

Pastoral Worker

This course is for you if you

- ✓ have a caring ministry within your local church and community
- ✓ are involved in a caring ministry in your work
- ✓ are part of a church that wants to develop this ministry
- ✓ want to learn about pastoral care as part of the church's mission
- ✓ want to increase your confidence in pastoral ministry
- ✓ your PCC and incumbent have asked you to consider this ministry

The course will include:

What is pastoral care?

What is good listening? How do I pray appropriately with others.

Responsible care

To whom am I accountable? Who will support me? The importance of confidentiality. Learning how to receive care. Caring for the carers

Visiting the sick

Good practice in hospitals, residential care and at home

Exercising care for adults in vulnerable or distressed situations

Pastoral support around church services

Baptism preparation and supporting families with young children

Support for marriage, wedding preparation and relationship support

Bereavement and the care of families around and after funerals

Pastoral Care and individual needs

Improving our awareness of mental health issues

Considering care, relationships and spiritual growth in ageing

Part of a team

Reflecting on how we share ministry with others.

Learning to signpost appropriately

When and where to make a referral.