

explore
God's call
to ministry

How is the course funded?

All the costs of training for ALM ministry are met by the diocese. Parishes are asked to support their candidates by helping with expenses such as those for travel to training venues.

What happens at the end of the training course?

At the end of the course candidates attend a Quiet Day to help them prepare for their commissioning.

Those who have satisfactorily completed ALM training will then attend an annual diocesan service of commissioning by a bishop for their ministry.

Authorisation will last for a period of 3 years and can then be renewed following a review by the incumbent and PCC.

All ALMs will need to be CRB checked and undergo diocesan child protection training.

How to apply

Application, nomination and clergy reference forms can be obtained from the Discipleship and Ministry Training Department and on the diocesan website. They need to be returned by **1 October 2012**.

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Authorised Lay Ministry Course



Encourage
the gifts of
others

Develop
a life of
discipleship

Share in the
ministry of
your local
church



What is an Authorised Lay Minister?

Authorised Lay Ministers share in the public ministry of the local church, as they serve their local parishes. ALM ministry takes many different forms depending upon the parish base, but in general ALMs lead or establish a team of people working in an area of ministry and they also work to encourage and develop the gifts of others. ALMs are 'authorised' by the Bishop to exercise a particular ministry within their local parish. Their authorisation does not extend beyond the parish into the wider diocese. They do not hold the Bishop's license and their authorisation is not transferable to another diocese. In 2012 the ALM training programme will help prepare candidates to share ministry in these areas:

- Children's ministry
(following the diocesan Bishop's Certificate In Children's Ministry training route)
- Pastoral ministry
- Worship
- Prayer and Spirituality ministry

Currently the course only allows students to study for **one** of these subject areas.

How can I be selected for ALM?

To serve as an ALM you will need to be nominated by your PCC for this ministry. Candidates for ALM will only be accepted for training if it is clear that their proposed ministry will be to provide leadership of an existing team or that such a team will be developed during the course of training. We also require that all applicants to the course can show some evidence of having completed a previous course of Christian education/training e.g. Foundations for Ministry, Christian Basics course etc.



open to
people of all
backgrounds

Enabling
your ministry
to grow



offering training
in a variety of different ministries

What does the training involve?

The ALM training programme is a one year programme running from January to July, consisting of an induction day, one study Saturday, and three modules. All participants will share in the first eight-week module which is a 'core' module exploring God's call to ministry and developing a life of discipleship.

In 2012 this core module will be taught at four different venues one in each archdeaconry. Candidates then undertake two further modules in their chosen area of ministry which will consist of between 12 and 16 sessions depending on the area of ministry chosen.

Dates and venues for these modules will be established each year when we have confirmed numbers of students for each ministry area. **Some of the ministry modules may not be offered if there is insufficient interest to make a group viable.** Candidates should also be aware that some of the teaching may be on weeknight evenings and other elements may take place at weekends.

Study Day

The aim of this day is to provide some training in teamwork and collaborative ministry and to bring together those from the parishes that the ALM will be based in and with whom they will share ministry e.g. incumbent, other licensed ministers and the team the ALM will be working with.

Are there any written assignments?

The course involves a limited amount of written work/practical assignments to aid and deepen learning – but this is not 'graded' as such. The course is open to people of all educational backgrounds and assignments on the course are designed to reflect this.