

## Who will be teaching us?

CGH has two teaching staff, one based in Gloucester and the other in Hereford, 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.



*As of September 2023*  
Revd Dr Sarah Brush  
CGH Director  
and Core Tutor  
(Gloucester)

*To Be Appointed for Sept 2023*  
CGH Assistant Director  
and Core Tutor (Hereford)

## What do I need to do now?

If this program interests you, get in touch with the Diocese of Hereford Local Ministry Team Leader, Rev Dr Elizabeth Wild

[Elizabeth.wild@hereford.anglican.org](mailto: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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## INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MINISTRY COURSE

**Are you looking for a way  
to deepen your knowledge  
of the Bible and Christian  
ministry?**

The Hereford Diocese, in partnership with CGH, offers a one-year course aimed to serve a variety of local parish ministry needs.

## A one year Introduction to Christian Ministry Course (ICM)

Designed for lay leaders wanting a more solid footing for Christian ministry today, it is suited 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**

### Who is running the course?

This is a partnership between the Diocese and our local theological training provider – CGH.

### Who is CGH?

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 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.



### 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)

### Where will I be studying?

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

### Will I get a certificate or qualification?

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

You will also have the opportunity to register and complete 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 can then count towards a DU Certificate or Diploma – the national Church of England ministry qualification.

### What will this cost me?

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.