

Foundations for Ministry

Twenty free places (max one per parish) are waiting to be claimed on the one-year *Foundations for Ministry* course which starts here in September 2009.

What's it about?

Foundations for Ministry is based on a one-year course which has run for many years in the Diocese of Chester. The focus is on grasping what God is doing in the world (his kingdom) and how we can be part of it (our calling).

Who's it for?

Foundations for Ministry is for lay people who are eager to find and follow God's call. They will already be active in their church. They will bring a good practical grasp of the Bible and Christian belief.

It can lead towards many different kinds of ministry, for example:

- roles within the church (eg youth work, pastoral visitor, warden)
- serving God through workplace, home or family
- ordained ministry
- licensed lay ministry (eg Reader, Church Army)

What's involved?

The course runs on Wednesday evenings at Church House, in three terms from September to June. There are also three Saturday study days including the induction day, Saturday 26 September). Each session consists of clear quality input and group time, with about an hour of 'link work' at home to prepare for the next week.

What does it cost?

Foundations for Ministry costs £60 for the year. For 2009 only, we are offering 20 free places (max one per parish). A Laity Development Grant could also cover the cost.

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Diary Dates

Please check the following events and note the dates which apply to you. Except where stated, please contact Helen Fallone (helenfallone@manchester.anglican.org, or 0161 828 1411) for further information and/or registration.

Catholic Vision

A day for Catholic congregations to come together for renewal and encouragement, with Bishop Stephen Cottrell. Saturday 16 May 10.00 am - 3.15 pm at the Cathedral. For details visit www.tinyurl.com/b4jyzd.

Consultation for Team Rectors

A continuing forum on the issues for Team Ministries, with Bishop Chris and Archdeacons Cherry and David. Monday 18 May 10.00 am - 12.30 pm (lunch provided) at 90 Deansgate.

Celebrating the Manchester Diocesan OLM / Reader Course

A service of celebration and thanksgiving, led by Bishop Nigel, to mark the end of the Diocesan OLM and Reader training course after 20 years. Saturday 20 June 6.30 pm, in the Cathedral - **please note change of date.**

Preparing for Retirement

A short residential for clergy and spouses expecting to retire in the next 2-3 years. Hosted by Blackburn Diocese at Waddow Hall, 16-18 June 2009.

Vetting and Barring

An important briefing on our responsibilities as employers and volunteer organisations under the new legislation for Vetting and Barring (see www.isa.gov.org). A necessity for all incumbent-status clergy. Choose between a morning or afternoon session on Tuesday 23 June. Details will follow in a letter from Bishop Nigel

Changing Posts 2009-10

The Changing Posts programme consists of a morning at Church House, followed by a residential at the Chester Diocesan Retreat Centre at Foxhill. Next dates are 09 September, 30 September - 01 October.

Swanwick Conference 2010

Advance notice! Monday 05 - Wednesday 07 July 2010 at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick. With Bishop Tom Wright, Bishop of Durham, as our keynote speaker.

The Attractive Church - resources for your parish

Around 300 clergy and Readers attended the Archdeaconry Formation Day *The Attractive Church* in February.

The Formation Day covered three main aspects of the theme: welcoming people, attractive buildings and transforming worship. Particularly appreciated were the practical ideas and resources on offer.

Formation Day resources are now available from the diocesan website: visit www.tinyurl.com/bq9yys

Resources available on-line include:

- Bishop Chris' introduction (Acts 2)
- The Peterborough worship audit
- How others see us— audits for the building and the service
- From kerb to pew— attractive buildings, effective signing
- Readers and browsers— effective visual communications

That takes care of your PCC agenda for the next few months!



The Diocese of Manchester recommends *Leading Your Church into Growth* for all its clergy—especially if you are in your first months in a new appointment.

LYCiG has a track record of more than fifteen years. It's led by a national team of experienced practitioners from all traditions and areas of ministry.

At the heart of *LYCiG* is the four-day residential course (see below for dates) - extraordinary value at only £225. And if you have recently changed posts—including all new incumbents—the Diocese will pay for half the course fee. Your CME grant can cover the balance.

A Laity Development Grant could help pay for one or more key lay people to join you!

Next dates:

- 15-18 June 2009 (High Leigh)
- 16-19 November 2009 (Swanwick)

For further information

Visit www.tinyurl.com/brld7j or email tracie.hunt@englandbasketball.co.uk. For funding enquiries please contact Helen Fallone on 0161 828 1411 or email helenfallone@manchester.anglican.org.

Manchester Theological Society

Thursday 30 April 7.00 pm

Michael Schmidt: *Real presences - religion and poetry*

Michael Schmidt is Professor of Poetry at Glasgow University and founder of the Manchester poetry published, Carcanet Press. His most recent poetry collection is *The Resurrection of the Body* (2007).

Thursday 14 May 7.00 pm

Catherine Pickstock: *Liturgy and the senses (The Wickham Lecture)*

Catherine Pickstock's *After Writing: ON the Liturgical Consummation of Philosophy* (1998) marked her out as a leading thinker of the Radical Orthodoxy movement. She combines a radical political commitment with perhaps the highest doctrine of liturgy ever developed.

The Theological Society meets at Manchester Cathedral.

Training for training incumbents

'What are you going to give up in order to train your curate?' This is the challenge in a book for every present or potential training incumbent *.

The curacy is seen as an integral part of Initial Ministerial Education (IME). Curates are expected to show evidence of continuing development and learning, according to nationally published criteria.

The training incumbent is probably the biggest single factor in how the curate thrives and develops in these early years.

The Diocese offers training for incumbents taking on the responsibility of a new curate in 2009 (there will be a separate process for incumbents with new Readers). Dates as follows:

Thurs 14 May 10.30am- 3.30pm

Initial briefing
Supervision - what, why, how
Curacy - national framework and guidelines

Mon 13 July 7-9pm (with curates)

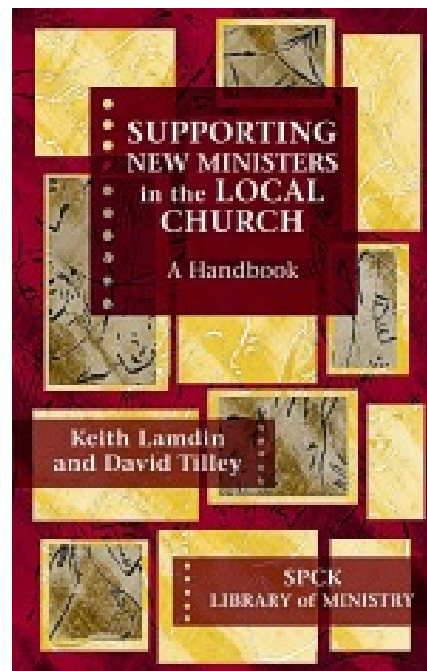
Working together 1
Work-training agreements
Introducing the IME 4-7 programme

Tue 15 Sept 7-9pm (with curates)

Working together 2
Understanding difference
Belbin team roles

**Tues 22 Sep (11am) -
Wed 23 Sep (3.30pm)- venue tbc**

Training incumbent as supervisor
Learning styles
Supervision skills and practice



Continuing monthly seminar

The course continues as a monthly forum from November to March, 10.00 am - 2.30 pm at Diocesan Church House (lunch provided). Dates are as follows:

Wednesday 04 November
Tuesday 01 December
Thursday 14 January
Tuesday 09 February
Wednesday 10 March

* Recommended book for training incumbents

Keith Lamdin and David Tilley, *Supporting New Ministers in the Local Church: A Handbook* (SPCK Library of Ministry, 2007). Recommended for purchase, also available to loan from the Diocesan Resources Library. Although the book refers primarily to new curates, much can also be applied to new Readers.

Restoring Prayer

The Simeon Centre for Prayer and Spiritual Life - based at Ridley Hall, Cambridge - is holding a 'conference for all who long to grow in their spiritual life and help their church rediscover a passion for prayer'. With Eugene Peterson, Alister McGrath, Anne Dyer and Paula Gooder. Cambridge, Thur 03 - Sun 06 September, cost £335 full board. For full details and booking visit www.tinyurl.com/cndofb.



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Prayer in Salford

Katharine House, a small urban retreat centre within the RC Diocese of Salford, offers a number of Quiet Days through out Lent and Easter.

Sat 28 Mar : *The door, the window and the listening ear* (Andrew and Wendy Rudd)

Wed 08 Apr: *Keep watch with me* (Holy Week retreat, Alan Butler)

Wed 22 Apr: *He is risen, as he said*

For full details call 0161 708 9744 or visit www.tinyurl.com/bs5oo6.

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