

Equipping for life

Learning for discipleship and ministry

Courses for September–December 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?

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Study skills 1: Returning to study and getting to grips with Moodle



NEW TO STUDY? OR MAYBE IT'S BEEN A WHILE?

This induction course is to help adult learners ease back into the world of study, with a focus on basic study skills, finding your way around our Virtual Learning Environment (Moodle), and getting to grips with basic academic practices. Material will include an introduction to writing theological essays, constructing portfolios, academic referencing and making the most of learning styles. You will also be introduced to some Moodle functions and resources.

The online element of this course will open by the beginning of September, when you will be asked to work through some basic online materials at your

own pace. You will need to have completed this element of the course before the group tutorial, which will be held in person during the morning of Saturday 10 September.

The course is recommended for LLMs in training and interested learners, as well as existing students wanting to get to grips with Moodle.

VLE joining instructions will be issued upon booking through Eventbrite. Bookings will close on Wednesday 7 September (6pm).



GROUP TUTORIAL

Saturday 10 September



TIME

9.30am - 1pm



COST

£15



VENUE

Church House Oxford
Langford Locks
Kidlington OX5 1GF



TUTORS

Anne Taylor (LLM Training Team)
Navita Singh (LMP Academic Administrator)



BOOK ONLINE

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Study skills 2: Writing better essays



STRUGGLING WITH ESSAY WRITING? Not sure why you keep being asked to “Answer the question!” or think about essay structure and development of argument? If so, then this half-day workshop could be just for you. Working with real examples (bring some of your own) we will assess work together, explore

alternative ways of approaching different types of question, and demonstrate ways of using material more effectively to answer the question successfully.

Bookings will close on Wednesday 7 September (6pm).



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TUTOR

Revd Dr Phil Cooke (LMP Programme Leader)



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Introducing lay ministry



THIS SHORT COURSE WILL EXPLORE THE THEOLOGY OF MINISTRY, LAY AND ORDAINED,

and also issues of support and supervision. For those training for Licensed Lay Ministry, this day is a compulsory element of the TMM 1451 Foundations for Reflective Practice module. Other interested learners are also very welcome, particularly those thinking about a vocation in lay ministry.

Following the study day, you will be given access to a range of online learning materials (including short videos, guided reading and other tasks and activities) to explore at your leisure. If you would like access to this prior to the study day, please let us know.

Bookings will close on Wednesday 14 September (6pm).



DATE

Saturday 17 September



TIME

10am- 4pm



LUNCH

Please bring a packed lunch



COST

£25



VENUE

Church House Oxford
Langford Locks
Kidlington
OX5 1GF



TUTORS

Revd Dr Andrea Russell (Director of Formation for Ministry, Diocese of Oxford)
Pauline Stanton-Saringer
(LLM Archdeaconry Adviser)



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Starting out in preaching



THIS DAY COURSE IS INTENDED FOR THOSE WHO ARE JUST BEGINNING TO PREACH. It will provide a basic introduction to some of the theology and practice of preaching and will include opportunity for practical learning. Designed to meet training requirements for those with a bishop's authorisation to preach, it is also suitable for

anyone simply wanting to explore this area of ministry.

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

Bookings will close on Wednesday 9 November (6pm).



DATE

Saturday 12 November



TIME

10am - 4pm



LUNCH

Please bring a packed lunch



COST

£25



VENUE

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



TUTOR



Revd Chris Leslie (Team Curate, Loddon Reach)

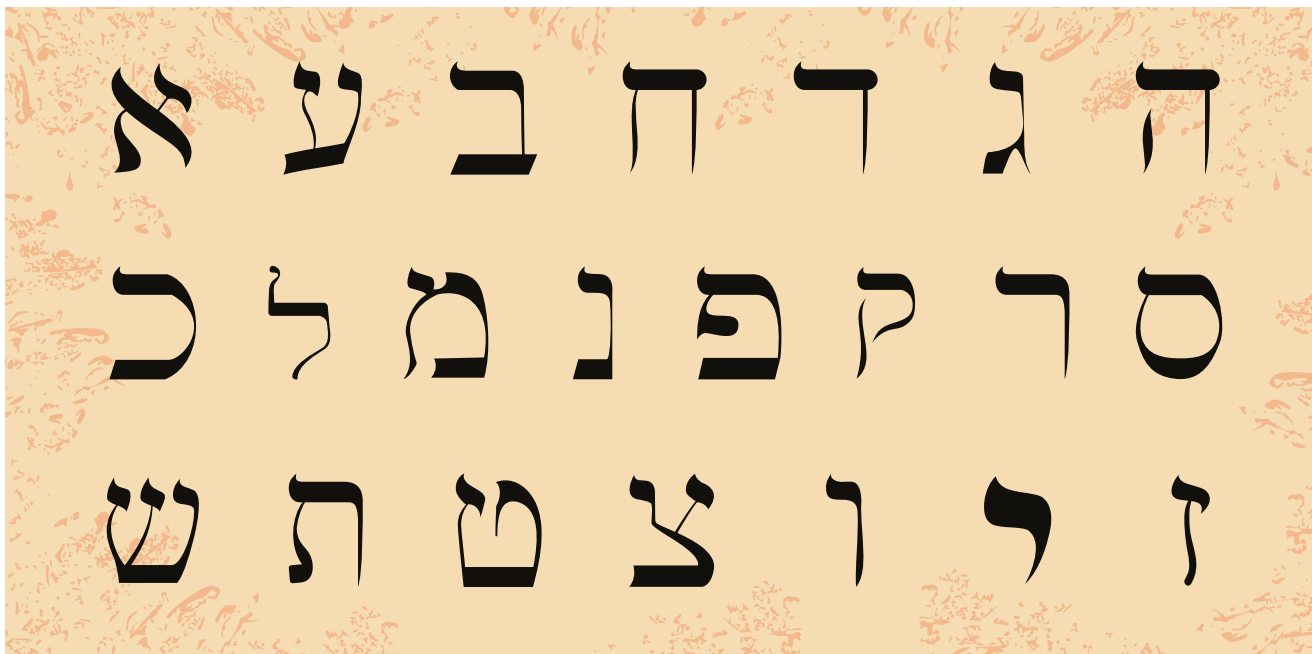


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Biblical Hebrew for beginners

Part 2



THIS COURSE IS A CONTINUATION OF PART 1 AND IS OPEN ONLY TO LEARNERS WHO HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED PART 1. It will develop the learning in which you have already been engaged, taking your Bible study to the next level and introducing you further to the exotic and exciting world of the Old Testament.

Part 2 will be delivered through structured learning materials and a series of evening group tutorials

online. The Part 2 Moodle page will go live from Thursday 1 September, with preparatory work to complete in time for the first tutorial on Wednesday 14 September.

Bookings will close on Wednesday 7 September (6pm) to give time for preparatory work to be completed. Please note that if you choose the evening tutorials, the day of the week changes from Wednesday to Tuesday from January.



ONLINE COURSE

VLE joining instructions will be issued upon booking through Eventbrite.



DATES ONLINE TUTORIALS

Wednesdays at 1.45pm: 14 Sept, 28 Sept, 12 Oct, 26 Oct, 9 Nov, 23 Nov, 7 Dec, 11 Jan, 25 Jan, 8 Feb

OR

Wednesdays at 7.30pm: 14 Sept, 28 Sept, 12 Oct, 2 Nov, 16 Nov, 30 Nov, 14 Dec and Tuesdays at 6.15pm: 10 Jan, 24 Jan, 7 Feb



TUTOR

Revd Dr Adam Carlill
(Vicar, St George's & St Mary's, Tilehurst)



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COST

£25

Mission and evangelism

(Level 4: Introductory)

MISSION AND EVANGELISM ARE HIGH ON THE CHURCH'S AGENDA. This course explores these concepts and some of the many ways in which we can join in with God's work in the world, whether through transformation of culture and environment, running Alpha and Messy Church, or simply sharing our faith with our neighbours. Personal and parish-wide strategies will be considered, making this course of interest to anyone wanting to serve God in the world. Those discerning a vocation to ordination may find it helpful preparation for part of the selection process.

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 12 November), and eight online group tutorials. Preparatory learning materials (videos, guided reading and online tasks) for week 1 will go live from Friday 9 September. You will then work through these materials at your own pace, in time for your first group tutorial on either Wednesday 21 or Thursday 22 September. Learning materials (up to four hours preparation each week) will be released at 9am each subsequent Friday, for you to work through ahead of each tutorial.

Bookings will close on Wednesday 14 September (6pm) in order for tutorial groups to be allocated (indicate your preferences on our Moodle VLE by this time). Late bookings may be possible, though tutorial group choices will be more limited.



ONLINE COURSE MATERIALS

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STUDY DAY

Saturday 12 November (9.30am - 4pm)



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LUNCH

Please bring a packed lunch.



ONLINE TUTORIALS

Wednesdays: 21 Sept - 30 Nov (not 26 Oct or 9, 16 Nov)

OR Thursdays: 22 Sept - 1 Dec (not 27 Oct or 10, 17 Nov)



TUTORIAL TIMES

2pm or 7.30pm (numbers allowing)



COST

£50 for ten weeks



TUTORS

Revd Dr Phil Cooke (Programme Director, Oxford LMP)

Revd Dr Michael Moynagh (New Congregations Consultant, Diocese of Oxford)

Revd Mike Saunders (Vicar, St Laurence, Hungerford)

Revd Pete Wheeler (Vicar, St Peter's, Quarrendon)

Dr Bethan Willis (Associate Chaplain, Oxford Pastorate)



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Topics in Christian doctrine

(Level 5: Intermediate)



EVER WONDER HOW WE KNOW THERE IS A GOD AT ALL? Or consider why we say in the creeds that Jesus is 'God from God'? If so, or if you just want to reflect more deeply about your faith, then this course is for you. We will cover a number of core doctrines during this course, which will build on what is taught in the Level 4 History and Doctrine courses. All welcome, but tutors will assume a level of prior understanding.

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 12 November), and nine online group

tutorials. Learning materials (videos, guided reading and online tasks) for week 1 will go live by Friday 16 September. You will then work through these materials at your own pace, in time for your first group tutorial on Thursday 22 September. Learning materials (up to four hours preparation each week) will be released at 9am each subsequent Friday, for you to work through ahead of each tutorial.

Bookings will close on Wednesday 14 September (6pm) in order for tutorial groups to be allocated (indicate your preferences on our Moodle VLE). Late bookings may be possible, though tutorial group choices will be more limited.



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ONLINE TUTORIALS

Thursday evenings: 22 Sept - 1 Dec (not 27 Oct or 10, 17 Nov)



TUTORIAL TIMES

7pm or 8.15pm



COST

£50 for ten weeks



TUTORS

Revd James Leach (Team Minister for Whitchurch, Langtree Team)
Revd Dr David Pickering (Rector, Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor and Fyfield with Tubney)



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Looking ahead: spring and summer courses



Evening Courses

Spring Term (January–March 2023)

Introduction to the Bible (Level 4) - 10 weeks

New Testament Studies (Intermediate, Level 5) - 10 weeks

Summer Term (April–July 2023)

Introduction to Pastoral Care (Level 4) - 10 weeks

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

Autumn Term (September–December 2023)

Introduction to Worship (Level 4) - 5 weeks

Introduction to Preaching (Level 4) - 5 weeks

Topics in Christian Doctrine (Intermediate, Level 5) - 10 weeks

Saturday courses - please ask for details

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):

Lay ministry

Starting out in preaching

Communion by extension

Lay funeral ministry

All-age worship
