think theologically (online course)



THIS NEW COURSE WILL HELP YOU THINK ABOUT THE WAYS THAT THEOLOGY AND THE FAITH WE INHERIT CONNECT WITH THE REALITIES, EXPECTATIONS AND SURPRISES OF EVERYDAY LIFE. It

will include an introduction to the process of theological reflection and offer some useful models which you will then be able to apply in your own contexts.

The course provides practical guidance on how we might 'think theologically' in different

aspects of life at home, at church and in the world. It will be particularly helpful for those thinking about further ministry or practical theological study – or for anyone wanting to make connections between life and faith.

The course will go live on 28 May. Online materials will then be available until 22 July when the course ends. A compulsory online seminar will take place on 29 June (7.30–9pm). The course takes approximately 20 hours to complete.



DATES

28 May – 22 July



LIVE ONLINE SEMINAR

Monday 29 June, 7.30pm



TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Internet connection
Computer with camera, microphone and speaker capability



COST

£30



TUTOR

Rev'd Canon Dr Phillip Tovey (Warden of Readers)



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Christian discipleship

(Level 4: Introductory)



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LIVE AS A CHRISTIAN TODAY? How can we grow in our faith? How do we navigate the dilemmas of life? This course aims to help us review and deepen our understanding and experience of Christian living, to think through our approach to faith and how we respond to the

call of God in everyday life. Drawing on the Bible, Christian tradition and contemporary experience, it will explore different approaches to worship and prayer, ethical decision-making and the outworking of our faith in mission and service.

Venue 1: Maids Moreton



DATES

Tuesday evenings
April 21, 28
May 5, 12, 19 (not 26)
June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30



TIME

7.15-9.30pm



COST

£40 for ten sessions



VENUE

St Edmund's Church
Church Street
Maids Moreton
Buckingham MK18 1QD



TUTORS

Revd Dr Phil Cooke (LMP Programme Director)
Revd Dr Ruben Angelici (LMP Staff Tutor)



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(Level 4: Introductory)



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call of God in everyday life. Drawing on the Bible, Christian tradition and contemporary experience, it will explore different approaches to worship and prayer, ethical decision-making and the outworking of our faith in mission and service.

Venue 2: Bracknell



DATES

Monday evenings
April 20, 27
May 4, 11, 18 (not 25)
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29



TIME

7.15-9.30pm



COST

£40 for ten sessions



VENUE

Langley Hall
Holy Trinity Church
Bracknell RG12 1HD



TUTORS

Revd Jim Barlow (Mission Priest, Bracknell Team Ministry)
Revd Canon Andrew Marsden (Vicar, St Sebastian's, Wokingham)
Revd Dr Lisa Cornwell (Vicar, Crowthorne Benefice)



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call of God in everyday life. Drawing on the Bible, Christian tradition and contemporary experience, it will explore different approaches to worship and prayer, ethical decision-making and the outworking of our faith in mission and service.

Venue 3: Abingdon



DATES

Wednesday evenings
April 22, 29
May 6, 13, 20 (not 27)
June 3, 10, 17, 24
July 1



TIME

7.15–9.30pm



COST

£40 for ten sessions



VENUE

Christ Church Abingdon
(Barn 2/Main Hall)
Northcourt Road
Abingdon OX14 1PL



TUTORS

Revd Dr Phil Cooke (LMP Programme Director)
Revd Dr Ruben Angelici (LMP Staff Tutor)

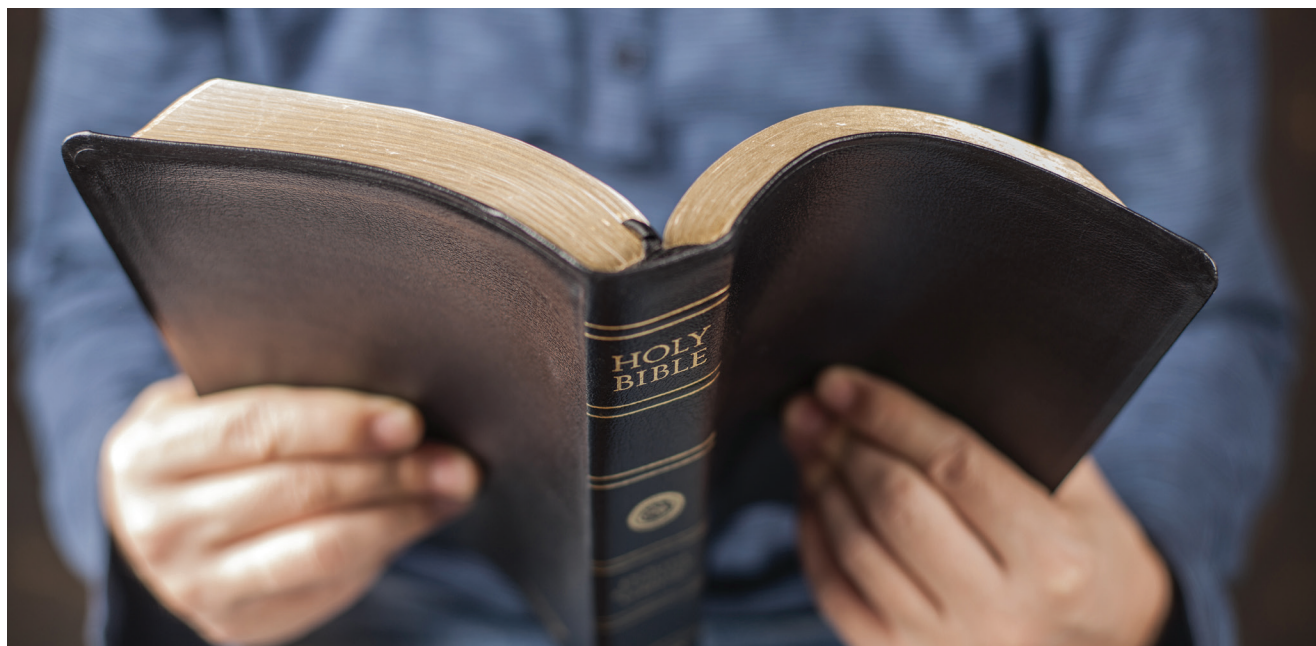


BOOK ONLINE

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Old Testament in context

(Level 5: Intermediate)



THIS COURSE AIMS TO DEEPEN UNDERSTANDING OF THE OLD TESTAMENT AND HOW WE MIGHT BEST ENGAGE WITH IT AS CHRISTIANS TODAY.

Areas of focus will include Job, narrative texts dealing with violence ('Texts of Terror') and

the Psalms, as well as thinking about how we might study the Old Testament and use it in prayer and worship. The course is designed for those who have already attended an Introduction to the Bible course or similar.



DATES

Wednesday evenings
April 22, 29
May 6, 13, 20 (not 27)
June 3, 10, 17, 24
July 1



TIME

7.15-9.30pm



COST

£40 for ten sessions



VENUE

Church House Oxford
Langford Locks
Kidlington OX5 1GF



TUTORS

Revd Dr Keith Beech-Gruneberg (Ministry Division)
Revd Dr Adam Carlill (Vicar, St George's & St Mary's, Tilehurst)
Revd Canon Dr Phillip Tovey (Warden of Readers)



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Looking ahead: autumn, spring and summer courses



Evening Courses

Autumn term (September–December 2020)

Introduction to mission and evangelism (Level 4) – Oxford, Berks & Bucks (10 weeks)
Topics in Christian doctrine (Level 5: Intermediate) – Oxford (10 weeks)

Spring term (January–March 2021)

Introduction to the Bible (Level 4) – Oxford, Berks & Bucks (10 weeks)
New Testament studies (Level 5: Intermediate) – Oxford (10 weeks)

Summer term (April–July 2021)

Introduction to pastoral care (Level 4) – Oxford, Berks & Bucks (10 weeks)
Old Testament in context (Level 5: Intermediate) – Oxford (10 weeks)

Saturday courses

An ongoing programme of day courses designed to equip for effective ministry, including:

Introducing Communion by Extension
Starting out in preaching
Thinking theologically
Introducing the Church of England
Leading intercessions
All-age worship
Ministry among older people

Mission and discipleship
Healing ministry
Lay funeral ministry
Taking Home Communion
Voice coaching
Bible in a day

Offers of venues and suggested topics always welcome.