Suggested notices for the Celebration of Lay Ministries

Below are suggested announcements for use in your parish notice sheets to be used the Sundays prior to the celebration and on the day itself.

Ahead of the Celebration of Lay Ministries

The Celebration of Lay Ministries will take place throughout our diocese on Sunday 2 February (Candlemas). This will be an opportunity to affirm and celebrate the many dedicated lay people who give tirelessly of their time and talent in service to others and to the Church as liturgical ministers, ministers of consolation, members of the finance and pastoral councils, adult faith formation coordinators, liturgical planners and so many other roles. Please join us for a special celebration honouring these dedicated people at the ______ Service. A reception will follow in the______.

Suggested notices for the day itself

Today is a day of Celebration of Lay Ministries throughout our diocese, a day when we celebrate the many ways in which our lay people give themselves in service to the Church. While all are called to service, some are called to leadership.

The Lay Ministry Vocations Pathway is for those persons selected who wish to serve in parish ministry as leaders or co-ordinators of a particular ministry. Over a two to four year period, participants are provided with academic, pastoral, human and spiritual formation. If you feel called to fill this need within your parish - or called to a particular ministry - please speak with <named person - usually the incumbent> or the Assistant Director of Lay Ministry, Carol Coslett about attending a Lay Taster Day or applying to attend a vocations forum.

Contact: Carol Coslett Assistant Director of Lay Ministry carol.coslett@southwark.anglican.org

Lay Ministry Taster Session

Are you open to the call to serve in parish ministry?

Consider joining other Licensed and Commissioned lay pastoral leaders who have responded to the call by training through the different courses on offer from our diocese. Speak with <named person - usually the incumbent > to see how you can use your particular gifts in service to your parish community.

The next Lay Taster Session will take place on 19 February via Zoom. Details can be found at https://tinyurl.com/LMTaster.