

# A brief introduction to training at Sarum College for Salisbury LLM candidates

## Welcome!



It's good to welcome you to Sarum College, and this is a quick introduction you to what you might expect in your training for Licensed Lay Ministry.

You will join those we already train for Reader/LLM ministry from Salisbury and Bath and Wells Dioceses, and those training for ordination from a number of different southern dioceses.

## Our responsibilities

We have three different responsibilities in the training:

The first is to your Diocese, who oversee your training and licensing, and we will work closely with them.

Secondly, you are working for an academic award, a 2 year part time Certificate in Higher Education, through Common Awards which is run by Durham University. This is the equivalent of the first year of a degree.

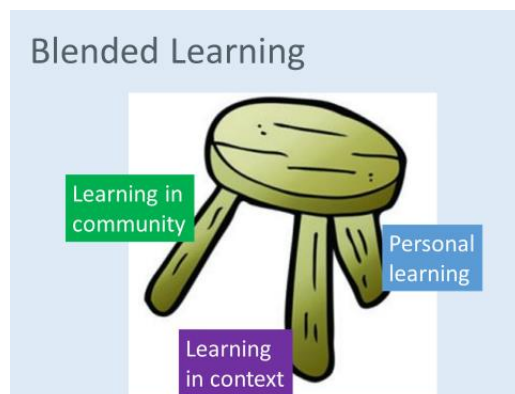
Thirdly, we work with the Ministry Division of the Church of England, who oversee training for licensed and ordained ministry.



## The student community

All students live at home. But you will mix with a variety of ways of doing the training. There are those on 2 year and 3 year courses, those training part time or full time, and those doing undergraduate or post graduate studies. You will meet all these at different stages of your training.

## Blended Learning



Blended Learning is like three legs of a stool:

- Learning in community, in college.
- Personal learning, what you do at home individually.
- Learning in context, in your local church.

All three legs are as important as one another in your formational training. We look at them now.

## Learning in community



Residential (Fri-Sat)  
Module Weekends



Diocesan Training  
Saturdays and Training  
Officer Support



Sarum staff support

Learning in community happens when you come to Sarum College for a residential weekend once during a module. We begin with evensong in the Cathedral at 5.30pm on Friday, and you stay through to 6pm on Saturday. In the first year there are two introductory days as well.

In addition there will be some complementary sessions arranged by the Diocese to help you apply your learning to a specifically lay ministry.

And Sarum staff are always willing to give support where necessary.

## Personal Learning



Online Module



Online Tutorial



Local Learning  
Group

Personal learning is supported in three ways.

You have an online module which gives 10 hours work a week to go through for 8 weeks of a 10 week module. This contains reading, videos, things to think about or investigate.

It is supplemented by an hour's online tutorial a week. This is on Zoom, and is with the module tutor and other students, and is a chance to clarify understanding, discuss and ask questions. There are a choice of tutorial times during the week.

Thirdly, we will give you details about how to set up a Local Learning Group. This is a group of 6-8 people in your locality, not necessarily church goers and not including church leaders. You meet twice in a module with questions to ask or exercises to do that enable you to get their perspective on issues you are studying. We find group members really enjoy thinking more deeply about faith.

## Learning in Context



Training Supervisor  
& Context



Placement



Residential Rural  
Weekend

Learning in context is primarily in your home church.

We appoint a Training Supervisor, usually your incumbent, and work with them to ensure you have opportunity to experience different aspects of ministry, as well as asking them to meet with you twice during a module to help you to apply your learning to your place of ministry.

In your first year you will also do a short placement somewhere else – perhaps another parish, or a chaplaincy.

And at the end of your first year you will come to college Friday 5.30pm to lunchtime Sunday for our Rural Context Weekend, where we will look at how ministry is worked out in the rural context.

### First Year Modules

Your modules in your first year will begin with Induction. You will then practice Theological Reflection, followed by a module on what it means to be human and to have a vocation.

Modules will then look at Pastoral Care and Christian Worship, before finishing the year with an Introduction to the Bible which includes preaching.



## **Time Required**

This all requires time, and this is a major investment in your future ministry, gifted to you by the church. It requires organisation and planning alongside busy work and family lives, but people are always glad they put the time in since the learning experience is so rich.

Counterintuitively, we strongly advise that you put down as many church responsibilities as you can in these two years, for instance PCC or leading a Home Group. This both allows you time for training, but also frees you to explore areas of ministry that God may be calling you to in the future.

In the first year you will be asked to give:

- Approximately 12-13 hrs/week – 10hrs/week module material, 1hr tutorial + extras
- One Saturday induction in September
- Three Fri-Sat residentials
- One Fri-Sun Rural Context weekend (for all students)
- Safeguarding training
- Diocesan training through the year

## **Questions**

You will have plenty of questions. Any immediate questions about the time required etc would be best put to your link at the Diocese.

Otherwise, you'll be receiving information from Annette Young our academic administrator about how to log in to your Induction Module which will help you to gain a better picture of the training. And please feel free to contact Annette with questions you may have, particularly on getting started with the online material.

We look forward to meeting you!

The Sarum Centre for Formation in Ministry Team.