

Guide to the Children's Ministry Training (including certification)



What are the choices for Children's Ministry Training?

1. Commit to 1 or more sessions or
2. Commit to all 7 sessions (including opportunity to visit some examples of good practice and mentoring support.) This is the full Children's Ministry Certificate Pathway.



Am I suitable for CMC?

Are you leading, volunteering or helping with children in your church children's groups? Are you wanting to make church accessible to young families with children? Have you been organizing craft bags for your children and families? Or help to run the Church Toddler Group? Or Messy Church? Or Sunday School? Or are you a church volunteer in your local school? Or are you someone who just wants to see children and their families engage with the faith of the church in this ever changing world?

Whether you have lots of experience or are just starting out, this course is for you.

The training focuses on sharing faith with families, babies and children of up to top primary age.



Who runs Children's Ministry Training?

The training is led by Charlotte Nobbs, Children's Mission Enabler for the Gen2 Team for Peterborough Diocese. The core team is made up of volunteers, paid staff and people with experience and a passion to make Christ known amongst children and their families.

Can I talk to anyone about applying for the course?

Do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any queries at this stage



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Do I have to attend an Anglican church to come on Children's Ministry Training?

No. Although this course is run by Peterborough Diocese, it is open to all denominations. The key is that you are a member of your local church, and have the blessing of your church leadership team to apply for the training.



What does the training cover?

All our training focusses through the growing faith lens that keeps children and their families at the heart of all our ministry decisions. All our simple ideas and resources equip the church to build relationship in church, in school and in the home.

When does Children's Ministry Training meet?

All the sessions will be on a Tuesday from September to June from 7-9pm. Some of these will be in the North of the diocese and some will be in the South.

The sessions on offer are:

Starters

In the South (St. Michael's Parish rooms, Silverstone)

Simply Easter: 6th February - [Book here](#)

Simply Outside: 7th May - [Book here](#)

In the North

Simply Easter: 13th February, Bouverie Court, Northampton - [Book here](#)

Simply Outside: 14th May, Christ the King Kettering - [Book here](#)

Main Course

In the South (St. Michael's Parish Rooms, Silverstone)

Simply Toddlers: 7th November - [Book here](#)

Simply School: 5th March - [Book here](#)

Simply Intergenerational: 4th June - [Book here](#)

Pudding

(online)

Safeguarding: 23rd January, 7.30-9pm - [Book here](#)



What happens in the sessions?

A relaxed and relational evening with cake and refreshments.

- Hear the latest research
- Gather replicable ideas and resources
- Enjoy hearing stories of good practice and lessons learnt
- Best of all, hear from each other.
- Always with worship and prayer.



If I commit to all 7 sessions, where will I visit?

The team will invite you to one of their sessions which will be:

- A toddler group in November
- A school setting in March
- An intergenerational worshipping community in June.

Following the visit, there will be the opportunity to discuss how this visit might inform your practice.

I would like to find out some more before committing to the course. What do I need to do next?

- Watch a short Children's Ministry Training Promo for an overview of the course with Charlotte Nobbs which you can access on the children and youth training page:

www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/events-training/training/youth-ministry-training.php

For more information Email charlotte.nobbs@peterborough-diocese.org.uk or phone Charlotte on 0777 2816990

I know I want to do all 7 sessions, so what do I need to do next?

- Fill in 'Children's Ministry Certificate Application Form' which includes GDPR, emergency contact details as well as your personal contact details. **If you agree to sharing your contact details, please email a photograph of yourself to** nuala.salter@peterborough-diocese.org.uk who will create a contact list to share with the CMC cohort.

Check you have a **DBS Check, less than 3 years old**. If you do not have one, please apply through your Parish Safeguarding Officer. Please bring your DBS certificate to your first session.

- **Come to your first session either in the south (3rd October) or the north (17th October) to arrive for 6:50pm**

Safeguarding

We expect every student who is committing to the full certification to complete safeguarding training. This involves two short, simple online courses: C0 (Basic Awareness) and C1 (Foundation), that need to be completed at the latest by the end of December, ready for the evening of training on **Tuesday 23rd January 2024**.



Visit the Peterborough Diocese Safeguarding webpage to sign up:
www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/events-training/training/safeguarding-training.php

You can find out more about Safeguarding children at:
<https://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/aboutus/diocesan-staff-teams/children-youth-team.php> (Click on the S.A.F.E.R. tile)

Resources

- We will share resources, books, links, handouts as the course unfolds. The Bouverie Court library has a good supply of books and practical resources that you can borrow. To be a member of the Children and Youth Library please complete and sign a joining form; email nuala.salter@peterborough-diocese.org.uk who will send you a library form to complete. Nuala will be available at the first session to support you with this. There will a selection of books to borrow at each session. You can also search the children and youth catalogue online:
www.librarycat.org/lib/Bouverie

And finally...

Our prayer is that you will grow in your faith and confidence as you journey with our Children's Ministry learning community over the next year and be able to build on this in your own settings. We pray that what you learn will overflow from you and be shared in church and into the wider community, schools and homes.

We believe that God is already working in you and this will just bless what He has already started.

'Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom.

One generation will commend your works to another.'

Psalm 145:3-4

