**How long does Living Discipleship take?**

~ The programme can be taken in your own time. It is designed to be done over the course of a year but it is up to each individual how long they spend on the programme.

~ Each chapter is designed to be done over a month but you can work through the chapters at your own pace.

**How do I apply for the Living Discipleship programme?**

~ You can apply for the Living Discipleship programme at any time and can start at the programme at any time.

~ If you are interested in applying for the Living Discipleship programme, you should have the support of your incumbent and PCC.

~ The cost of the course is **£50.00** which is usually covered by the participant’s parish.

~ If you would like an application form, or further information about the course, please see the website https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/living_discipleship/ or contact Helen Scheven, Training Co-ordinator: helen.scheven@lichfield.anglican.org or 01543 306223.
**Who is Living Discipleship for?**

~ Living Discipleship is a programme for those who are seeking to work out the shape of their discipleship in the world.

~ Candidates for Living Discipleship may benefit from having previously done *Living Faith* or an equivalent course.

**What is Living Discipleship?**

~ Living Discipleship has replaced the Authorised Lay Ministry Course.

~ Living Discipleship is an opportunity to develop existing and explore new areas of lay ministry. At the end of this programme, you may wish to be commissioned in your parish for ministry whether that is based in church, your community or your work place.

~ Living Discipleship is a journey taken in your own context. The programme is split into 10 chapters and each chapter is designed to build on the previous ones to support you in discerning the shape of your own discipleship and ministry.

~ Through a process of exploration and reflection and with the support of a mentor and your local Christian community, Living Discipleship will help you to affirm or discover your unique calling for each sphere of life.

**What does Living Discipleship involve?**

~ The Living Discipleship programme is split into 10 chapters, each of which include some Bible study, reflection, learning and an invitation to explore some of the themes of the module in your everyday life.

~ You will be provided with material for each of the 10 chapters with most of the work being self-study and reflection on practice.

~ The 10 chapters are:

  1. A vision for Christian Life
  2. Who am I?
  3. Christian Community and accountability
  4. Identifying different spheres of life
  5. Learning from reflecting
  6. The needs of the world
  7. Using my gifts for service
  8. Scoping out my ministry
  9. The shape of lived discipleship
  10. The shape of things to come

~ You will be sent the material for each chapter once you have completed the previous one.

~ Every other module (1, 3, 5, 7 and 9) includes a meeting with a mentor. The mentor will be allocated to you by the Vocations and Training team and will help you to reflect on your journey of discipleship, discern areas for further exploration and identify key aspects of your ministry.