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Vocations

Information for those
accompanying explorers

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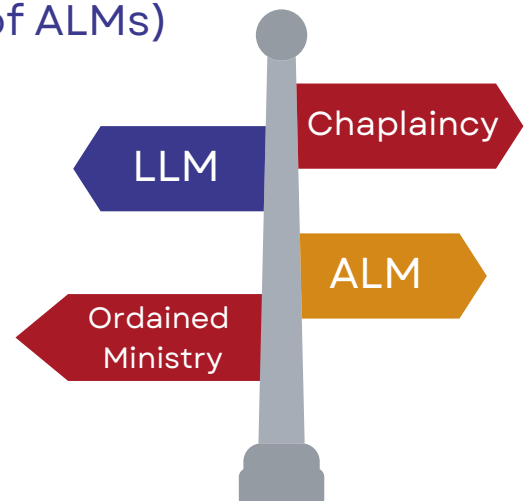
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Authorised Lay Ministry

Authorised Lay Ministers (ALMs) are selected by their incumbent and PCC and, after training, they are authorised and commissioned to exercise a particular ministry within their local parish.

ALMs are lay people active in church life, who have been identified by their parish as having a particular gifting, vocation or calling. They will run activities and events in the area of their specialism.



Specialisms

- Worship Leader and Music
- Preacher
- Evangelist (Church Army)
- Children and Families
- Youth and Families
- Pastoral Assistant
- Anna Chaplain
- School Chaplain
- Social Justice
- Homelessness Chaplain
- Local Leadership

Training

ALMs must complete two short courses on zoom. A specialism course (10 sessions) and either 'Growing as a Disciple' or 'Introduction to Theology for Ministry' (10/15 sessions respectively).



Licensed Lay Ministry

Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs) lead God's people in worship, preach, and equip the congregation to more closely follow Christ.



LLMs can also train in the following specialisms:

Children and Families
Community, Justice and Peace
Pastoral
Pioneer
Youth and Families



Discernment:

Conversations should start locally. An incumbent (or equivalent) should then refer the candidate to the lay ministry team. A candidate will explore their sense of calling with a 'Lay Selection Vocations Advisor' before attending a diocesan panel.

Training

This is usually provided by Eastern Regional Ministry Course. Training is over two years, with sessions during term time in Chesterton on a Tuesday evening.



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Ordained Ministry

A variety of ordained ministries

Ordained Ministry can take a variety of forms.

A few may be called to **distinctive diaconate**, whilst most are likely to feel called to **priestly / presbyteral ministry**.

Some may want to explore a **potential specialism**, such as a pioneer, chaplain or potential theology educator.

Candidates will also want to think about whether they are hoping to minister as an **incumbent** (or equivalent) or as an **assistant**, and whether they are envisaging **self supporting** or **stipendiary ministry**.

Discernment and Training

Discernment begins locally. The minister should then put the candidate in touch with the DDO.

Training is increasingly flexible and bespoke, with maintenance grants usually available for those under 40 training full-time.



Support for under-represented groups

The Mentor Directory and **The Peter Stream** exist to encourage those from historically under-represented groups. More details on the website.



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