

Equipping for life

Learning for discipleship and ministry

Courses for April-July 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?

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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 will close on Friday 14 April (6pm).



DATE

Saturday 22 April



TIME

10am – 4pm



LUNCH

Please bring a packed lunch



COST

£25



VENUE

Church House Oxford
Langford Locks
Kidlington
OX5 1GF



TUTOR

Rev'd Dr Phillip Tovey (Associate Tutor,
former Warden of Readers)



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Lay funeral ministry

Part 2: Funerals and the bereaved



A MORNING TO REFLECT CREATIVELY ABOUT THEOLOGICAL, LITURGICAL AND PASTORAL ASPECTS OF FUNERAL MINISTRY AND CARE OF THE BEREAVED. 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.

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

Bookings will close on Friday 21 April (6pm).



DATE

Saturday 29 April



TIME

9.30am – 1pm



COST

£15



VENUE

Church House Oxford
Langford Locks
Kidlington
OX5 1GF



TUTORS

Rev'd Canon Charles Chadwick (Parish Development Adviser, Diocese of Oxford),
Penny Pedley (Lay Worker, Kidlington with Hampton Poyle)



BOOK ONLINE BY 21 APRIL (6PM)

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Introduction to pastoral care

(Level 4: Introductory)



ALL CHRISTIANS CARE FOR OTHERS, BUT SOME DEVELOP A PARTICULAR MINISTRY IN THIS AREA, WHETHER FORMAL OR INFORMAL.

This course is for ordinands and LLMs in training, and for anyone interested in the nature and practice of pastoral care. It will explore practical skills in listening; theological reflection on what it means to be human and care well for others; aspects of good practice; and the nature of contemporary pastoral issues.

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

and eight online group tutorials. Learning materials (videos, guided reading and online tasks) for Unit 1 will go live on Wednesday 12 April (9am). You will work through these materials at your own pace, in time for your first group tutorial on Wednesday 19 April. Learning materials for each subsequent unit will be released on Friday mornings, for you to work through in time for the relevant study day or tutorial group each week.

Bookings will close on Tuesday 11 April (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.



ONLINE TUTORIALS

Wednesdays: 19 April – 21 June (not 17, 24, or 31 May) **Possibly also:** Thursdays: 20 April – 22 June (not 18 or 25 May, 1 June)



TUTORIAL TIMES

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



COST

£50 for ten weeks



STUDY DAYS

Saturday 20 May (9.30am – 4pm)
Saturday 24 June (9.30am – 4pm)



LUNCH

Please bring a packed lunch.



VENUE (both days)

Church House Oxford



Langford Locks

Kidlington OX5 1GF



TUTORS

Revd Dr Mark Laynesmith (Chaplain, University of Reading), Revd Dr James Leach (LMP Team Tutor), Penny Pedley (Lay Worker, Kidlington with Hampton Poyle), Nick Ellis (Mental Health First Aid Trainer)



BOOK ONLINE BY 11 APRIL (6PM)

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Old Testament in context

(Level 5: Intermediate)



THIS COURSE DEEPENS UNDERSTANDING OF THE OLD TESTAMENT AND HOW WE MIGHT BEST ENGAGE WITH IT.

Areas of focus include the Psalms and the book of Job, as well as other particularly challenging passages. 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 13 May), and eight online group tutorials. Learning materials (videos, guided reading and online tasks) for Unit 1 will go live by Friday 14 April. You will work through these materials at your own pace, in time for your first group tutorial on Wednesday 19 April. Learning materials for future weeks will be released each subsequent week, for you to work through ahead of the relevant tutorial.

Bookings will close on Tuesday 11 April (6pm)

in order for tutorial groups to be allocated (indicate your preferences on our Moodle VLE).



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STUDY DAY

Saturday 13 May (9.30am - 4pm)



VENUE

Barn 2, Christ Church
Northcourt Road
Abingdon OX14 1PL



LUNCH

Please bring a packed lunch.



ONLINE TUTORIALS

Wednesdays: 19 April - 5 July (not 10 May, 17 May, 24 May, 28 June)



TUTORIAL TIMES

7.30pm



COST

£50 for ten weeks



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)



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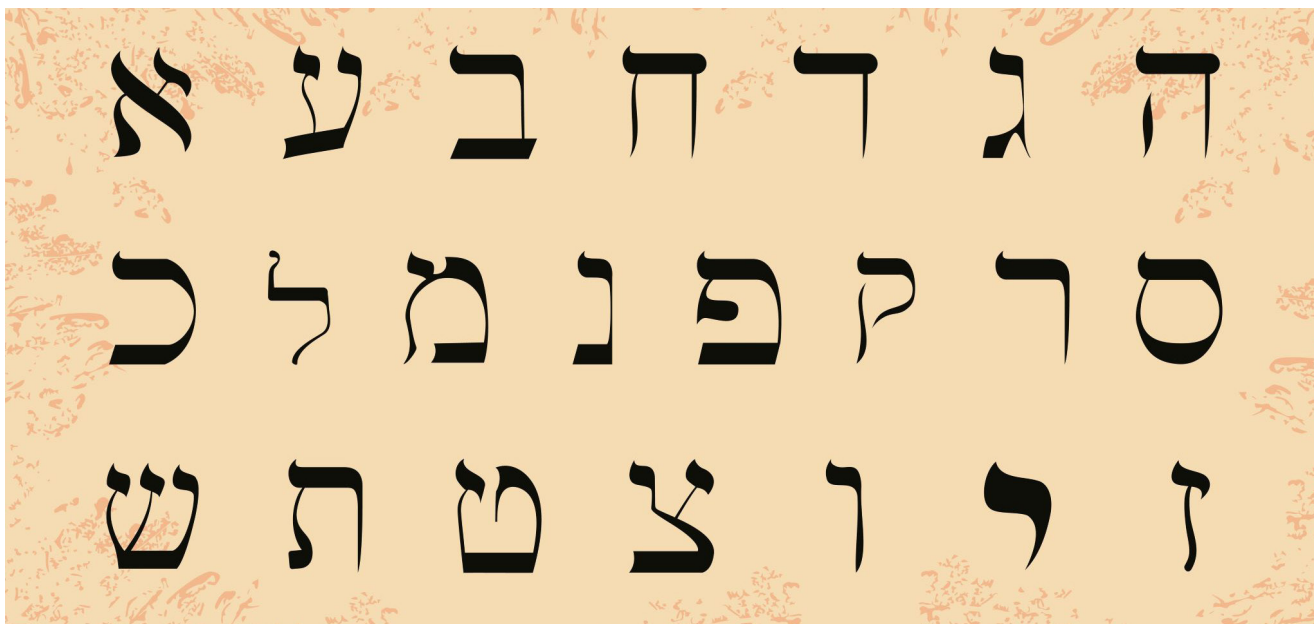
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Biblical Hebrew

Part 3: Exploring texts (Level 5: Intermediate)



DO YOU WANT TO CONSOLIDATE YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF BIBLICAL HEBREW? Do you want to gain fluency in Hebrew? Building on the previous two beginners Hebrew courses (or other equivalent course), you will translate passages from the Bible, engage with up-to-date Hebrew Bible scholarship on selected texts and consider, among other things, matters of history, literary analysis, background and theology. By the end of the course you will be able to translate accurately, and comment on language, content and major textual variants. You will be able to discuss historical, literary and theological aspects of the text while forming your own interpretation, in dialogue with the recent or past history of interpretation.

This intermediate course is for those who have completed at least one beginners Hebrew course and studied a substantial grammar (e.g. Weingreen; Futato). It is delivered through structured online learning materials (work through these in your own time) and ten online group tutorials. Learning materials will go live from Friday 21 April.

All Hebrew texts will be provided. You will need to purchase a Hebrew lexicon (e.g. Brown-Driver-Briggs: *Hebrew and English Lexicon* [recommended], Davidson: *The Analytical Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon*, or Holladay: *A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*), or access their online equivalent.

Bookings will close on 21 April (6pm)



ONLINE GROUP TUTORIALS

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ONLINE TUTORIALS

Tuesdays: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May; 31 October; 7, 14, 21, 28 November



TUTORIAL TIMES

6.30–7.30pm



COST

£25 for ten weeks



TUTOR

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



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Looking ahead: autumn courses



Evening Courses

Autumn Term 2023 (September–December)

Mission and evangelism – 10 weeks

Introduction to worship – 10 weeks

Introduction to preaching – 5 weeks

Topics in Christian doctrine (Intermediate) – 10 weeks
