

mentoring



teaching



experience



community



‘Come, follow me...’

When Jesus said these words to his first disciples they had little idea of the world-changing journey which lay ahead of them: the highs, lows, dangers and triumphs. Each one of us has our own story of how we first heard Jesus saying these words to us and the life-changing journey which followed. But, like the first disciples, it is not always easy to discern what God is calling us to next: what is our role in the church? In life? How does God want us to grow?

The Four Pillars:

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Discipleship is learning

Everyone who joins the scheme will be a part of our evening teaching programme. Sessions run fortnightly on Mondays between 18.15 and 21.00 and always begin with food and worship.

Each term will cover a different module:

Term 1 - How Do We Know About God?

Term 2 - The Bible and Our Worship

Term 3 - Mission and Ministry

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Discipleship is hands on

We learn more about God by working with Him; we learn more about ourselves by trying new things.

As a part of the scheme participants will take part in some ministry experience - for some this will be a regular commitment over the course of the year and for others it will simply be re-imagining the work they already do. Whatever it is, the aim is always the same: to see God at work.

‘God has called you by name and made you his own’

The Bath & Wells Ministry Experience Scheme aims to help young adults to discern God’s ongoing call on their life and to equip them for the journey ahead. The scheme is based around what we call the ‘four pillars’ of discipleship and discernment: teaching, experience, mentoring and community.

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Discerning God’s voice is not lonely

God has not called us to work out our future paths by ourselves: there are things we cannot see, points of view we have not considered, questions we have not thought of asking and others that we cannot answer alone.

Participants will have the opportunity to be paired with an experienced minister who will act as their mentor, guiding and encouraging them as they discern God’s voice together.

community

Discipleship and discernment are shared activities

The Christian life is not one that can be lived alone: it always exists in the context of God’s church. It is in this community that our vision of God gets bigger as we see Him through each other’s eyes and as we challenge and support one another.

Our learning community really matters. Each term there will be an opportunity to go away together - a residential in the first term and an away day in the final two.

Two possible pathways:

Gap Year

If you wish you can commit to participating fully in all four pillars of the scheme. This will require a regular commitment of time throughout the year.

For 2021-22 we will be offering one paid position on the scheme. This position will pay the participant for 18 hours per week on the Real Living Wage to enable them to participate (this is only available to people under the age of 30).

In Life

The scheme is also very much open to those that have less time available: discipleship and discernment do not become any less important because God has already called us to other things.

Those wishing to participate will still need to commit to the scheme for the year but the level of participation you are able to maintain will be discussed and agreed with you at the start so the scheme can best fit around your life.



Living the story. Telling the story.