Living Pathways

A year of vocational reflection...

Pathways to Ministry is a one-year course for people who are exploring their Christian faith and discipleship and reflecting on their own particular gifts and calling. It covers several key areas which include: God at work in the Church, in your neighbourhood and family as well as in your own life. The course also focuses on Bible study and prayer.

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Living Vocation 2020/2021 TBC

Participants attend one of the following local groups and all of the Saturday meetings.

**Lichfield** (Wednesday, 7.30pm)
Facilitator: Helen Scheven, Training Co-ordinator.
Venue: The Reeve Room, St Mary’s House, The Close, Lichfield, WS13 7LD.

**Shrewsbury** (day, time)
Facilitator: tbc
Venue: tbc

**Stoke-on-Trent** (day, time)
Facilitator: tbc
Venue: tbc

**Wolverhampton** (day, time)
Facilitator: tbc
Venue: tbc

**Joint Meetings** (Saturdays, 10.00 am - 3.30 pm)
Venue: St John’s, Littleworth, Stafford ST16 3RP
September, November, February and May
Living Pathway provides an opportunity not only to acquire new knowledge and understanding about God, mission and Scripture, but will also offer space and support for self-development and the process of discerning ways in which you might be called to serve God’s kingdom.

The course is open to anyone who feels that they might be called to ministry of any sort. There are no requirements of previous study experience, although participants should have been involved in some Christian learning such as the Living Faith Course or an equivalent. Learning support will be available for those who have not studied for a long time, or are not confident about their study skills. Learning will happen through a variety of methods, including discussion, lectures, workshops, workbooks and reading.

Course Outline
The one-year course includes four Saturdays throughout the year and five week nights in each of the three terms. Dependent on numbers, we run four groups across the diocese at Shrewsbury, Stoke, Wolverhampton and Lichfield. The evening sessions take place in local groups and the Saturday sessions take place altogether in Stafford and include a range of speakers as well as Bible studies.

Over the course of the year we will look at a range of themes:

| Term 1: God in Our Lives |
| Term 2: God in the Church |
| Term 3: God in the World |

Diocesan Advisory Panels
As Living Pathways is also exploration for church ministry, participants must have the support of their Ministry team and PCC/DCC to join the course. During the year candidates have the opportunity to specify the type of ministry they would like to explore further.

Participants interested in Ordained Ministry will be offered a Vocations Advisor to explore this call further.

Those thinking about Reader training will be invited to attend a Diocesan Advisory Panel (DAP). At this point, references will be required from the Incumbent (or equivalent), the PCC/DCC and other members of the parish.

What to do Next...
Living Vocation begins in September each year and applications are due by 31 July 2019. The cost of the course is £80.00 for the year which is usually covered by the participant’s own parish.

If you would like an application form, or further information about the course, please contact Helen Scheven, Training Co-ordinator: helen.scheven@lichfield.anglican.org or 01543 306223.