

AUTHORISED

LAY MINISTRY



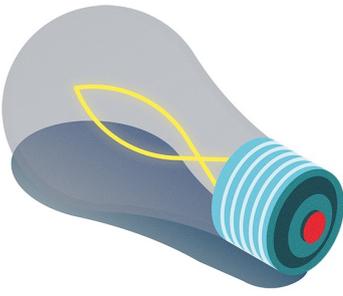
Serving



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What is an Authorised Lay Minister?

Authorised Lay Ministers (ALMs) are lay people active in church life, who have been identified by their parish as having a particular gifting, vocation or calling to lay leadership, i.e. those called to work collaboratively alongside their incumbent and wider ministry teams with a distinct focus on growing, nurturing and serving the wider parish community. ALMs also play a key role in resourcing, equipping and encouraging all God's people to carry out the vision and mission of their parish Mission Action Plan (MAP).

ALMs are nominated by their incumbent and PCC for training in line with the diocesan selection criteria and once trained receive authorisation from the Bishop of Manchester to carry out a mutually agreed ministry role back within their local parish context. An ALM's authorisation lasts for 3 years after which time it can be reviewed, updated and renewed.

What does the training involve?

The ALM training course is broken down into 3 parts that run each year from January to September.

Part 1: Induction, Core Module & Study Days

Between January and Easter, candidates are inducted and then undertake an eight-week Core Leadership Module. During this time there are also 2 additional study days that cover safeguarding training and collaborative ministry.

Part 2: Ministry Electives

From Easter to June, candidates will complete their chosen 12-week ministry elective. There are currently 9 ministry electives available.

Part 3: Ministerial Role Descriptions & Authorisation

From July, candidates will work alongside their incumbent and PCC to finalise their ALM Ministry Role Description before their service of Authorisation in September. There is also a pre-authorisation retreat day to help candidates prepare.

Ministry Electives

- ◆ Mission & Evangelism
- ◆ Community Outreach & Social Action
- ◆ Ecology & Creation
- ◆ Youth Work +Specialism
- ◆ Children & Families
- ◆ Parish Admin, Finance & Governance
- ◆ Pastoral Outreach & Listening
- ◆ Prayer & Spirituality
- ◆ Worship & Liturgy

Frequently Asked Questions



How can I be selected?

Authorised Lay Ministry is based on a collaborative model of ministry and is therefore not about any one person's desire to serve or minister. Any nominations for ALM must meet the diocesan selection criteria, align with the parish's MAP and represent the expressed desire of the wider parish community. The incumbent, individual and PCC must discern and respond to God's call together.

Is this training only for ALMs?

In line with The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) and as part of setting God's people free, all lay ministry training electives will now be open to all lay people in the diocese. Authorised Lay Ministry will remain as a distinct pathway (with additional application and training requirements etc) but it will no longer be the only route available for lay people wanting to access training to develop their gifts and calling to lay ministry. There will be a simplified application process for general applications but this will still require a recommendation from an appropriate parish representative.

How much does the course cost?

All the costs of ALM training are met by the diocese but parishes are expected to support their candidates if help is required with basic costs such as travel expenses. However, if finances are a barrier to participation, please get in touch for further advice and support.

Where can I get more information?

For further information about the course and details on how to apply please see the diocesan website:

www.manchester.anglican.org/lay-ministries/ALM/

or you can contact your Local Ministry Officer:
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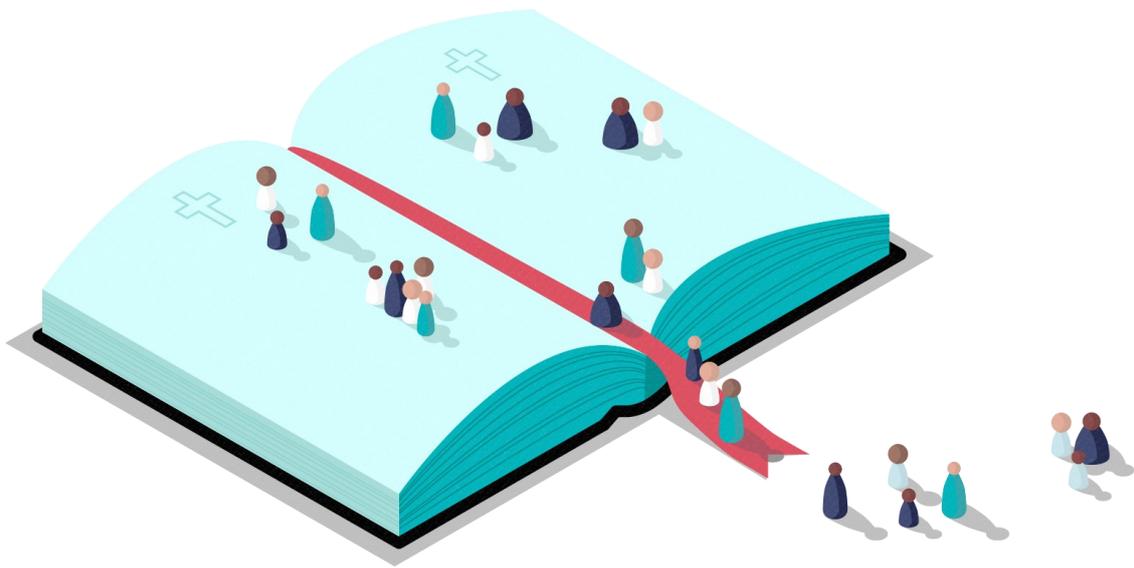
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Next Course

**Starts January
2022**

**Further details to
follow Autumn
2021.**



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