

Training with SNWTP

What?

SNWTP (that is the Southern North-West Training Partnership) was set up to provide training for ordained and lay ministry in the Anglican dioceses of Chester, Liverpool, Manchester and Sodor & Man, and the Baptist, Methodist and URC churches in the same area.

Where?

SNWTP is based in offices at the University of Chester campus in Padgate, Warrington. All the modules taught by SNWTP can be studied as part of a Foundation Degree in Mission and Ministry accredited by the University of Chester, but they can also be studied without that university link. Each diocese has its own policy on whether Reader training is accredited or not.

Who?

The SNWTP staff at Warrington consists of the Course Principal, the Dean of Studies, the Course Administrator, and two Course Secretaries. You will have contact with most if not all of them over the two years, but the key person in your relationship with the course will be your diocesan Director of Studies for Reader Training. This is someone who works within your diocese to support

and guide you through Reader training (as well as being part of the team of tutors). Each diocese also arranges local pastoral support for every student in the form of a Pastoral Tutor or Mentor - details vary between the dioceses.

When?

Weeknight training is delivered in several venues across the region. The number and siting of these varies from year to year according to diocesan needs and, most significantly, the number of students in any given area. The main teaching venues are in Bury, Chester, Liverpool, Macclesfield, Manchester, Wigan and on the Isle of Man; but it is important to emphasise again that not all of these venues are used all the time.

What next?

The four dioceses have different requirements within the overall framework described in these pages. Therefore, if you have any questions you will need to contact the Director of Studies for Reader Training in your diocese. Your diocesan office will be able to supply contact details. Alternatively, contact the SNWTP office (see below) who can supply that information.

Training for Reader Ministry

in the dioceses of
Chester, Liverpool, Manchester and Sodor & Man



Sodor
& Man



Liverpool
Manchester
Chester



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 The Southern
North West Training Partnership



Training for Reader Ministry

What does it consist of?

Training for Reader Ministry has several different but related parts.

1. Study Modules.

There are six key modules of teaching over two years, three in each year, as illustrated on the next page. You study two modules each year at evening sessions in a local centre (see the back page for more details). Each module is twelve weeks long, including tutorials and support sessions. The third module consists of six study days (either a Saturday or a Sunday). Teaching starts in early September and runs through to the end of May.

2. Guided Bible Reading

You will undertake a programme of guided bible reading. This runs throughout the two years, and by the end of that time you will have read the whole bible at least once.

3. Regular Preaching

Preaching is central to reader ministry and, with help and guidance, you will prepare and preach sermons on a regular basis throughout the training period.

4. Common Themes

The names of the six modules give you an indication of their main focus and content, but there are also themes that are important in every module, such as: prayer and spirituality, mission, making disciples, and working with young people.

5. Church Context

All of the above is done in partnership with your ministry in your own church context. You will build portfolios of what you are doing in your church. Sometimes a specific task will be asked of you. Perhaps most important of all, your Incumbent (or another appointed person from your church) will play an important role in helping you progress through your training.

6. Placement

In one sense you are always on placement - i.e. in your own church context - but you will also be asked to spend a period of weeks (typically ten to twelve) in another church to "see how others do it" and gain new experiences. This emphasis on placement highlights the practical nature of preparation for Reader ministry.

Course Overview

Weeknight Modules

Study Days

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**Worship and
Preaching**
in a
Pastoral
Context

The Bible
Old
Testament

**The Practice
of Ministry**
Being a
Reader

Guided Bible Reading

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Prayer & Spirituality Mission
Working with Young People
Making Disciples

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Regular Preaching

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The Bible
New
Testament

**The Practice
of Mission**
in the
Contemporary
World

**Understanding
Our
Tradition**