

LLM Newsletter

Hopefully you are aware of the Diocesan event on the 5th September *The Goodness of God*. This will be a chance for people from all around the Diocese to come together, to say good bye to Bishop Jonathan and most of all, to celebrate God's goodness to us. Bishop Jonathan has been a firm supporter of lay ministry and it would be great to have lots of lay ministers from around the Diocese at this event. If you haven't already got a ticket, do read the article below to find out how to get hold of one. It is easy for us to feel that the Church is shrinking and marginalised and struggling and it is really important to join with our brothers and sisters in Christ to remind ourselves of some of the very many ways that the kingdom is growing among us. If you have an idea for a way to grow your church and are looking for some funding, there is some exciting news about funding possibilities for discipleship and evangelism projects. Again, more information is available below. I look forward to seeing you on 5th September. All good wishes, Lindsey

Dr Lindsey Hall, Director of Lay Development

Saturday 5th September Diocesan Celebration -

The Goodness of God

This promises to be an exciting and uplifting day, with a whole range of different sessions. Bishop Gordon Mursell is the main speaker and there will be an opportunity to bid farewell to Bishop Jonathan. Lay Ministry is such an important part of this Diocese, and it would be great to have lots of lay ministers present.

This will take place at Bethel Convention Centre, West Bromwich from 10am till 4pm. More information is available here: <http://www.lichfield.anglican.org/the-goodness-of-god/>

If you haven't got a ticket yet, please contact Sue Hathaway **01543 306030** and encourage others from your church to join us.

Reader Banquet

We were delighted to welcome 180 Readers to Yarnfield for the 'main course' on Saturday 20th June. The next course (dessert) will take place at the same venue on Saturday 27th February 2016. For more information please contact [Lucy Wilson](#).

Worship 4 Today course

For 2015-16 we are offering the Worship 4 Today course for a reduced fee of £25.00. Local courses are due to run in Shenstone, Stone and Wellington (TBC). More information is available on our website: www.lichfield.anglican.org/default/assets/File/W4T%20flyer%2015-16.pdf

The deadline for applications has been extended to **31 August**—please contact Becky (01543 306223) to request a form.

ALM Modules

The new Authorised Lay Ministry modular programme is now available: <http://bit.ly/1mBMB97>

Details for the course will be continually updated.

As for 2014-15, all current Readers and ALMs are invited to attend up to 3 modules free of charge as part of their CMD requirements.

All bookings are via [Becky Harrison](#).

Opportunity for Funding Discipleship and Evangelism

Churches are invited to make proposals for projects, for grants from a fund of £20,000 for either evangelism or training for laity in evangelism or discipleship. More information is available on our [webpage](#). Applications should be submitted by **31 October 2015**.

Great opportunity for all involved in Funeral Ministry

Sandra Millar, the leader of the Church of England's work on Funerals will be providing six training / equipping sessions in the Diocese. The sessions are completely free, and focus around helping clergy, readers and lay ministers to take funerals seriously. The sessions are:

1. Tuesday 29th September, 10am – 4pm at Meole Brace, Shrewsbury
2. Tuesday 29th September, 7.30 – 9.30pm at Meole Brace, Shrewsbury
3. Wednesday 30th September 10am – 4 pm at Aldridge Parish Centre
4. Wednesday 30th September 7.30 – 9.30pm at Aldridge Parish Centre
5. Thursday 1st October 10am – 4pm at Trentham Parish Church
6. Thursday 1st October 7.30 – 9.30pm at Trentham Parish Church

The day time sessions include lunch, and the Area Bishop will open the day. The evenings are condensed versions for those not able to attend daytime training. Do consider attending one of the sessions to be resourced in this important area of ministry and church growth. Visit <https://churchofenglandfunerals.org/> to see the type of resources on offer. And book your free place (specifying date and day/evening) by emailing tc@lichfield.anglican.org and encourage others to join you.



Are you concerned with

Heating, Seating & Eating

A DAC Information Day to help you:

- *Understand church heating*
- *Try out the best church seating*
- *Plan the introduction of visitor facilities*

Venue: The Beacon Centre, Stafford
(ST18 0GB)

Time: 10am-4pm

Date: Saturday, 10th October

Cost: £10 pp includes lunch

To Book: Becky Harrison on 01543 306223 or
becky.harrison@lichfield.anglican.org

Re-licensing in May

We would like to remind you that in order to be re-licensed in May, you will need to have a valid DBS certificate, will need to have completed the ALM/Reader Review process to produce and update your Role Descriptor and will also need to have completed Safeguarding training. For more information, please refer to the [FAQs](#) in the first instance.

Living Faith

If you are interested in starting a local Living Faith course, please contact [Becky Harrison](#) to register to enable us to invite others from across the

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