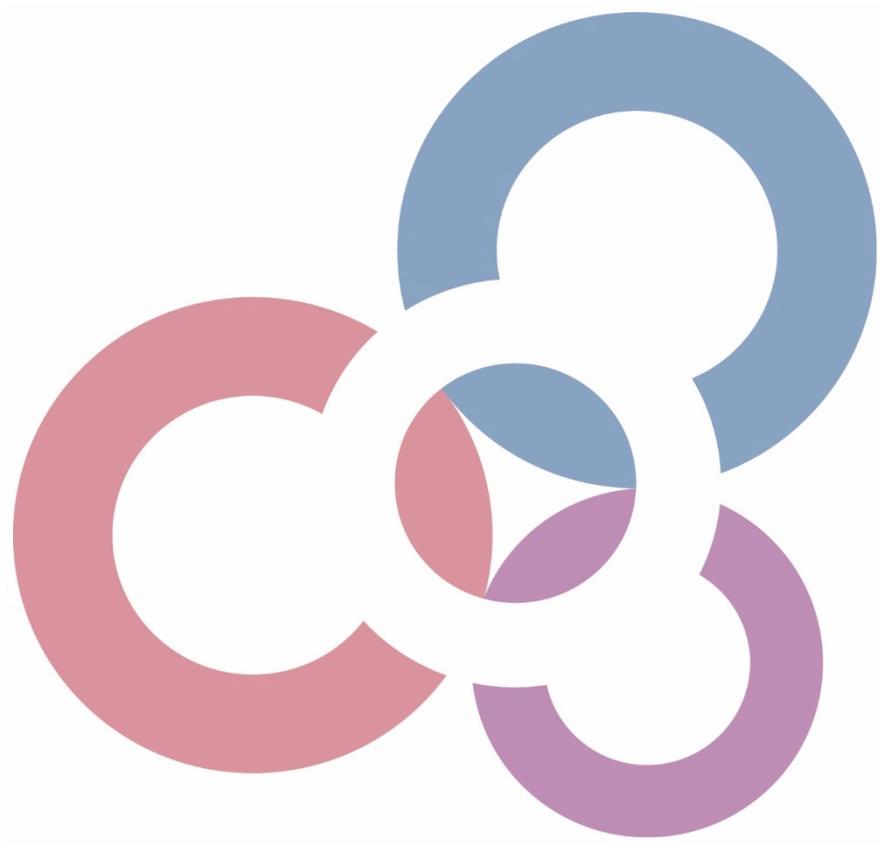




Diocesan Course Directory 2021



The Diocese of Rochester is affirming that we are Called Together in the areas of **Growing Disciples**, of **Enriching our Communities** and of **Resourcing our Mission and Ministry**. This Directory offers many opportunities for all who are responding to a call to grow as Christian people or specifically as clergy, lay ministers, church wardens and church treasurers, those involved with the children and young people and with those who are older to engage in courses and events which will help our formation and flourishing as God's people in this Diocese.

God is the Creator of all, grow your church in faith; God the Son who saves the world, enrich us with your mission and ministry; that we may be a blessing throughout and beyond this Diocese, for we are called together to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



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Vocations

Everybody has a vocation. Jesus calls us as disciples to grow more like him but each of us is unique with a unique set of gifts and we are called to discern what our unique vocation might be. For some it will be a call to live out their faith in a particular way in their secular job, family or wider community. For others it will be a call to serve within the church in some way which may or not be in an authorised or licensed ministry, lay and ordained.

Our vocation changes over time and we constantly need to be listening for the voice of God and the promptings of the Holy Spirit. God equips each of us with gifts and skills, so that we can be part of the body of Christ, serving others. As we journey through life, we always need to ask the question: "Am I using my gifts in the way in which God intends for me to do so? Sometimes we will be able to answer "yes" but, at other times, we may feel that he is calling us to discern if we have another. We may not be sure about how are called to serve and we need to spend time discerning that. That is where Vocation Advisers come in!

Vocations Courses

During the year, the Vocations Team puts on a number of events and holds regular vocations days under the title: *It's Your Calling*. [*It's Your Calling*](#) is held three times each year, on a Saturday. It is aimed at those exploring where God may be calling and looks at our journey and the gifts that God has given us, as well as the Biblical understanding of vocation. The day gives an opportunity to meet others on a similar quest and to take time to think where God could be calling. After *It's Your Calling*, there is an opportunity to meet with a Vocations Adviser, for an informal chat. For those exploring licenced lay or ordained ministry that is a requirement.

Vocations Advisers are not there to promote one type of ministry, but to listen to your story and to help discern what God might be saying; they are there for you. If at any time you would like to speak with a Vocations Adviser, you should first speak with your incumbent and then contact your [Deanery Vocations Adviser](#) or the Lead Vocation Adviser for your Archdeaconry.

Revd Canon Pamela Ive

Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Vocations

Working in Church Schools

For those wanting training about working in church schools, please see the training offer from the Rochester Diocesan Board of Education to be found at

<http://www.rdbe.org.uk/uploads/pdf/3.7.2020%20Training%20Directory%202020%20-%202021.pdf>

If you have any questions about your church school or about the training we offer and how it might be helpful for you please contact one of the team directly,

John Constanti, Director of Education
john.constanti@rochester.anglican.org

Virginia Corbyn, Deputy Director of Education
virginia.corbyn@rochester.anglican.org

Teresa Spearink, PA for John and Virginia and the Board of Education
teresa.spearink@rochester.anglican.org

You can also find lots more helpful information on the Rochester Diocesan Board of Education website: <http://www.rdbe.org.uk/>

January

Tuesday 12 January: Help! My Parish is in Vacancy, 7pm-9.00pm via Zoom

Help! My Parish is in Vacancy

with Karen Senior, Warden of Lay Ministry & The Revd Canon Chris Dench, Diocesan Director of Formation & Ministry

When the Vicar leaves, parishes begin a new chapter, and there are often questions asked of Lay Ministers and Churchwardens – but they might not have been through this experience before either. An evening for Lay Ministers and Churchwardens whose parishes are beginning a vacancy, an opportunity to reflect on the challenges of their own roles until a new appointment is made.

By invitation only

Tuesday 12 January: Training Incumbents Session, 10am -12noon via Zoom.

Training Incumbents in Canterbury & Rochester Dioceses -All Years

Led by Revd Anthony Hammill, IME2 Coordinator

Guest Speaker: The Rt Revd Chris Goldsmith

An opportunity for training incumbents to receive input, including the next module in the IME2 programme.

By invitation only

Wednesday 27 January: Managing the APCM 10am-12:30pm via Zoom

Managing the APCM with the **Venerable Dr Paul Wright**, Archdeacon of Bromley and Bexley.

The aim of this event is to provide clergy with some resources in order for them to Chair what can be a very significant and challenging occasion - in a way that provides a vision, while dealing with the governance of the local church.

To book: <https://bit.ly/3gQP8l7>

Closing date: 20 January 2021

Open to: Clergy only

Maximum: 25

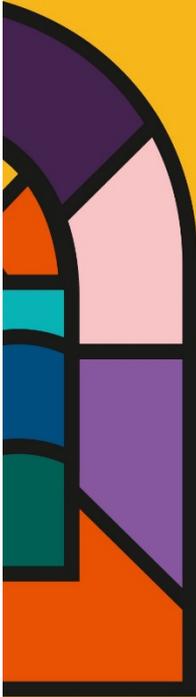
Saturday 30 January: IME2 Day School. Zoom

KIME Curates in Canterbury & Rochester Dioceses -All Years

Led by Revd Anthony Hammill IME2 Coordinator

The first teaching session for the Spring IME2 programme for Curates in Rochester and Canterbury dioceses.

By invitation only



LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH

Christian teaching and learning
about identity, sexuality,
relationships and marriage

Foreword by the Archbishops
of Canterbury and York

February

Wednesday 3 February: Vocations Roadshow , 7 - 8:30pm via Zoom

An event run by the Vocations Team and DDO Team to help you encourage vocations in your parishes and deaneries.

All authorized lay ministers and clergy are welcome and all forms of vocation both lay and ordained will be looked at and any questions which we will try to answer.

There are big changes on the way in the discernment for ordination happens starting from this Autumn (2021) and it is important for parishes to be part of this so come along and find out how we can help and support you in encouraging vocations.

To book: peter.cornell@rochester.anglican.org

Closing date: 27th January

Saturday 6 February: It's Your Calling 10:30pm -15.00pm via Zoom

It's Your Calling **Open to: All.**

Saturday 6th February Two Sessions with a break

Morning Session: 10.30am-12.00pm

Afternoon Session 1.30-3.00pm

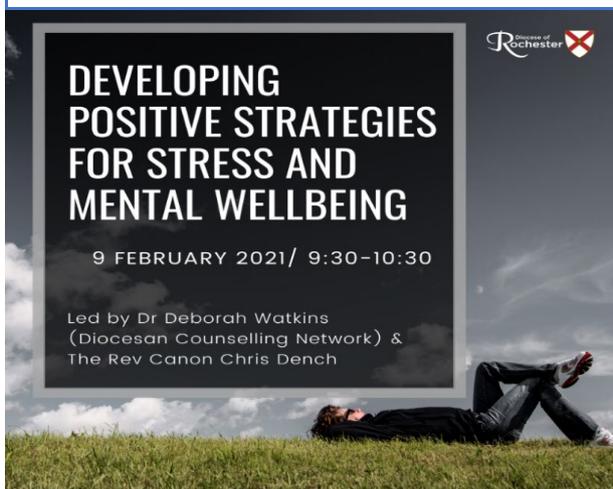
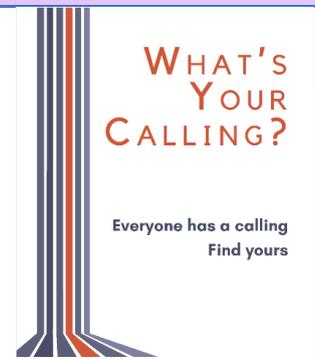
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For any enquiries, please email vocations@rochester.anglican.org .

To book: via the website or vocations@rochester.anglican.org. **Closing date: 1 February**



To book: <https://bit.ly/35QNiMS>

16 February – 30 March: Anna Chaplaincy 6 session Virtual Course -Zoom

Led by Julia Burton-Jones, Anna Chaplaincy lead for Rochester and Canterbury Dioceses.

Theme – an opportunity to explore spiritual needs in later life and the Anna Chaplaincy model of spiritual care for older people, including those affected by dementia.

For Lay Ministers

Tuesday 23 February: 10am-12:30pm Diocese of Rochester via Zoom

The Ministry of Deliverance: things that go bump in the night with the **Revd Jim Charles**.

Opportunity for clergy to learn more about the ministry of deliverance and the approach in the Diocese of Rochester in a parochial context.

To book: <https://bit.ly/3r0NCRY>

Open to: **Clergy only.**

Maximum : 25

Saturday 27 February: Discerning God's invitation in a new landscape 10am-12:30pm via Zoom

Led by Nick Helm

Nick Helm is the Advisor in Spirituality in the Hereford Diocese and has found the wisdom of Ignatius profoundly helpful in his life. He has been involved in helping people in their spiritual lives, running courses, retreats and offering spiritual direction for over 20 years. He has written Grove books on Spirituality and Spiritual Direction and on Ignatius of Loyola.

How do we recognise where God's invitation to us is in life when there are many possibilities / options and challenges? It can be really tricky to sift the options and find some clarity. In this session we will explore some tools from the Christian tradition that help bring greater clarity of where God's invitation is for us in the realities of our life. The wisdom of St Ignatius of Loyola helps us notice the God-centred life-giving and creative in our experience and we will look at how we can use this in our daily reflection and choices.

To book, contact Susanne Carlsson and you will be sent a link for the Zoom meeting.

Donations are welcome to support the work of Spirituality in Rochester Diocese at this time.
susannecarlssons@hotmail.co.uk 07795167603

March

Wednesday 3 March: 10am-12.30pm via Zoom

Spirituality: Journaling in Prayer with Elaine Wilkin and Karin Dixon... Spiritual Directors and, as members of the Rochester Spirituality Network taskforce group 'Stream', contribute to the work of promoting spirituality within the Diocese.

A morning to explore, re imagine and ponder on what journaling might be able to offer us as a spiritual practice. A time on our own to reflect and to try different experiences that might aid our desire for an intimate conversation with God.

To book: <https://bit.ly/3oLOzLS> **Open to: All** **Closing date: 23 February**

5 -7 March: Pre-Licensing Residential via Zoom

with Karen Senior, Warden of Lay Ministry & The Revd Canon Chris Dench, Diocesan Director of Formation & Ministry

For Licensed Lay Ministers in training: a weekend which includes a one-to-one conversation with **The Right Reverend James Langstaff**, Bishop of Rochester and time to reflect on God's calling.

By invitation only

5 -7 March : KIME Residential- online

Curates in Rochester & Canterbury Dioceses - Years 1 & 2

Led by Revd Anthony Hammill IME2 Coordinator

By invitation only

Tuesday 16 March: Vocations Roadshow , 10:00 - 11:30am via Zoom

with Revd Canon Pamela Ive, Diocesan Director of Ordinands & Vocations & team

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Closing date: Friday 12 March

Wednesday 17 March: Trauma-informed Ministry.... in a time of COVID

09:30am -1:00pm via Zoom

Led by *the Tragedy and Congregations Team* **The Revd Dr Carla Grosch-Miller, The Revd Hilary Ison & Professor Christopher Southgate**

Since 2017 the team has delivered 20 training days in various settings for Anglican and URC groups. We have provided a range of resources as the COVID crisis has unfolded.

We now offer half-day Zoom meetings with groups of **12 Clergy**.

These will provide:

- opportunities to articulate experience of the COVID crisis
- a chance to make connections between these reactions and trauma theory
- explorations of the dynamics of communities after a tragedy
- biblical resources for addressing our current situation

To book: <https://bit.ly/3pNE8bL> **Closing date: 10 March**

Open to: Clergy only

Thursday 18 March: Thriving in Ordained Ministry, 7pm – 8:30pm via Zoom

Introduction to the THRIVE model and the Living Ministry research.

Led by ... Dr Liz Graveling. Liz is the Research Officer in the Church of England's National Ministry Team, where she conducts and manages research into a range of ministry-related areas and advises on qualitative research across the National Church Institutions. She leads the longitudinal Living Ministry study into clergy flourishing and is author of the recently published *How Clergy Thrive*.



To book: <https://bit.ly/3at21jO>

Closing date: 12 March

Open to: Clergy only

Maximum: 35

Thursday 25 March: Working with Volunteers, 10:00am -1pm via Zoom

Working with Volunteers Led by Revd Nathan Ward

The course is an introduction to practical ways in which to recruit, support and reward volunteers at different times and stages in their lives. It will introduce principles and practice of effective volunteer management and translate them into practical strategies and processes for organisations. The course is divided into six topics which will be recruitment, training and supporting volunteers, affirming and rewarding volunteers, developing a culture of participation, mentoring new leaders.

To book: <https://bit.ly/2Ljz6VD>

Closing date: 18 March

Open to: All

April

Wednesday 21 April: Unconscious Bias 09:30am -1pm St Benedict's Centre

Unconscious Bias - Race

Open to: All

Led by Diocesan Trainers: Revd Jane Winter & Ethlyn Roy-Johnson

A session to consider the unconscious biases we carry with regard to race, especially in the light of *Black Lives Matter* and the inherited white privilege of the Church of England. Drawing on an understanding of historical and theological contexts we will address how we can demonstrate the all-including love of God through the communities of our churches so that they are places of genuine welcome and inclusion.

To book: <https://bit.ly/36aw8d6>

Closing date: 14 April

Maximum: 25

23 -25 April :2021 KIME Residential Year 3

Curates in Rochester & Canterbury Dioceses – Year 3 with The Rt Revds James Langstaff, Bishop of Rochester & Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover

Led by Revd Anthony Hammill, IME2 Coordinator

By invitation only

Monday 26 April: 10:00am - 11:30am via Zoom

The Secret Life of Groups I

Led by The Revd Claire Allwood

As church leaders we spend much of our time working in and with groups. This training offers an opportunity to begin exploring our experiences in groups, the roles we and others take up, anti-task behaviour, how we might understand and respond to it. In short how might we and those with whom we work thrive more in groups. Participants are invited to bring along examples of their group experiences.

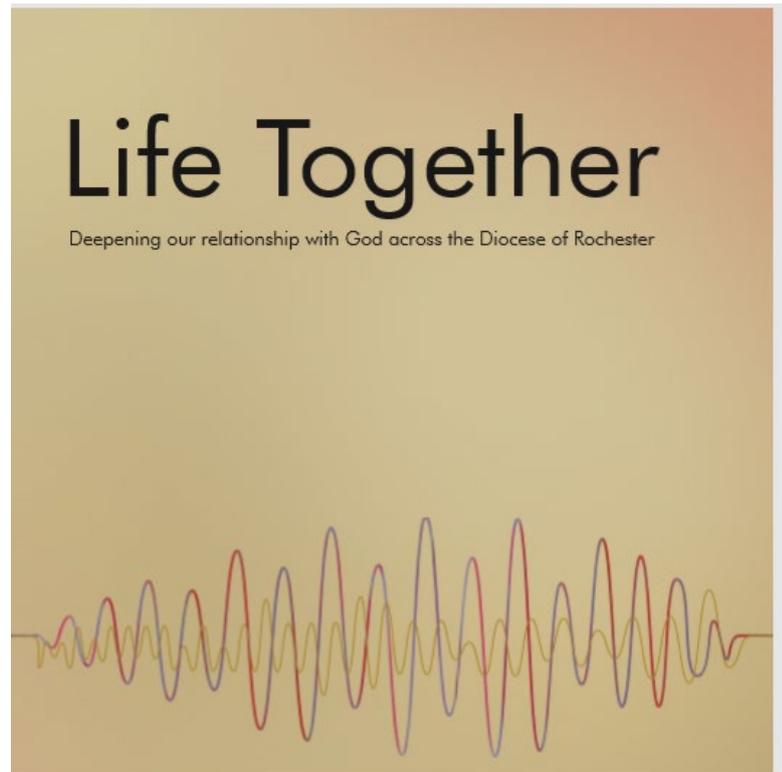
Part II - 24 May

To book: <https://bit.ly/3avcael>

Closing date: 19 April 2021

Open to: All

Maximum: 25



'They **devoted** themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.'

ACTS 2:42



Whoever is within it, or however it expresses itself, a Life Together group, is about Christians **joining together** to support each other, and being **committed** to the activities of the community or group.

May

Tuesday 4 May :Training Incumbents Session 9:30am -1:00pm at St Benedict’s Centre

Training Incumbents in Rochester Diocese - Year 1 2020

Led by Revd Anthony Hammill IME2 Coordinator & The Revd Canon Chris Dench.

An opportunity for training incumbents to receive input, including the next module in the IME2 programme.

By invitation only

Saturday 8 May: 9:30am -1:00pm Rochester Leadership Programme (RLP) for Lay Ministers. St Benedict’s Centre

with Karen Senior, Warden of Lay Ministry & Revd Canon Chris Dench

Introductory session Trialling an adaption of the Rochester Leadership Programme for Lay Ministers from each Archdeaconry.

Saturday 8 May: It’s Your Calling 10:30pm -15.00pm via Zoom

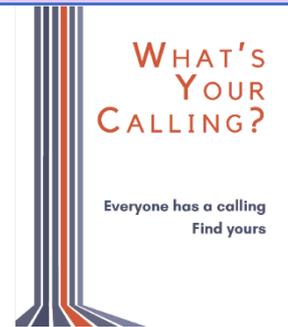
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Two Sessions with a break

Morning Session: 10.30am-12.00pm

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To book: via the website or vocations@rochester.anglican.org. **Closing date: 1 May**

Saturday 15 May: Licensing Service, 2:30pm at Rochester Cathedral

A new cohort of Licensed Lay Ministers and the last to be licensed by **The Right Reverend James Langstaff, Bishop of Rochester.**

**Saturday 22 May: 9:30am - 3:30pm St Matthew's Church, Wigmore [Gillingham]
Celebration of Lay Ministry**

with Karen Senior, Warden of Lay Ministry & The Venerable Andy Wooding- Jones, Archdeacon (Rochester) we hope to meet in person with Lay Ministers from across the Archdeaconry as we renew licences, commissions and authorisations, and commit ourselves to ministering into our communities and churches with all the challenges of in a post pandemic world.

Open to all Lay Ministers in Rochester Archdeaconry

Bookings will open after Easter

Thursday 20 May: Unconscious Bias 09:30am - 1pm at St Benedicts Centre

Unconscious Bias - Gender

Open to: All

Led by Diocesan Trainers

A session to consider the unconscious biases we carry with regard to gender, especially in the light of continuing gender inequality in our society and the inherited male privilege of the Church of England. Drawing on an understanding of historical and theological contexts we will address how we can demonstrate the all-including love of God through the communities of our churches so that they are places of genuine welcome and inclusion.

To book: <https://bit.ly/2Mqb8ba>

Closing date: 13 May

Monday 24 May: 10:00am - 11:30am

via Zoom

The Secret Life of Groups II

Led by The Revd Claire Allwood

As church leaders we spend much of our time working in and with groups. This training offers an opportunity to begin exploring our experiences in groups, the roles we and others take up, anti-task behaviour, how we might understand and respond to it. In short how might we and those with whom we work thrive more in groups. Participants are invited to bring along examples of their group experiences.

To book: <https://bit.ly/3tb1PMs>

Closing date: 17 May

Open to: All

Maximum: 25

25- 27 May: Training Incumbents Residential

Training Incumbents in Rochester Diocese

Led by Revd Anthony Hammill IME2 Coordinator & The Revd Canon Chris Dench

An opportunity for Training Incumbents receiving Deacons in September 2021 to receive input, including the IME2 programme.

By invitation only

TBC: Rochester Leadership Programme (RLP) for clergy - Part Two

with The Revd Canon Chris Dench, Revd Caroline Glass & Revd Andrew Axon

Rochester Leadership Programme for clergy from each Archdeaconry.

By invitation only

June

8 -10 June: New Posts Programme

with The Revd Canon Chris Dench

By invitation only

Tuesday 22 June: Spirituality, 10am-12.30pm at St Benedicts Centre

Spirituality: God in my Day – The Examen prayer with Susanne Carlsson & Karin Dixon

Susanne Carlsson the Spiritual Adviser of Rochester Diocese and Karin Dixon is a Spiritual Directors and, a member of the Rochester Spirituality Network taskforce group 'Stream', contribute to the work of promoting spirituality within the Diocese.

Reviewing your day is a way of becoming more aware of where and how you meet God in everyday life. It is also a prayerful way to let the day go into God's hands, so that you do not carry your anxieties and frustrations unobserved and unhealed into sleep and into the new day. This way of reflecting has its origin in the Ignatian tradition and is referred to as 'Examen'.

To book: <https://bit.ly/3rpLGik>

Closing date: 15 June

Open to: All

28 June: Ordinands Day, St Benedict's Centre

with The Right Revd Simon Burton-Jones, Bishop of Tonbridge

By invitation only

Tuesday 29 June : Bishop's Certificate Celebration of Learning 6:30pm at Bishopscourt

Led by Revd Jane Winter, Assistant Director of Formation & Ministry

An annual event at which students completing the Bishop's certificate receive their certificates from the Bishop in the context of an informal Service of the Word. This joyous occasion marks the completion of the Bishop's Certificate programme. The certificates acknowledge the local ministry of the recipients which includes the Bishop's permission for occasional preaching and leading of worship. Students are supported by family, friends, members of their congregations and the Formation and Ministry team.

By invitation only



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