



Exploring your vocation?

Interested in studying your faith?

Working with Children & Young People?

STUDY WITH US

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

2024-25

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Diocese of
Hereford



CUDDESDON
Gloucester & Hereford

Who will be teaching me?

Cuddesdon Gloucester and Hereford (CGH) is a member of the Cuddesdon family of ministry training pathways, training women and men, locally, for ordination as priests and deacons, as well as training Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers).

CGH has two teaching staff, one based in Gloucester and the other in Ludlow, who teach across both centres. They are joined by local associate teachers from within the Dioceses, and also have the ability to call upon teaching colleagues from the other Cuddesdon pathways, thanks to zoom.



The Revd Dr Sarah Brush
Director of CGH &
Gloucester Lead Tutor



The Revd Dr Alison Walker
Ludlow Lead Tutor

CGH brings a wide variety of Christians together into a single learning community. People come from all walks of life, representing a broad spectrum of age, education, spiritual tradition and ministry experience, enabling rich conversations about our common Christian faith.

CGH has two teaching centres: at the Mascall Centre in Ludlow on Wednesday evening, and at Discover DeCrypt in Gloucester on Thursday evening. You can choose whichever centre is closest to you.

Introduction to Christian Ministry Course

Suitable for:

- Messy Church or Open the Book leaders or helpers
- Worship leaders
- Members of local pastoral care teams
- Keen Christians wanting to help others come to faith in Christ
- Faithful Christians wanting to deepen their understanding of our Christian heritage

What topics are taught?

The course is run during term time i.e. one night a week for 30 weeks, with a half-term break coinciding with schools' half-term.

- Preparing to Learn: Scripture, Prayer and Theology (5 weeks)
- Creating and Leading Worship (5 weeks)
- Introduction to the Bible (10 weeks)
- Mission and Evangelism (5 weeks)
- Pastoral Skills (5 weeks)

Optional Saturday Workshops on Preaching

Will I get a certificate or qualification?

At the end of your study all participants will get a CGH certificate, listing the topics which you have studied.

You may also have the option to register for the one year, fully-assessed 60 credit Durham University Foundation Award in Theology, Ministry and Mission.

If you are also exploring a vocation to licensed ministry this DU Foundation Award can then count towards a DU Certificate or Diploma – the national Church of England ministry qualification.



How much will it cost?

Anyone who is discerned by their vicar and PCC to enhance their local lay ministry will have their course fees paid for by the Diocese.

If you are not involved in ministry in your church but are wanting to simply know more about the Bible and our Christian heritage, you are welcome to apply to CGH to enrol in a module or two, at your own expense.

NB this is at the discretion of CGH and is subject to their enrolment process.

What do I need to do now?

If this program interests you, get in touch with the Diocese of Hereford Director of Mission and Ministry, Rev Dr Elizabeth Wild on Elizabeth.wild@hereford.anglican.org

She will be glad to talk to you about whether this is the right study programme for you, and how it might deepen and enhance your lay ministry in your local parish.

She will also be able to discuss with you what you may need to do next, if you feel a vocational call to licensed ministry – lay or ordained – in the Church of England.

If you decide this is a good next step for you to take, enrolments for CGH will need to be completed by the beginning of September.

For all enquiries to CGH please contact
the administrator:

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