2019/2020 DATES

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

Lichfield (Wednesdays, 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm)
Leader: Helen Scheven, Training Co-ordinator.
Venue: The Reeve Room, St Mary’s House, The Close, Lichfield, WS13 7LD.
Term 1 Dates: 02 Oct 19, 09 Oct 19, 16 Oct 19, 23 Oct 19, 06 Nov 19
Term 2 Dates: 15 Jan 20, 22 Jan 20, 29 Jan 20, 05 Feb 20, 12 Feb 20
Term 3 Dates: 01 Apr 20, 22 Apr 20, 29 Apr 20, 06 May 20, 13 May 20

Shrewsbury (Wednesdays, 7.45 pm - 9.15 pm)
Leaders: The Revd Fi Iddon and The Revd Hannah Lins
Venue: Harlescott Emmanuel Church, Mount Pleasant Road, Shrewsbury, SY1 3HY.
Term 1 Dates: 02 Oct 19, 09 Oct 19, 16 Oct 19, 23 Oct 19, 06 Nov 19
Term 2 Dates: 15 Jan 20, 22 Jan 20, 29 Jan 20, 05 Feb 20, 12 Feb 20
Term 3 Dates: 01 Apr 20, 22 Apr 20, 29 Apr 20, 06 May 20, 13 May 20

Stoke-on-Trent (Thursdays, 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm)
Leader: The Revd Jane Morris
Venue: Hanley St Matthew’s Church, Birches Head Road, Birches Head, Stoke-on-Trent ST1 6LH
Term 1 Dates: 03 Oct 19, 17 Oct 19, 24 Oct 19, 07 Nov 19, 14 Nov 19
Term 2 Dates: 06 Feb 20, 13 Feb 20, 27 Feb 20, 05 Mar 20, 12 Mar 20
Term 3 Dates: 07 May 20, 14 May 20, 04 Jun 20, 11 Jun 20, 18 Jun

Wolverhampton (Mondays, 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm)
Leaders: The Revd Julia Cody and The Revd Dr Abbie Walsh
Venue: Perton Church, Anders Square, Wolverhampton, Perton WV6 7QH
Term 1 Dates: 14 Oct 19, 21 Oct 19, 04 Nov 19, 11 Nov 19, 18 Nov 19
Term 2 Dates: 13 Jan 20, 20 Jan 20, 27 Jan 20, 03 Feb 20, 10 Feb 20
Term 3 Dates: 27 Apr 20, 11 May 20, 18 May 20, 01 Jun 20, 08 Jun 20

Joint Meetings (Saturdays, 10.00 am - 3.30 pm)
Venue: St John’s, Littleworth, Stafford ST16 3RP
Dates: 28/09/2019, 09/11/2019, 29/02/2020, 16/05/2020

Pathways to Ministry
A course for those exploring God’s call to Ministry in the Diocese of Lichfield

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.
The Pathways programme will provide an opportunity not only to acquire new knowledge and understanding about God, mission, Scripture, and what it means to be Anglican today, 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 Bishop’s Certificate Course, Living Faith Course, Foundations for Ministry 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, and the course will include some ‘back to study’ skills. Learning will happen through a variety of methods, including discussion, lectures, workshops, workbooks and reading.

This one-year course includes a combination of four Saturdays and five weeknights in each of the three terms. The local sessions will be run in area groups with local tutors.

Course Outline

Over the course of the Pathways 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

Saturday sessions, which run in Stafford each year, include a range of speakers as well as Bible studies. The evening groups work through a theme each term, facilitated by a local tutor. As part of the course, participants are also invited to meet with vocations advisors, and to attend a quiet day focussing on God’s call.

Diocesan Advisory Panels

As Pathways to Ministry is exploration for 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 offer. Candidates for Ordained Ministry will work with the Bishops’ Director for Ordinands towards attending a Bishop’s Advisory Panel. Those offering for Lay Ministries will be invited to attend a Diocesan Advisory Panel. 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...

The Pathways course 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.