

Deepening Discipleship

Following Jesus in faith, hope & love:
Resources and events for the whole people of God

Programme for 2017-2018

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Introduction

“The call to discipleship lies at the heart of what it means to be Christian.

Jesus calls women and men from all walks of life to be his disciples - to follow him in faith, hope and love”

Welcome

to the Deepening Discipleship programme for 2017-2018. This brochure contains information on the key events and training run by the various resource departments in the Diocese to encourage and enable discipleship.

The call to follow Jesus stretches across all areas of life - at home, at work and in church. As disciples we are called to be ambassadors of Christ in these places and with the people we meet. The Deepening Discipleship programme is based on this idea of whole life discipleship.

Our parishes, chaplaincies and expressions of church are the places where we receive the support, challenge and teaching that best enables us to be followers of Jesus. The Deepening Discipleship programme offers activities that support this fellowship & learning. Our courses are designed to directly support this ongoing discipleship - through training for leadership, pastoral support and mission. All events in Deepening Discipleship encourage participants to ‘take home and take on’ what they have learnt.

There are four main sections in the programme:

Conferences, Roadshows & Courses: The main events taking place during 2017-18. These include day conferences on spirituality, evangelism and discipleship; Diocesan celebration events at Southwark Cathedral; our Vocations Roadshows across the area; and courses run by the Diocese to support discipleship, mission and ministry. These include the Growing in Faith and Life course - leading to the Bishops Certificate in Discipleship. This course has had over 150 participants over the last two years and provides a dynamic programme for developing a life of discipleship.

Growing in Confidence: This section gathers together training and events to support growth in parish and church life. Participating in the leadership and development of parish life is a crucial part of our service as disciples. A key tool all parishes are encouraged to use is Mission Action Planning. This process draws on the insights and observations of all church members to help set a shared vision and shape for growth. Supporting some of the most common needs from MAP our Growing in Confidence training provides input to support work with children and young people; widen shared pastoral care and develop leadership skills for growing churches.

Sent in Service: Deepening discipleship is not only concerned with our service and action within the Church. As disciples we are also sent into God’s world in seek his Kingdom. Our department of Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation provide training and support in order to practically engage with our communities in the service of God’s Kingdom. The diocese’s Fresh Expressions team offer the Mission Shaped Ministry course to inspire fresh thinking and action in how we listen to and engage with the spiritual needs of people not yet connected with our churches. All of us are also sent in service in our personal calling and vocation. For 2017/18 our Vocations department are offering a new course to help people to discern and follow this calling - as ordinary Christians sent in the extraordinary role of ambassadors for Christ (2 Cor 5:20).

Called by the Spirit: As disciples, all Christians are asked to play our part in a growing church, participation that sustains our service in the world. For some there is a call to particular type of service. Throughout the year there is a series of fairs, conferences and retreats to explore a calling to authorised ministry - as pastors, teachers, evangelists and organisers. The events hosted by the Diocese Vocations team will help you to explore your own sense of call and provide the information you need to pursue this.

Going Deeper: Engaging Spirituality for Contemporary Life is the theme set for a series of events to promote a deeper commitment to prayer and a fresh sense of the Spirit’s empowering in our everyday lives. Beginning with a day conference in October we invite you to draw on the quiet days and retreats that follow the church year as a way of building your own sustaining rhythm to faith. The Going Deeper events will also provide resources that you can take back to your parishes and small groups.

We hope that this programme will help to deepen our life of discipleship as we journey in 2018. In addition to the events and activities listed here there is also the opportunity for us to come to where you are - to put on bespoke training and workshops for groups of churches or Deaneries. The types of bespoke training that our Diocesan and Area teams can facilitate are listed at the end of the brochure. This training is ideal to help support and encourage lay leadership in particular, and to foster links between churches so that we can support each other in deepening discipleship.

We hope you find this brochure useful. If you need further copies for others or want to stay up to date with news please go to www.southwark.anglican.org/deepeningdiscipleship
Blessings from all involved in the Deepening Discipleship group,

Nick

Nick Shepherd, Assistant Director of Discipleship and Ministry

Conferences, Roadshows & Courses

Saturday
16 Sep
10.00am-
1.00pm

Growing in Faith and Life: Introductory Morning

Discipleship and Ministry Team

Trinity House

An open morning to explore the Growing in Faith and Life course. The course, which runs from Sep-June, will enhance your understanding and confidence as a follower of Jesus. The course focuses on exploring personal calling as well as the roles we can play in a church in mission. Full details on pages 5-6.

Saturday
30 Sep
10.00am-
1.00pm

Thy Will Be Done: Equipping the Church for Evangelism

Mission and Evangelism Team

St George the Martyr, Borough High St, SE1 1JA

This conference brings together a number of contributors to explore the role of evangelism in local church life. Thy Will be Done offers the chance to explore practical ways to live out the prayers offered in the *Thy Kingdom Come* season of prayer. Early booking recommended.

Saturday
7 Oct
10.00am-
3.00pm

Black History Month Celebration: Art, Culture, Representation & Iconography

Diocesan Minority Anglican Ethnic Concerns Groups

Southwark Cathedral

This year's Thanksgiving Event celebrates the representation of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic people in art and culture.

The event will be hosted with guest artists including:

- Diana Ali, Visual Artist and Curator
- Pepukai Makoni, Poet and Conceptualist
- Dr David Dibosa, Curator and Expert in Visual Cultures, museum studies and art theory
- The Revd Regan O'Callaghan, Religious Ministry with Art, and Icon maker

There will be a number of icons on display including the Diocesan icon of Bernard Mausiiquii, the Three Mothers Triptych by Regan O'Callaghan and Trinity after Rublev by Meg Wroe.

For further details contact JPICAdmin@southwark.anglican.org

Conferences, Roadshows & Courses

Saturday
21 Oct
10.00am-
4.00pm

Going Deeper: Engaging Spirituality for Contemporary Life

Bishop's Spiritual Formation Advisory Group

Southwark Cathedral

The diocesan spirituality day this year focuses on how to develop rhythms that sustain and deepen faith in contemporary life. The day includes keynote sessions from Rev Dr Andrew Walker and workshops on prayer, practising hospitality and Christian spirituality. An event for all. Further details on page 27.

Saturday
10 Feb
10.00am-
-4.00pm

It's Your Call....young vocations

Vocations Team

Southwark Cathedral

Day conference for young people (aged 16 to 25) exploring vocation. These are fully funded by the Diocese, and so are free to all participants. All participants will need the support of their incumbent or chaplain to attend, please contact the Vocations team for further details.

Sunday
20 May
6.00pm

Thy Kingdom Come: Diocesan Pentecost Service

Mission and Evangelism Team

Southwark Cathedral

The Southwark Beacon event for the *Thy Kingdom Come* season of prayer. Celebrating the diverse ways that parishes & chaplaincies engage with their communities and to pray for the Spirit to empower our life of faith. Open to all.

Saturday
30 Jun
10.00am-
1.00pm

Thy Will Be Done: Equipping the Church for Discipleship

Discipleship and Ministry Team

St Thomas, Telford Park, SW2 4XW

A conference to explore how we can resource and enable discipleship in our parishes, chaplaincies and fresh expressions. The event will include a variety of practical workshops to resource lay and ordained leaders in particular. In partnership with LICC and Southwark Cursillo.

Conferences, Roadshows & Courses

Vocations Fairs

The Vocations Team

Tuesday
10 Oct
6.30-8.30pm

Vocations Fairs offer an opportunity to explore, talk to others and find about your vocation. There will be a keynote address, exploring the theme of vocation and calling, a seminar on discerning your call, and stalls to browse.

Vocations Fairs give you the chance to explore all aspects of personally calling. They are the ideal place to come to find out what resources and support are on offer to help you discern your own sense of vocation.

Tuesday
23 Jan
6.30-8.30pm

Across the year our Vocations Team will host a fair in the Kingston, Croydon and Woolwich Episcopal Areas, but each event is open to all. For more vocations events see pages 24-26

Saturday
21 Apr
2.30-5.30pm

10 Oct St Mark's, Battersea Rise, SW11 1EJ
23 Jan St George the Martyr, Borough High St, SE1 1JA
21 Apr St John's, Hurst Green, RH8 9EA



Discipleship, Mission & Ministry Courses for all

The Diocese offers a number of courses to resource and enable the whole people of God in discipleship, mission and ministry. These courses run throughout the year. Brief details of these year long courses are below, with links to further information.

Growing in Life and Faith

Growing in Faith and Life course is the Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship. The course, runs from Sep-June and covers six modules on church & Christian identity, understanding the bible, Christian teaching & belief; Ethics & Mission and prayer & responding to the Holy Spirit. Hosted in five different venues. Cost £200. Ending with a residential weekend in June. Further details on pages 10-11.

Leading Your Church Into Growth

Leading Your Church Into Growth is a free, 10-session evening course run by the diocese. The emphasis is on delivering practical solutions to common problems and developing a bespoke strategy for your church. The course works best with a mixture of clergy and laity attending as a parish group. Further details on page 19.

Mission Shaped Ministry

Mission Shaped Ministry is a one-year, part-time course which takes people on a learning journey as part of a supportive community, training them for ministry in fresh expressions of church. Cost is £150 for first participant, reducing to £50 for the fourth and subsequent participants. Further details on page 23.

Worship4Today

Worship4Today is a course for worship leaders and musicians, successfully tried and tested in a number of dioceses. This practical course will deepen your biblical and theological understanding of worship and develop skills as a worship leader. Tutored by lay and ordained worship leaders from Southwark. This course will run from September to June, on the second Saturday of the month. Venue to be confirmed. For more details contact the Department of Discipleship and Ministry.



Growing in Faith & Life: The Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship

Discipleship

is the process of becoming who we are; being transformed by encounters with God; being formed in obedience to the gospel and deepening our response to God in prayer, worship and service. **Growing in Faith and Life** is a course designed to help us to pursue a life of discipleship.

The course will give you confidence in speaking about your faith, deepen a life of prayer and help you to read the bible with more understanding. The theological study will enable you to gain new insights on Christian belief and discuss the relevance of faith in the modern world. Throughout the course there is a focus on grounding our understanding of God in following Jesus in our personal calling and as a church in mission.

Growing in Faith and Life is most suitable for those who have a grounding in faith that they want to enrich and actively pursue. Individuals involved in leadership roles within church and parish life will also benefit from the theological learning and development of skills that the course provides.

There are six modules across the year that cover:

- **Exploring** our identity and the church
- **Remembering** the people of God and the Old Testament
- **Following** Jesus through the New Testament
- **Believing** the teachings of the Church: questions of faith and doctrine
- **Challenging** mission: Christian ethics and lifestyle in the modern world
- **Responding** to the Holy Spirit in prayer, worship and discernment

Each module consists of ten hours teaching, short study activities and optional assignments that include a variety of practical activities, reflective journals and essays. Each venue has a Coordinating Tutor to help you identify your learning goals and choose assignments. You can take individual modules or the whole course.

At the end of a module you will have the opportunity to submit an assignment to demonstrate how your understanding of the topic, and insight into your own faith and has grown. Successful completion of these studies will lead to the award of the Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship. This is the foundation qualification for affirmed and authorised ministry in the Diocese. You can choose whether to complete assignments or not.



Growing in Faith & Life:2017-2018 Course Details

Dates & Venues

The course begins with an introductory afternoon 10am-1pm on Saturday 16 September at Trinity House. Modules begin in the week commencing 25 September. Each module runs for about five weeks with a short break before the next. The Saturday group meet twice per module. The course concludes with a residential weekend at Wychcroft in June 2018.

The venues for 2017/18 are:

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| • Tue | 6.30pm to 8.30pm | Trinity House, London Bridge SE1 1HW |
| • Wed | 7.30pm to 9.30pm | St. Mary's Church Centre, Reigate RH2 7RN |
| • Thu | 7.00pm to 9.00pm | St Matthew's House, Croydon, CR0 1PJ |
| • Sat | 10.00am to 3.00pm | Trinity House, London Bridge SE1 1HW |

The charge to participants for the course is £200, which includes the sessions, course materials and residential weekend. There is also an option to attend individual modules for £20. Many parishes financially support participants on the course. The overall costs of the course are subsidised by the diocese.

What current participants say...

"The course has developed me spiritually and is a good way to learn some theology. It does require determination, but the lectures and discussions with other students make it easier to explore"

"If you want to explore more about Christianity, and meet like minded people, the Bishop's Certificate course is for you."

"wonderful and inspiring...this course is planned with such intelligence and thoughtfulness. I have really admired the way you have enabled a diverse range of people at different stages of discipleship to participate and learn"

Growing in Confidence

“The acid test of being ‘Church’ is how we enable disciples of Christ to be made and deeper disciples of Christ to emerge”

Martyn Atkins

In addition to courses that foster our personal call to follow, the Diocese offers training to help parishes, chaplaincies and fresh expressions of church grow in confidence as communities of disciples. The following training is offered to help support this growth - in the breadth and depth of our life together. Encouraging churches to be growing places is at the heart of our Mission Action Planning. MAP is a tool that involves the whole people of God in discerning, deciding and directing God's preferred future for our communities.

Tuesday
31 Oct
10am-1pm

Making the Most of Mission Action Planning

Vanessa Elston

Trinity House

Mission Action Planning is a method for discerning and directing the life of our church communities. As part of the Bishop's vision for our diocese, every parish should have a MAP which is regularly reviewed through the cycle of reflection and review, decision making, planning and action upheld in a regular cycle of prayer.

Through MAP whole churches are encouraged to pray about and participate in setting the vision and goals that will serve the mission of God in the areas where we live. These three sessions will explore how to encourage involvement in MAP, how to make MAP a flexible and responsive tool and how to review and reset a mission action plan.



Tuesday
27 Feb
10am-1pm

Tuesday
19 Jun
10am-1pm

Growing in Confidence: Welcome, Care & Learning together

“A great challenge for the Church is to be a place that is dependable, a place that is patient and a place that is sufficiently still, quiet and unanxious for people to learn”

Rowan Williams, Being Disciples p. 33

These sessions focus on how we can all play our part in our church's welcome, care and learning. The aim of each session is to better enable your participation in these fundamental communal tasks of ministry to one-another. Each session is facilitated by an experienced lay or ordained ministry team. Open to individuals or better still parish groups. Additional sessions on specialist topics may be added throughout the year - keep up to date on the web - or by signing up for the Deepening Discipleship email bulletin.

Saturday
18 Nov
10am-1pm

Developing Pastoral Care in Your Parish

Paula Thorvaldsen

St Mark's, Wimbledon, SW19 7ND

Pastoral care is a communal task. This session is open to all members of parishes and expressions of church to explore how to take develop communal pastoral care. The training will include foundations in welcome and hospitality and look at how pastoral care teams can help. Facilitated by a team of Southwark Pastoral Auxiliaries - authorised lay ministers with pastoral care responsibilities.

Saturday
17 Mar
10am-1pm

Leading Bible Studies with Small Groups

Peter Charles

St Lawrence, Catford, SE6 2TS

Studying scripture together is vital for all followers of Jesus. This session will look at how to use small groups (home groups/ cell groups/ life groups) to open the word together. The training will include how to structure and lead bible study groups in a variety of ways to meet the needs of differing participants. Facilitated by a team of Southwark Readers - authorised lay ministers with teaching and preaching roles.

Growing in Confidence: Welcome, Care & Learning Together

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SAGE: Southwark Spirituality and Age Group provides events which address the spiritual needs of older people.



Ministry and Older People in the Local Church

SAGE and other contributors

Trinity House

Saturday
4 Nov
10.00am-
1.00pm

A session for those involved in planning and practising ministry alongside older members of our local congregations and communities. This session explores good practice and varied resources and approaches to pastoral, spiritual, social and missional dimensions of ministry, and will offer opportunities to share experience and questions. It will be facilitated by the SAGE working group and will include inputs from those with specialist expertise.

All welcome.

Advent Quiet Afternoon: 'One of Life's Two Certainties'

Chris Skilton

St Mary's, Balham, SW12 9BT

Thursday
7 Dec
12.00-
4.00pm

Advent has traditionally been a time to think about death as one of the "four last things". On this Quiet Afternoon, Chris Skilton will lead us in prayer and reflection on the meaning of mortality in the light of eternity, our Christian faith and God's love.

All welcome.

A New Adventure: Preparing for a Fruitful Retirement

SAGE and other contributors

Trinity House

Saturday
24 Feb
10.00am-
1.00pm

People reaching what was, until recently, the traditional age of retirement from paid work can now look forward to an average fifteen years' active life. This is an extended period of later life that did not exist for previous generations, so we cannot look to former expectations and patterns of life as models. This session explores how all Christians can prepare for this 'chapter of life', use the time fruitfully, and how the church could respond to this new reality.

All welcome.

Whose Problem? The church and the challenge of Social Care for older people

SAGE and JPIC Team

Trinity House

Thursday
21 Jun
10.00am-
1.00pm

An ageing population creates increasing pressures on social care while pressures on funding make for a political "hot potato". In the face of these issues, are there responses churches can make to social care needs? The session will consider possibilities in the light of theological reflection and research on current provision across the Diocese.

All welcome.

Growing in Confidence: Children & Young People

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“85% of people who come to Christ do so before the age of 18”

Church of England statistic

The discipleship of children and young people is a core calling of the church - as families and communities. These sessions will provide you with increased confidence in leading children and youth work and supporting children and young people as fellow church members. Our Life and Faith series may be of particular interest to parents & carers. See our Ministry Matters programme for training and network activities for employed children and youth workers..

Monday
9 Oct
5.30-7.30pm

Children & Young People's Mission & Ministry Resource Centre Opening

Hugh Ridsdill-Smith with Bishop Christopher, Lisa Bewick and Aike Kennett Brown

Southwark Cathedral

Official opening of the new Southwark Diocese Resource Exchange by Bishop Christopher with displays of the resources. This includes an Open Evening for CYP&M Training and Resources. Opening Ceremony and blessing at 6.30. Refreshments served throughout.

All welcome.

Wednesday
18 Oct
6.30-9.00pm

Children & Young People's Mission & Ministry Training & Resource Open Evening

Hugh Ridsdill-Smith with Aike Kennett Brown

All Saints, Kingston, KT1 1 JP

Find out more about our local training programme, with courses and grants available. We will also introduce the new Southwark Diocese Resource Exchange with displays of resources available. Short presentations at 7.30. Refreshments served throughout.

All welcome.

Tuesday
21 Nov
7.00-9.00pm

Life and Faith: Children & Young People's Mental Health

Hugh Ridsdill-Smith with Cheryl Trice, Olu Oyerinde and Aike Kennett Brown

Trinity House

This seminar explores challenging areas of ministry and work with children and young people. Expect relevant expert input, lively debate and Q+A's. Refreshments served.

Limited to 20 places.

Tuesday
20 Feb
7.00-9.00pm

Prayer Spaces in Schools

Hugh Ridsdill-Smith with Aike Kennett Brown and Vanessa Elston

Trinity House

Developing prayer spaces for children and young people in churches, schools and outdoor spaces. This practical session will provide inspiration and ideas to provide space for prayer that engages children and young people, creatively and meaningfully. Refreshments from 6.30

Saturday
10 Mar
9.45am-5.00pm

Godly Play: An Extended Introduction

Stuart Lee

St Mary's Church, High Street, Putney SW15 1SN

This is an opportunity to experience and explore Godly Play (www.godlyplay.org.uk) demonstrating ways it can be integrated into work with children and young people. It offers opportunities to gather, listen and respond to the Christian story in a worshipful, inspiring and playful way.

Limited to 12 places Bring your own lunch.

Saturday
14 Apr
10.00am-1.00pm

Messy Church: An Introduction

Martyn Payne

St Matthew's House, 100 George St, Croydon, CR0 1PG

This lively session, with one of Messy Church's national leaders, will unpack what Messy Church is - and isn't(!); how to start one; resources and support available; share stories of how Messy Church has grown and developed and explore how it can fit with the wider ministry of the church.

Intended for those working with children and young people in church or school settings.

Growing in Confidence: Children & Young People

Growing in Confidence: Leading Your Church into Growth

Wednesday
23 May
7.00-9.00pm

Life and Faith: Children & Young People with Additional Needs

Hugh Ridsdill-Smith with Tim Goode and Aike Kennett Brown

St Matthew's House, Croydon, CR0 1PJ

This seminar explores challenging areas of ministry and work with children and young people. Expect relevant expert input, lively debate and Q+A's. Refreshments served.

All Welcome, refreshments from 6.30pm.

Saturday
16 Jun
10.00 am-
4.30pm

Children & Young People's Leaders Quiet Day

St Benedict's Centre, 52 Swan Street, West Malling, Kent, ME19 6JX

This guided day offers a chance to step back from ministry and to recharge, through prayer, silence and meeting with others in the wonderful setting of St Benedict's Centre, West Malling. There will be time out and a chance to meet with other children and youth leaders from other Dioceses too.

*Lunch included. Cost £10
Refreshments from 9.30.*

Wondering how to make your church life more attractive to others?

Leading Your Church into Growth is the course for churches which want to move from good to great - in welcome, in worship, and in mission.

Leading Your Church into Growth is a free, 10-session evening course run by the Diocese. Each session covers a separate theme such as Life in the Wilderness, Establishing positive Leadership, Developing a Culture of Welcome and Community Today.

The emphasis is on delivering practical solutions to common issues and on supporting participants to create the strategy for growth in their own church's particular context.

The course is for church leadership or ministry teams and PCC's. LYCiG works best with a mixture of clergy and laity. It is effective for churches of all traditions; and for churches of all sizes whether in rural or urban settings.

Sessions will be held one evening a month from 7pm-8.15pm at Trinity House on the following dates

25 Sep	23 Oct	20 Nov	29 Jan	26 Feb
19 Mar	23 Apr	28 May	25 Jun	16 Jul

Open to all, but we strongly encourage people to come as part of a church team.

What participants in Southwark say...

"Every time I left a session I would be energized and stimulated to think about the points raised"

"I feel the important aspect of LYCiG is the sense it gives that change is possible"

"The variety of speakers made the course particularly vibrant and helped me to see church growth from different angles"



Sent in Service

“Christian discipleship is expressed today in thousands of different ways and places: in food banks, schools and hospitals; through the creative arts and media; in homes, workplaces; through voluntary work with children, the elderly through mutual care and support of young to old and vice versa, through Street Pastors, homeless projects, campaigning, credit unions, peace-making and political action, in the building of stable, loving families, in generous giving, in love for our neighbours, in hospitality, in care for the environment, in soup kitchens, advice centres and voluntary organisations. Together as the Church we are the Body of Christ, a community of missionary disciples. This missionary discipleship is the foundation of every Christian’s vocation to work and service”

Church of England report Developing Discipleship p.4

There are a variety of ways that individuals and churches can express this calling as missionary disciples. The two sessions offered by the team from Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation will help you to explore what these might be. There are dozens of local projects that our churches are engaged. Here we want to highlight the work of two key partners for the Diocese in serving the common good - WelCare and Together Southwark.

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DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK & CUF

Together Southwark is a joint venture between the Diocese of Southwark and Church Urban Fund. Together Southwark is working to assist local churches, community groups and voluntary organisations to transform lives and communities together in the Diocese of Southwark, covering South London and parts of Surrey.

Together Southwark works to reveal faith in action, to support and sustain individuals, families and communities in times of need and affect positive change in public policy.

For more on Together Southwark and to get involved contact nelly.misenga@southwark.anglican.org

Welcare Open Morning

Anna Khan with Welcare staff and volunteers

Welcare, 19 Frederick Crescent, SW9 6XN

Saturday
23 Sep
10am-
12.30pm

The Diocese has a longstanding partnership with the independent charity Welcare. Originally founded as a social action society in the 1800’s, now Welcare works with children and families across South London and East Surrey, helping parents and carers use their strengths and skills to nurture happy and confident children. Services are tailored to the real needs of the communities in which Welcare work, providing practical help and support to families, empowering them to rebuild their lives and access opportunities to ensure their children have a happy, confident childhood and future.

This open morning will cover how Welcare links to parishes and how you can volunteer as a mentor or helper.

For further details on the work of Welcare see www.welcare.org

Faith in Action

Theo Shaw and Nelly Misenga

Trinity House

Saturday
4 Nov
10.00am-
1.00pm

An introductory workshop to explore how as individuals and church communities of faith might lead us to action. The session will explore the issues of justice and care that are important in your context. It will give chance to reflect on how we listen to our communities and learn what we can best offer.

Open to all

Seeking the Common Good

Theo Shaw and Nelly Misenga

St Matthew’s House, Croydon, CR0 1PJ

Saturday
10 Mar
10.00am-
1.00pm

What does it mean to ‘seek the common good’? This workshop will explore our personal and communal impact around issues of public concern. Offering some key tools and approaches this session will equip you to engage well with others around areas of shared concern.

Open to all

Sent in Service: Your Vocation Where You Are

Sent in Service: Mission Shaped Ministry

“All the baptised are called to share in the ministry of Christ’s Church, and we rejoice in the diversity of the gifts with which God equips his people”
Bishop Christopher

As disciples God calls each of us to use our gifts and talents in service of the Kingdom. Our Vocations team have a programme of events to explore this calling. These sessions are designed to explore our calling as the people of God sent in service to the communities, work places and areas in which we live.



Mission Shaped Ministry

is for those wanting to explore how to begin, sustain and grow a fresh expression of church. A one-year, part-time course which takes people on a learning journey as part of a supportive community.

Sat	7 Oct	Introduction
Thu	9 Nov	Listening for Mission
Thu	7 Dec	Missional Values
Fri	12-Sun 14 Jan	Weekend Away
Thu	8 Feb	Gospel & Culture
Thu	8 Mar	What is Church?
Sat	21 Apr	Team Roles & Behaviour, Leadership
Thu	10 May	Starting Something New
Thu	7 June	Discipleship
Sat	14 July	Growing to Maturity

It’s Your Call

Vocations Team

Trinity House

A four week course exploring vocation and calling. Four sessions, giving the opportunity for participants to reflect on their gifts and passions and consider how God might be calling them to use these within the Church, local community and wider world.

Open to all (20 places)

For more vocations events and retreats, see p 24-25

Venue: St Thomas, Telford Park, SW2 4XW

Cost £150 for first two participants, £100 for third & £50 for fourth and subsequent participants

Participants say.....

“This is the course I have been crying out for, for a number of years! It is relevant, contemporary, engaging, and topical.”

“I nearly didn’t sign up for mission shaped ministry because I thought I would have heard it all before. But the teaching was excellent and, of course, you learnt as much from other participants from other churches and other denominations. Don’t miss it as I nearly did.”

“This has been the best training I have ever been involved in. The best part was meeting up every month with other people on this journey. The fellowship and sharing times with the other participants and the leaders were wonderful. I can’t recommend this course highly enough”

Called by the Spirit: Calling & Vocation

Vocations Fairs

offer an opportunity to explore, talk to others and find about your vocation. There will be a keynote address, exploring the theme of vocation and calling, a seminar on discerning your call and stalls to browse. Details of dates and venues can be found on page 8.

Vocations Conferences

provide the opportunity to explore and reflect on your calling in a friendly and inspiring environment. These are fully funded by the Diocese, and so are free to all participants. All participants will need the support of their incumbent or chaplain.

Quiet Days and Retreats

offer a mixture of short talks, led reflections, creative prayer, and plenty of space for silent prayer and reflection, giving participants the opportunity to explore their own journey of faith, and to reflect on the ways in which God is calling them.

Called by the Spirit: Calling & Vocation

Called by Name: Vocations Retreat

Vocations Team

Wychcroft, RH1 4NE

God calls each and every one of us by name (Isa. 43.1); how do we begin to discern what this means for our life?
A weekend retreat at Wychcroft.

This retreat is open to all, contact the vocations team for more details.

It's Your Call....exploring ordained ministry

Vocations Team

Wychcroft, RH1 4NE

A residential conference at Wychcroft focused on exploring and encouraging vocations to ordained ministry. Conferences are fully funded by the Diocese, and so are free to all participants. All participants will need the support of their incumbent or chaplain to attend, please contact the Vocations Team for further details.

Limited places

Called by the Spirit: Calling & Vocation

Saturday
10 Feb
10.00am
-4.00pm

It's Your Call....exploring young vocations

Vocations Team

Southwark Cathedral

Day conference for young people (aged 16 to 25) exploring vocation. These are fully funded by the Diocese, and so are free to all participants. All participants will need the support of their incumbent or chaplain to attend, please contact the Vocations Team for further details.

Saturday
3 Mar
10.00 -
4.00pm

Called by Name: Vocations Quiet Day

Vocations Team

Wychcroft, RH1 4NE

God calls each and every one of us by name (Isa. 43.1); how do we begin to discern what this means for our life?
A Quiet Day at Wychcroft.

Open to all.

Friday-
Sunday
3-5 Mar

It's Your Call....exploring lay vocation

Vocations Team

Wychcroft, RH1 4NE

A residential conference at Wychcroft focused on exploring and encouraging vocations to lay ministry within the church. Conferences are fully funded by the Diocese, and so are free to all participants. All participants will need the support of their incumbent or chaplain to attend, please contact the Vocations Team for further details.

Limited places

Going Deeper: Engaging Spirituality

Diocesan Spirituality Day

Engaging Spirituality for Contemporary Life:

A day conference on the rhythms of Christian life today

Sat 21 Oct 2017 10am-4pm

Going Deeper: Engaging Spirituality for Contemporary Life explores the rhythm of life and resources for prayer that sustain Christian discipleship and spirituality.

Keynote speaker: The Revd Dr Andrew Walker. Andrew Walker was ordained in 1985 and has worked in parish ministry for much of that time as well as being the founder director of the London Centre for Spirituality. He is also a psychosynthesis trained supervisor. His book *Journey into Joy* is published by SPCK, and *On Retreat* by Bloomsbury. Andrew is also director of the St Marylebone Healing and Counselling Centre.

Workshops include:

- Hospitality: Bishop Karowei Dorgu
- Prayer & Song: Paul Roberts
- Spirituality for Extroverts: Ruth Adams
- Using labyrinths: Barbara Wallace
- Spirituality & Family Life: Tiff Ewins & Nick Shepherd
- Diddy Disciples; Sharon Moughton-Mumby
- Silent Meditation: Ian Mobsby
- Intercessions & activism: Gareth Powell
- Forming a Rhythm of Life: Chris Palmer
- Seeing the Spirit: Bonnie Clarke

Plus stalls with spirituality books, resources and organisations
Cost: £8 for individual ticket or £5 per person booking in groups of 5 or more.



Going Deeper: Engaging Spirituality for Contemporary Life

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“Without nourishing our own souls, we can’t nourish the world, for we cannot give what we do not have. As we attend to our souls, we emanate invisibly and involuntarily the light we have received.”

Marianne Williamson

A year long programme to discern and deepen our rhythm of life. Quiet Days and Retreats at Wychcroft and around the Diocese. These events run through the whole year, why not consider booking for the whole series?

Reflection Day for Advent: Holding the Light

Spiritual Formation Group

Wychcroft, RN4 1NE

This day offers an opportunity to explore the themes of darkness and light. We will also think about those things which we may be carrying on our journey through Advent. There will be some times of input, times of personal space for prayer and reflection, and a creative space for your own response.

*Cost £26.50
Max 25 places*

Reflection Day for Advent: Holding the Light

Spiritual Formation Group

St Mildred's, Addiscombe, CR0 7ED

This day offers an opportunity to explore the themes of darkness and light. We will also think about those things which we may be carrying on our journey through Advent. There will be some times of input, times of personal space for prayer and reflection, and a creative space for your own response.

*Cost £26.50
Max 25 places*

Reflection Day for Epiphany: Light in Everyday Life

Spiritual Formation Group

Holy Trinity & St Peter, SW19 1SB

How do we recognise the light of Christ in our everyday lives, so that we can experience little epiphanies in the world? An opportunity to reflect and pray, with input and silence.

*Cost £26.50
max 25 places*

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Spiritual Formation Group

Wychcroft, RH1 4NE

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Lent Retreat: Worthy of Trust

The Revd Anthony Buckley

Wychcroft, RH1 4NE

School Chaplain and author of *Worthy of Trust*, Anthony Buckley, leads this weekend retreat to explore how trust lies at the heart of faith and witness. An opportunity to consider what trusting in Jesus means in your life and witness as we journey through Lent in the peace of the Surrey countryside, enjoy the hospitality of Wychcroft and pray in the chapel together.

*cost £180
Max 22 places*

Tuesday
5 Dec
10.00am -
4.00pm

Saturday
9 Dec
12.00 -
4.00pm

Saturday
13 Jan
10.00am -
4.00pm

Tuesday
23 Jan
10.00am -
4.00pm

Friday-
Sunday
16-18 Feb

Going Deeper: Engaging Spirituality for Contemporary Life

Going Deeper: Engaging Spirituality for Contemporary Life

Tuesday
29 May
10.00am-
4.00pm

Reflection Day for Pentecost: Spirit of Creativity

Spiritual Formation Group

Wychcroft, RN1 4NE

This day offers an opportunity to explore the Pentecost spirit of life, creativity and renewal. There will be some times of input, times of personal space for prayer and reflection, and a creative space for your own response.

Cost £26.50

Max 25 places

Saturday
9 Jun
10.00am-
4.00pm

Reflection Day for Pentecost: Spirit of Creativity

Spiritual Formation Group

Sisters of St Andrew, Belmont Hill, Blackheath, SE13 5DY

This day offers an opportunity to explore the Pentecost spirit of life, creativity and renewal. There will be some times of input, times of personal space for prayer and reflection, and a creative space for your own response.

Cost £26.50

Max 25 places

Tuesday
10 July
10.00am-
4.00pm

Stroll and Pray in the Country

Spiritual Formation Group

Wychcroft, RN1 4NE

Walk and pray in the countryside around Wychcroft. Time to talk, time for silence, time to listen.

Cost £26.50

Max 25 places

Saturday
14 Jul
10.00am -
4.00pm

Stroll and Pray in the City

Spiritual Formation Group

Christ Church, Blackfriars, SE1 8NY

Walk and pray in the city. Time to talk, time for silence in the midst of busyness, time to listen.

Cost £26.50

max 25 places

You might also be interested in...

Cursillo (pronounced kur-see-yo) is a movement of the church, providing a method by which Christians are empowered to grow through prayer, study and action, and are enabled to share God's love with everyone.

Today, people who attend a Cursillo weekend continue to experience a sense of pilgrimage. They are on a journey. They don't know who their companions will be, what adventures they will have along the way; or even where it will all lead. There is a sense of the 'unknown', 'unexpected' and 'anticipation'. Like all pilgrimages, it is a journey in faith. God is the constant companion and there will be other pilgrims, too, of different ages, ethnicity, interests, abilities etc, encouraging and helping one another along the way. the dates for Southwark Cursillo's next Weekend at Wychcroft is 19-22 October 2017.

For further information and booking instructions will be appearing soon on our website www.southwarkcursillo.org when details finalised.



Wychcroft : The Diocese of Southwark Resource & Retreat Centre

Set in the Surrey countryside, the Diocesan retreat house offers peaceful rural surroundings, fresh home cooked food and a warm welcome. The house is now available for individual quiet days and small group retreats, as well as parish weekends.

For details contact: Richard Ellis,
email wychcroft@southwark.anglican.org
Phone: 01883 743041

Deepening Discipleship: where you are...

Bespoke training for PCC groups and Deaneries

Bespoke training can be offered to meet identified needs shared by groups of churches and Deaneries. Training can be run in local areas where there is sufficient demand. To set up a training event, run one of these workshops, or for further details please email the named contacts below.

Growing places: Running and evaluating enquiry and discipleship courses

Discipleship courses are helpful tools for building a shared life of discipleship, but how do we best draw upon these for lasting transformation?

This training will cover the practicalities of running such courses and how they can be used to generate a culture of discipleship

Contact nick.shepherd@southwark.anglican.org

Growing groups: Establishing and evolving regular small groups

Our shared life of discipleship can be greatly aided by the use of small groups. Such groups can be places for prayer and support; study and nurture; welcome and hospitality. This training will explore, and learn from, the models of fellowship, bible study and home groups found across church traditions.

Contact nick.shepherd@southwark.anglican.org

Growing closer: Fostering corporate spirituality and prayer

Study, prayer and listening to God should be at the heart of our church life. This training will help to explore how to deepen spirituality and prayer in church communities and groups.

Contact spirituality@southwark.anglican.org

Growing younger: Resourcing work with children, young people and families

Nurturing and engaging children and young people's faith is a crucial task for the church. This training will explore how to approach this undertaking through building intergeneration work to support and include the various forms of family life we are called to support.

Contact hugh.ridsdill-smith@southwark.anglican.org

Growing mission: Exploring evangelism and engaging outreach

Most parishes in Southwark now have a Mission Action Plan to stimulate and steer community engagement, evangelism and discipleship.

This training will explore what next steps and new initiatives might give added stimulus to outward focussed discipleship.

Contact vanessa.elston@southwark.anglican.org

Deepening Discipleship: where you are...



Growing vocation: Discerning calling and supporting vocation

Our personal sense of vocation is a deep aspect of our calling as disciples. This training will aid reflection on a renewed sense of vocation for the whole people of God - as individuals and communities. This includes how callings to ministry can be affirmed within this.

Contact louise.ellis@southwark.anglican.org

Growing generosity: Discipleship, sharing & giving

Being generous with our time and resources is a hallmark of servant leadership and committed discipleship. This workshop will look at the different ways in which we can help support the life and mission of our churches - through our time, skills and giving. It will equip church members to encourage generosity as a core value across our shared life.

Contact gabby.parikh@southwark.anglican.org

Growing concern: Serving communities and the common good

How do we respond as individuals and parishes to the concerns of our communities? This training will help to build skills in listening, partnering and leading community initiatives and how to develop effective community engagement .

Contact theo.shaw@southwark.anglican.org

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