

Equipping for life

Learning for discipleship and ministry

Courses for April–July 2022

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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, to become further equipped to serve God in everyday life at work, at home and through church.

Who are these courses for?

Offered by the Diocese of Oxford as part of its Local Ministry Programme (LMP), 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, dig a bit deeper into what you believe and why, or reflect on how to be a Christian in your daily life? 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 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 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.

How does it work? Is there any homework?

Courses are typically delivered through online structured learning materials, weekly group tutorials and in-person study days. Each weekly session will assume up to four hours' preparation. We understand that life can be more busy some weeks than others, but you will find it helpful to keep up most weeks.



Will I need to do any assignments?

While assessed work is compulsory for ordinands and LLMs in training, there is no pressure for 'interested learners' to do marked assignments. However, that option is available if you want it; a number of people do find this helpful.

Validation and awards

Our evening courses are delivered as part of the national Common Awards programme validated by Durham University. Should you wish to register for a formal award - the Foundation Award (three full modules) or Certificate of Higher Education in Theology, Mission and Ministry (six full modules) - please ask for an application form and details of Durham's admission criteria. Early applications are encouraged.

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 going. 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?

oxfordministry.eventbrite.co.uk

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Healing ministry



THIS COURSE WILL CONSIDER BIBLICAL, PASTORAL AND LITURGICAL ASPECTS OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALING. It will explore how this ministry might best be practised in the parish, and address some of the issues which may arise. It will be suitable for anyone wanting to explore initial steps in

the ministry of healing, or to add further dimensions to what they have already been doing. There is a particular focus on the role of lay people, including LLMs, in this area of ministry.

Bookings close on Thursday 13 April (6pm).



DATE

Saturday 23 April



TIME

10am - 4pm



COST

£25



VENUE

Church House Oxford
Langford Locks
Kidlington OX5 1GF



TUTOR

Rev'd Dr Phillip Tovey (Warden of Readers and Principal, Local Ministry Pathway, Diocese of Oxford)



BOOK ONLINE

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Bookings close on Thursday 13 April (6pm).

Introducing Communion by Extension



HOLY COMMUNION IS CENTRAL TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP. But what is Communion 'by Extension'? And how does this service differ from the Eucharist and Home Communion? This 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. It is particularly designed for those training through Oxford's diocesan authorised ministry scheme to lead services of Communion by Extension.

Bookings close on Sunday 15 May (6pm).



DATE

Saturday 21 May



TIME

9.30am - 1pm



COST

£15



VENUE

St Mary's Church
Dudley Hill
Shenley Church End
Milton Keynes MK5 6LL



TUTOR

Revd Dr Phil Cooke (LMP Programme Leader)



BOOK ONLINE

oxfordministry.eventbrite.co.uk

Bookings close on Sunday 15 May (6pm).



DIOCESE of OXFORD

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

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.

Bookings close on Sunday 5 June (6pm).



DATE

Saturday 11 June



TIME

10am - 4pm



COST

£25



VENUE, STUDY DAY

St John's Church Hall
The Broadway
Kidlington
OX5 1DD



TUTORS

Revd Chris Leslie
(Team Curate, Loddon Reach)



BOOK ONLINE

oxfordministry.eventbrite.co.uk

Bookings close on Sunday 5 June (6pm).



DIOCESE of OXFORD

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

Christian discipleship

(Level 4: Introductory)



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LIVE AS A CHRISTIAN TODAY? How can we grow in our faith, navigate the questions of life and enable others as followers of Jesus? 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 growing in Christ, ethical living and the outworking of our faith in mission and service.

The course will be delivered through structured online learning materials each week (work through these at your own pace), an in-person Study Day

(Saturday 11 June), and eight online group tutorials. Learning materials (videos, guided reading and online tasks) for week 1 will go live on **Monday 18 April**. You will work through these materials at your own pace, in time for your first group tutorial on either Wednesday 27 or Thursday 28 April. Learning materials for subsequent weeks will be released at 9am each Friday, for you to work through ahead of each tutorial.

Bookings close on Monday 18 April (6pm) in order for tutorial groups to be allocated ahead of the first tutorials (indicate your preferences by this time on our Moodle VLE). Late bookings may be possible, though tutorial group choices will be more limited.



ONLINE GROUP TUTORIALS

(The Study Day is in person.)
VLE joining instructions will be issued upon booking through Eventbrite.



ONLINE TUTORIALS

Wednesdays: 27 April - 6 July (not 1, 8, 15 June) OR
Thursdays: 28 April - 7 July (not 2, 9, 16 June)



TIME

1.30pm or 7.30pm (numbers allowing)



STUDY DAY

Saturday 11 June (9.30am - 4pm)



LUNCH

Please bring a packed lunch



COST

£50 for ten weeks



VENUE FOR STUDY DAY

Church House Oxford
Langford Locks, Kidlington OX5 1GF



TUTORS

Revd Dr Susy Brouard (Curate, Kidlington with Hampton Poyle), Revd Dr Phil Cooke (Programme Director, Oxford LMP), Revd James Leach (Team Vicar, Langtree Team Ministry), Penny Pedley (Lay Worker, Kidlington with Hampton Poyle), Revd Mike Saunders (Vicar, St Lawrence, Hungerford)



BOOK ONLINE

oxfordministry.eventbrite.co.uk

Bookings close on Monday 18 April (6pm).

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 the Psalms and the book of Job, as well as a selection of other particularly challenging passages in the Old Testament canon. We will explore how we might study the Old Testament and use it in contexts such as prayer, preaching and small groups. The course assumes a level of prior introductory learning and is designed for those who have already attended an Introduction to the Bible course or similar.

The course will be delivered through structured online learning materials each week (work through

these at your own pace), an in-person Study Day (Saturday 14 May), and eight online group tutorials. Learning materials (videos, guided reading and online tasks) for week 1 will go live by **Monday 4 April**. You will then work through these materials at your own pace, in time for your first group tutorial on Wednesday 20 April. Learning materials for future weeks will be released each subsequent week, for you to work through ahead of the relevant tutorial.

Bookings close on 10 April in order for tutorial groups to be allocated ahead of the first tutorials (indicate your preferences by this time on our Moodle VLE).



ONLINE GROUP TUTORIALS

(The Study Day is in person.)
VLE joining instructions will be issued upon booking through Eventbrite.



DATES ONLINE TUTORIALS

Wednesdays: April 20, 27; May 4, 18, 25 (not 11); June 15, 22 (not 1, 8, 29); July 6



TUTORIAL TIMES

5pm, 7pm or 8.10pm



STUDY DAY

Saturday 14 May (9.30am - 4pm)



LUNCH

Please bring a packed lunch



COST

£50 for ten weeks



VENUE FOR STUDY DAY

Church House Oxford
Langford Locks, Kidlington OX5 1GF



TUTORS

Revd Dr Keith Beech-Gruneberg
(National Ministry Team)
Revd Dr Adam Carlill
(Vicar, St George's & St Mary's, Tilehurst)
Revd Sorrel Shamel-Wood
(Curate, Dorchester Team Ministry)



BOOK ONLINE

oxfordministry.eventbrite.co.uk
Bookings close on Sunday 10 April.

Looking ahead: autumn and spring courses



Evening Courses

Autumn term (September–December 2022)

Mission and evangelism (Level 4) - 10 weeks

Topics in Christian doctrine (Level 5: Intermediate) - 10 weeks

Spring term (January–March 2022)

Introduction to the Bible (Level 4) - 10 weeks

New Testament studies (Level 5: Intermediate) - 10 weeks

Saturday courses

A range of one-day courses (dates yet to be confirmed), drawn from an ongoing programme designed to equip for effective ministry. For example:

Lay ministry

Starting out in preaching

Communion by Extension

Lay funeral ministry

All-age worship

Offers of venues and suggested topics always welcome.