

# Equipping for life

Learning for discipleship and ministry

## Courses for January–March 2023

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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 formal assignments. However, that option is available if you want it; a number of people do find this helpful.

## 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](https://oxfordministry.eventbrite.co.uk)

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# 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 and is particularly designed for those training through Oxford's diocesan Authorised Ministry Scheme to lead services of Communion by Extension.



**DATE**

Saturday 14 January



**TIME**

9.30am - 1pm



**COST**

£15



**VENUE**

St Birinus House  
Englefield Road  
Theale  
Berks RG7 5AS



**TUTOR**

Revd Dr Phil Cooke (Interim Principal,  
Local Ministry Training, Oxford Diocese)



**BOOK ONLINE**

[oxfordministry.eventbrite.co.uk](https://oxfordministry.eventbrite.co.uk)

# Starting out in preaching



**THIS COURSE IS INTENDED FOR THOSE WHO ARE JUST BEGINNING TO PREACH.** It is designed in particular for those starting out in authorised preaching ministry but is also suitable for anyone who simply wishes to find out more and learn some basic skills. It will provide an introduction to some of the theology and practice of preaching and will include opportunity for practical learning. (Please note, this course is **not** intended for Ordinands or LLMs in training.)

The course will be delivered through an in-person Study Day (Saturday 18 March), followed by an

optional online tutorial (Wednesday 29 March, 7.30pm). You will need to complete two–three hours of preparatory learning tasks prior to the Study Day. You will be able to complete these in your own time, on our Moodle virtual learning platform, which will go live from Wednesday 1 March. Access to a range of supplementary learning materials (course videos, eBooks, etc.) will continue to be available once the course has ended.

**Bookings close on Wednesday 1 March (6pm).**



## STUDY DAY

Saturday 18 March (9.30am – 4pm)



## VENUE

St John's Hall  
White Horse Lane  
Whitchurch  
Aylesbury HP22 4JZ



## LUNCH

Please bring a packed lunch



## COST

£25



## ONLINE TUTORIAL

Wednesday 29 March (7.30pm)  
Zoom details will be given at the Study Day.  
Moodle joining instructions will be issued upon booking through Eventbrite.



## TUTOR

Rev'd Dr James Leach (LMP Tutor)



## BOOK ONLINE BY WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH (6PM)

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# Lay funeral ministry

## Part 1: Dying, death 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. 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.

The course may be taken as a stand-alone morning or followed up with Part 2: Funerals and the bereaved. Part 2 is provisionally booked for Saturday 29 April (booking available from March). Both elements are necessary for anyone working towards authorised Lay Funeral Ministry within the Diocese of Oxford.



### DATE

Saturday 25 March



### TIME

9.30am - 1pm



### COST

£15



### VENUE

Church House Oxford  
Langford Locks  
Kidlington  
OX5 1GF



### TUTORS

Revd Canon Charles Chadwick (Parish Development Adviser, Oxford Diocese)  
Penny Pedley (Lay Worker, Kidlington with Hampton Poyle)



### BOOK ONLINE BY 17 MARCH (6PM)

[oxfordministry.eventbrite.co.uk](https://oxfordministry.eventbrite.co.uk)

# Introduction to the Bible

## (Level 4: Introductory)



**THE AIM OF THIS COURSE IS TO HELP YOU READ THE BIBLE WITH GREATER CONFIDENCE AND DEEPER UNDERSTANDING.** It provides an overview of both Old and New Testaments, and an introduction to some of the different genres they contain. Essential for ordinands and LLMs in training, this course is also well-suited for those with authorisation to preach and interested learners.

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

(videos, guided reading and online tasks) for the initial units will go live by Friday 6 January. You will work through these materials at your own pace, in time for the Study Day which launches this course on Saturday 14 January. Learning materials for each subsequent unit will be released on Friday mornings, for you to work through in time for your tutorial group meeting.

**Bookings will close on Tuesday 3 January (6pm)** in order for tutorial groups to be allocated (indicate your preferences on our Moodle VLE).



### ONLINE GROUP TUTORIALS

VLE joining instructions will be issued upon booking through Eventbrite.



### STUDY DAY

Saturday 14 January (9.30am – 4pm)



### VENUE

Church House Oxford  
Langford Locks  
Kidlington OX5 1GF



### LUNCH

Please bring a packed lunch.



### ONLINE TUTORIALS

Wednesdays: 25 Jan – 29 Mar (not 15, 22 Feb)

**OR**

Thursdays: 26 Jan – 30 Mar (not 16, 23 Feb)



### TUTORIAL TIMES

7pm Wednesdays (possibly also 7pm Thursdays if numbers allow)



### COST

£50 for ten weeks



### TUTORS

Revd Dr Adam Carlill (Vicar, St George & St Mary Magdalen, Tilehurst); Ruth Kinahan (Head of HR Policy, Oxford University); Dr James Lawson (Associate Tutor); Revd Neil McCathie (Vicar, St George's, Britwell); Revd Dr David Pickering (IME2 Tutor, Diocese of Oxford)



### BOOK ONLINE BY 3 JANUARY (6PM)

[oxfordministry.eventbrite.co.uk](https://oxfordministry.eventbrite.co.uk)

# New Testament studies

## (Level 5: Intermediate)




### THIS COURSE AIMS TO DEEPEN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.

There is focused study on John's Gospel and Paul's letters, particularly 1 Corinthians. It is designed for those who have already attended a Level 4 Introduction to the Bible course or similar. It will be of particular interest to LLMs and authorised preachers who have already completed their training, as well as anyone interested in developing their understanding of the New Testament and the responsible use of texts in ministry today.

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 4 March), and eight online group tutorials. Learning materials (videos, guided reading and online tasks) for week 1 will go live by Friday 6 January. You will work through these materials at your own pace, in time for your first group tutorial on Wednesday 11 January. Learning materials will be released each week, for you to work through ahead of each subsequent tutorial.


**Bookings will close on Tuesday 3 January (6pm)** in order for tutorial groups to be allocated (indicate your preferences on our Moodle VLE).


 **ONLINE GROUP TUTORIALS**  
VLE joining instructions will be issued upon booking through Eventbrite.

 **STUDY DAY**  
Saturday 4 March (9.30am - 4pm)

 **VENUE**  
St Mary's Church  
Church Lane  
Chalgrove  
OX44 7SD




 **LUNCH**  
Please bring a packed lunch.

 **ONLINE TUTORIALS**  
Wednesdays: 11 January - 29 March (not 15 February, 22 February, 8 March)

 **TUTORIAL TIMES**  
7.30pm

 **COST**  
£50 for ten weeks

 **TUTORS**  
Revd Dr Michael Lakey (Vicar, Chalgrove with Berrick Salome)  
Revd Dr Leonard Onugha (Rector, Finchampstead & California)

 **BOOK ONLINE BY 3 JANUARY (6PM)**  
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# Looking ahead: summer and autumn courses



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## Evening Courses

### Summer Term 2023 (April–July)

Introduction to pastoral care (Level 4) - 10 weeks

Old Testament in Context (Level 5: Intermediate) - 10 weeks

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### Autumn Term 2023 (September–December)

Introduction to worship (Level 4) - 5 weeks

Introduction to preaching (Level 4) - 5 weeks

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

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## Saturday courses

A range of one-day courses drawn from an ongoing programme of courses designed to equip for effective ministry. For example (please ask for details):

Healing ministry - Saturday 22 April 2023

Lay funeral ministry (Part 2) - Saturday 29 April 2023

Introducing Communion by Extension

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