

Please select **ONE** of the following boxes:

I am doing this course out of personal interest, or

I am interested in exploring Licensed Lay Ministry

COURSE FEES (per module):

£50 - to attend the sessions and complete the assignments (NB this is essential if you are aiming to become a Licensed Lay Minister)

£25 - to attend the sessions only

Please return this form to the Course Administrator:

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HOW DOES THE COURSE START?

It is possible to join the course at any point, but if you join a course starting with the first module the topic is Spirituality and Prayer which:

- ▶ Explores what is meant by spirituality and prayer.
- ▶ Discovers and uses some of the rich traditions of the Christian faith.
- ▶ Shares some of the resources in the life of Prayer.

WHAT ELSE IS INCLUDED?

The other modules are:

- ▶ Exploring the Bible - New Testament
 - ▶ Reshaping the Church
 - ▶ Questions of Faith
 - ▶ Exploring the Bible - Old Testament
 - ▶ Challenging Choices - Christian Ethics
- For further information, please see www.bristol.anglican.org*

“It’s good coverage. You can go into it as much as you like ... and then it is addictive and you want to find out more!”

Come with an open mind, your experience and your background. It can also form the first part of Licensed Lay Minister training and be an introduction to further study at Trinity College or elsewhere.

EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY

A course to deepen faith, explore the Christian tradition and equip for ministry



Diocese of Bristol
Creating connections



WHO IS THE COURSE FOR?

Exploring Christianity is for all lay people, who want to explore faith, deepen their commitment and learn together with other interested students, whether or not they wish to pursue a calling to recognised official ministry.

There are no age limitations and no previous experience or qualifications are necessary.

“It’s opened my horizons and changed my perspectives, with fantastic fellowship”

HOW DOES THE COURSE WORK?

Groups meet weekly in different parts of the diocese, usually with two tutors. There are six modules, each of which consists of 10 sessions. Each member receives a Study Guide for the unit the group is studying that term, with preparation to complete each week.

The group will share insights from the course material that they have read and reflected on and the tutors will enable them to learn together from one another - the tutors may also provide some additional activities.

Each term there is the optional possibility of handing in an assignment that is marked by an external marker (NB those considering Licensed Lay Ministry are required to submit an assignment each term).

HOW MUCH WORK IS REQUIRED?

There is work in the Study Guide to be completed each week, reading and thinking, writing a sentence or two in a box, looking at pictures, maps etc.

You should set aside an hour or two between each of the meetings to prepare work in the Study Guide.

Occasionally you may also be asked to read a slightly longer section of a book or the Bible and there may be an opportunity to write some of your observations about a practical task.

“It’s been a transformative experience. I started because I wanted to know more and now I am exploring becoming a Licensed Lay Minister! ”

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

There are six modules altogether. Each module costs £50 (£25 if not doing assignments) and all six modules are usually completed over a two year period.

There is a limited bursary scheme for those students who experience financial hardship. Please write to the Course Administrator in confidence for more information.

EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY ENQUIRY FORM

If you would like to take part in this course, please fill in this form as fully as possible and post it to Claire Eade at the address overleaf.

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

Parish / Church:

Vicar:

Although we endeavour to hold a course in each deanery this is not always possible, therefore can you please indicate if you are willing to travel and, if so, how far you are willing to travel.

Are you willing to travel? Yes / No

How far are you willing to travel?

Please provide any special needs/disability that we need to be aware of:

