

Discipleship and Ministry

*Events and Courses from
Southwark Diocese*

Spring 2024



**Hearts
on Fire**

The Diocese of Southwark

Loving God
Walking with Jesus
Led by the Spirit

Luke 24:13-35

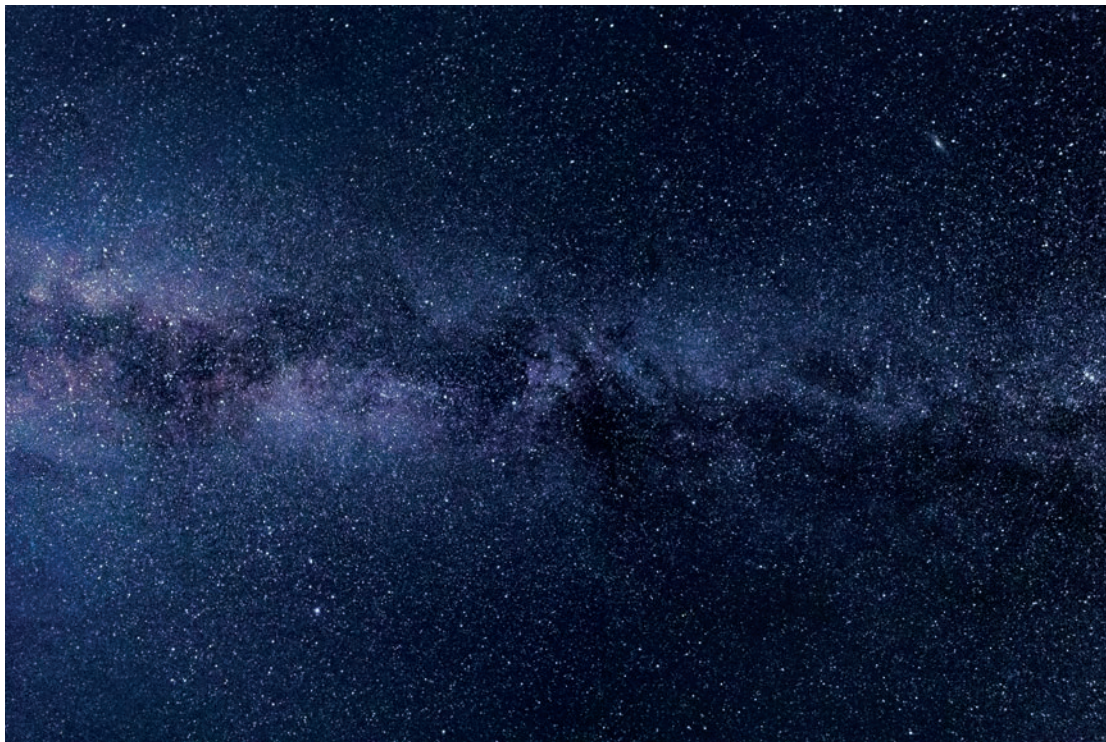


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The Spring 2024 events and courses brochure

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and those who lead many to righteousness like the stars for ever and ever.

Daniel 12:3



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Welcome!

Spring means new life and a hopeful anticipation of the joys of Eastertide, and with it a chance to grow in faith. We are delighted to share our January-April programme of events and courses to inspire you and enrich your Christian journey.

Join us for the Croydon Episcopal Area Lay Conference on 2 March. This day of workshops, prayer, market stalls, and an exciting keynote address by noted theologian Dr Elaine Storkey will help you transform praise and worship of God into passionate action. (Events for the other episcopal areas are being planned - stay tuned for more details!)

Our popular series of Ground Floor Guides continues with introductions to the English Reformations (yes, plural!), and to the season of Lent. This term we're starting a new series called 'Praying with...' all about different types of Christian prayer and spirituality and how you can integrate them into your daily life.

There are also courses and drop-ins exploring Fresh Expressions, godly play, social justice, sport, supporting young people, and much more. These free events are open to all, lay or ordained, and are easy to book.

If you've been thinking about ways to deepen your faith or minister to others, consider booking on one of our two substantial courses beginning in September 2024. The Bishop's Certificate is a ten-month course in Christian discipleship, open to anyone, which covers the Bible, Christian belief, church history, and living out your faith. The Aurora Course is a new programme which equips people to be effective leaders of children and young people. There is a selection process for this course. It's not too early to express your interest for this year's courses; email learning@southwark.anglican.org for more information.

Subscribing to Discipleship News - our monthly email newsletter containing prayers, news, events listings, and much more - is the very best way to keep yourself informed about what is on offer from Southwark Diocese. To subscribe, email learning@southwark.anglican.org with the word 'Subscribe to Discipleship News' in the subject line.

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Saturday
27 Jan

Lay Ministry taster day

Come along and find out more about the different types of Lay Ministries in Southwark Diocese, such as Pastoral, Pioneer, Reader, Children and Young People (CYP) and more.

Explore the opportunities for training and join in some fun CYP activities for all ages including tea and donuts. Families welcome!



Saturday 27 January, 10.00am-2.00pm, Trinity House, free.

To register your interest, email learning@southwark.anglican.org

Saturday
13 Jan

Vocations forums

This is a day during which you can reflect on what kind of ministry God is calling you to. Might you have a role in a recognised ministry in the Church - as an ordained ministry such as a Priest or as a Lay Minister such as a Reader, Pastoral minister (SPA), leader of children and young people (CYP), or Pioneer? A vocations forum is an opportunity to reflect, pray and discuss it with others. Before you attend a day like this you should have a thorough conversation with your vicar or chaplain. He or she will be able to help you decide whether the time is right to start exploring God's call.

Saturday 13 January, 9.00am-4.00pm, Trinity House, free, or
Saturday 17 February, 9.00am-4.00pm, Trinity House, free, or
Saturday 16 March, 9.00am-4.00pm, Trinity House, free.

There will be further vocations forums throughout 2024.

Your incumbent or chaplain needs to sponsor you to attend. He or she can book your place by emailing vocations@southwark.anglican.org

Saturday
17 Feb

Saturday
16 Mar

Saturday
2 Mar

Magnificat! From Praise to Passionate Action: Croydon Episcopal Area Lay Conference

Are you looking for a chance to learn, to think, to reflect and to meet other local lay people? Join us at the Croydon Area Lay Conference on Saturday 2nd March 2024 for an opportunity for just that.

Bishop Rosemarie will open the conference. Our keynote address is from the renowned philosopher, sociologist, theologian and broadcaster Dr Elaine Storkey, who will unpack the wonderful outpouring of praise from Mary about the mercy and goodness of God, and reflect on how Christians might act on that in the light of the challenges of our own day, combining intercession and advocacy with active compassion.

The day will include 19 workshops on a variety of topics led by lay people from Croydon and other parts of the Diocese on aspects of lay involvement in church and society. A variety of marketplace stalls will be available for attendees to peruse. Uplifting worship will begin and end the day. Lunch and light refreshments are included in the ticket cost.



Saturday 2 March, 9.30am-5.00pm, St Bede's School, Redhill, RH1 2LQ, £10.00.

Entry is by ticket, and you need to book online no later than midnight on Sunday 11 February. Visit CroydonLayConference2024.eventbrite.co.uk to book.

Sept
onwards

The Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship

The Bishop's Certificate is a ten-month course exploring the Christian faith. There are modules about the Bible, being Anglican, what Christians believe, living as a follower of Jesus Christ, and putting your future into God's hands. It is for anybody who wants to be more confident about their faith. You can take the course either online or in person at Trinity House, and there are evening or morning groups. The cost is £220, but no one is ever prevented from taking the course because of the expense.

For more details, precise dates, and an application form, e-mail bishopscertificate@southwark.anglican.org



Sept
onwards

The Aurora Youth and Children's Ministry Courses

Do you work with children or young people? Join the Aurora Children's or Youth Ministry Course and gain a qualification as a commissioned Children's Minister or Youth Worker, which are formally recognised throughout Southwark Diocese. Aurora is a two-year course comprising the Bishop's Certificate plus specialist training in children's or youth ministry. Anyone can take the Bishop's Certificate, but there is a selection process for those who wish to train for commissioned lay ministry through Aurora.

The Aurora Children's Ministry course will begin in September 2024. Register your interest at bit.ly/41rarjo

Ongoing

Diversity Training

Diversity training helps individuals and churches address the issues of unconscious bias which arise in diverse communities. Everyone in a position of leadership, whether lay or ordained, needs to consider these matters. This includes clergy, Readers, SPAs, Pioneers, leaders of children's and young people's groups, and PCC members.

The facilitators for these events are drawn from a team led by the Rt Revd Dr Rosemarie Mallett, Bishop of Croydon, and the Revd Canon Wendy Robins, Director of Discipleship, Lay Ministry and Continuing Ministerial Education.

If you would like diversity training for your parish or deanery, contact Helen Medland at helen.medland@southwark.anglican.org

Tuesday
9 Jan

CYP Zoom drop-ins: Sports with Christian Values with KICK

Join Joe Lowther CEO of KICK, to learn more about how to transform children's lives through sport and support. KICK is a charity that aims to transform young people's lives with God's love, through values-driven physical education, street dance, mentoring, chaplaincy in schools and community KICK Academies.

Tuesday 9 January, 1.30-2.30pm, Zoom, free.

To book your place, go to bit.ly/42iGTnS

Thursday
11 Jan

CSI: Easter training session

Join Jude Barber, Children's worker at Christ Church Purley to find out more about how to run the hands-on resource workshop CSI: Easter – The case of the missing body. Partner with your local school and provide pupils with the opportunity to visit a place of worship and enrich their experience and knowledge of Christianity.

CSI: Easter is designed to enable pupils in Key Stage 2 to discover the beliefs behind the Christian festival of Easter through engagement, excitement and fun! Through investigation, scientific experimentation, code-breaking, fingerprinting and evidence packs, pupils learn about the events of Good Friday and discover why the garden tomb was empty on Easter Sunday morning.

Thursday 11 January, 12.00-1.30pm, Zoom, free.

To book your place, go to bit.ly/42iGTnS

Wednesday
17 Jan

Monday
22 Jan

A cheerful hour about giving

The Giving Team are hosting one of their regular practical online sessions to help you plan for a generous year in your church. Looking through the seasons of the year for particular challenges and opportunities, the team will cover stewardship campaigns, preaching on money, using digital giving well, talking about legacies, and where to go for help. Most helpful for church leaders, treasurers and anyone who believes that 'God loves a cheerful giver'.

Wednesday 17 January, 1.00-2.00pm, Zoom, free, or
Monday 22 January, 7.30-9.30pm, Zoom, free.

To book your place, email jenny.dawkins@southwark.anglican.org, indicating which of the sessions you'd like to attend.



Saturday
27 Jan

Lay Ministry taster day

Come along and find out more about the different types of ministries such as Pastoral, Pioneer, Reader, Children and Young People (CYP) and more. There will be fun activities for all ages - families welcome!

For more information and to book, see page 4.

Tuesday
30 Jan

Turning Towards the Light: A quiet day

This one-day retreat will be an opportunity to take time out and prepare for our journeys as the new year progresses. A gentle programme will offer varied ways to reflect on Darkness and Light in our lives and in the world. We will have spells of worship rooted in silence, but with some prepared ministry and guidance, together with optional activities such as collage, poetry, or lectio divina.



The day will be rooted in prayerful silence, in the Quaker tradition, and will include optional activities such as simple creative activities, or time spent in meditation or journalling.

Tuesday 30 January, 10am-3.30pm, Kingston Quaker Centre, KT1 2PT, free with optional collection.

To book your place, visit spidir.org.uk/event/spidir-quiet-day/

Wednesday
31 Jan

Growing Fresh Expressions: Community-building and forming and enriching a team

Do you want to change the world? Community is key. If you want to start or grow a Fresh Expression you'll need a team. Pioneering is a communal pursuit, but finding and forming a team can often be a challenge. Practical love often requires community.

In this session, the Revd David Cundill, Pioneer Development Officer, will explore how to build a community and the team you need to grow it, and look at how to enrich yourself and the team along the way.

Wednesday 31 January, 7.30-9.30pm, Zoom, free.

To book your place, email pioneering@southwark.anglican.org

Saturday
3 Feb

Hearts Singing God's Song: Vocation for disabled and neurodivergent people

Each of us is made in the image of God and each of us are fearfully and wonderfully made. And each of us is called to be part of the mission and ministry of the church, regardless of our embodiment and anything that our society might label as disability or difference.

This event, hosted by Em Coley, priest and Vocations Advisor, is for disabled or neurodivergent people who would like to begin to explore a vocation to lay or ordained ministry in the Church of England. It is designed to encourage people who might feel that for some reason their disability would be a barrier to ministry to begin a journey of exploration and discernment.

You will learn about neurodivergence and theology, learn about the vocation journey of a person with a disability, plus hear stories from disabled and neurodivergent people in ministry.

Saturday 3 February, 10.30am-12.30pm, Zoom, free.

To book your place, go to bit.ly/480F02z

Saturday
3 Feb

Godly Play training day

Godly Play is a movement that encourages the spiritual nurture of children and adults in our churches. It involves storytelling and theological reflection for all ages. Children's leaders and preachers alike are welcome to join the Revd Ronni Lamont, expert in child spiritual development and facilitator of Godly Play courses, as she introduces Godly Play and helps us understand what a powerful and creative technique it can be.



Saturday 3 February, 10.00am-1.30pm, Trinity House, free.

To book your place, go to bit.ly/40VILoK

Tuesday
6 Feb

Learn more about Messy Church

Join Aike Kennett-Brown, Head of Messy Church, to find out more about Messy Church, a fun, Christ-centred, all-age church based on creativity, hospitality and celebration that helps people encounter Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Messy Church is part of the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF) which believes, with the historic churches, in one God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



Tuesday 6 February, 1.30-2.30pm, Zoom, free.

To book your place, go to bit.ly/42iGTnS

Wednesday
7 Feb

Growing Fresh Expressions: Beyond tea and a muffin - how to share faith and form disciples outside of your current community and church activities

For anyone with church or community activities who'd like them to go further. You've got people coming along to your drop in, tea dance or parent and toddler group who'll willingly drink your tea and eat your muffins, but you don't know how you're going to share Jesus with them or help them become disciples.

In this session, the Revd David Cundill, Pioneer Development Officer, will share tried and trusted ways of turning attendees into disciples.

Wednesday 7 February, 7.30-9.30pm, Zoom, free.

To book your place, email pioneering@southwark.anglican.org

Monday
12 Feb

Ground floor guide to Lent

Christians sometimes think of Lent as a season of grudging obligation, in which we're made to give up things we like for a purpose we're not quite sure of. But what is the season of Lent really about? How did the Church come to celebrate it in the way we do now? Most importantly, how can we use the season of Lent to draw closer to Jesus, whose glorious Resurrection we will celebrate at Easter?



Canon Jeremy Haselock, former Precentor and Vice-Dean of Norwich Cathedral and author of a book on the history and practice of Lent, will guide us through the answers to these questions, showing us how keeping Lent can help deepen our walk with God.

Monday 12 February, 7.30-8.30pm, Zoom, free.

To book your place, email learning@southwark.anglican.org

Wednesday
21 Feb

Lay Ministry taster sessions

If you are thinking about using your gifts and would like to find out more about how to begin exploring a vocation to Lay Ministry, then these taster sessions are for you.

You'll have a chance to ask questions about the different ministries, whether your interest is in Reader, SPA/Pastoral, Pioneer, Evangelist, or Children and Young People (CYP) ministry, and hear some stories of people who have experienced these roles and been through training.

Wednesday 21 February, 7.30-8.30pm, Zoom, free, or
Wednesday 10 April, 7.30-8.30pm, Zoom, free.

To book your place, email learning@southwark.anglican.org

Wednesday
10 Apr

Monday
26 Feb

Ground floor guide to the English Reformations

Have you ever heard that Henry VIII started the Church of England in order to marry Anne Boleyn? That couldn't be further from the truth. But if Henry VIII didn't start the Church of England, who did? How did the idea of a distinctively 'Anglican' church develop, and what does that mean for us today?

Charlotte Gauthier, historian and Assistant Director of Discipleship will introduce us to the cast of fascinating characters that shaped the English Reformations of the 16th and 17th centuries, and continue to influence the way we worship now.



Monday 26 February, 7.30-8.30pm, Zoom, free.

To book your place, email learning@southwark.anglican.org

Wednesday
28 Feb

Growing Fresh Expressions: Growing and making disciples in Fresh Expressions

Jesus called his followers to make disciples. Fresh expressions of church make this a priority but how do you go about exploring faith and discipleship in your fresh expression? How do you introduce this in the first place and how can you encourage vibrant faith in your new Christian community?

In this session, the Revd David Cundill, Pioneer Development Officer, will help you understand how you can join one or two other Christians (or more!), practice discipleship, and put in stepping stones to help those in your Fresh Expression explore discipleship too.

Wednesday 28 February, 7.30-9.30pm, Zoom, free.

To book your place, email pioneering@southwark.anglican.org

Thursday
29 Feb

‘Poverty is winning’ - How the Church can respond

Naomi Mungroo of Christians Against Poverty joins us for a look at the state of poverty in the UK, its implications, and some of the ways that churches can get involved in tackling debt and poverty.

Thursday 29 February, 12.30-1.30pm, Zoom, free.

To book your place, email jpica@southwark.anglican.org and a member of the team will send you registration details. If you would like more information, please contact Natalie Walters, Head of JPIC, at natalie.walters@southwark.anglican.org



Tuesday
5 Mar

CYP Zoom drop-ins: Engaging with and supporting young people and their families with Youthscape

Join the CYP team and Martin Saunders, Director of Innovation at Youthscape, to find out more about how to engage with young people and their families. You'll learn how the positive transformation of young people can be at the heart of everything you do - especially for those facing critical challenges and issues in their lives.

Tuesday 5 March, 1.30-2.30pm, Zoom, free.

To book your place, go to bit.ly/42iGTnS

Wednesday
6 Mar

Growing Fresh Expressions: Spiritual friendship and natural evangelism

If you're one of many Christians who are not confident about that E word; this is a session for you. More and more people are discovering that our friends outside of church don't want an evangelist they want a spiritual friend and that evangelism isn't about personalities, process or courses but is a natural part of our discipleship.

In this two-part series, the Revd David Cundill, Pioneer Development Officer, will explore how to be a spiritual friend to those around you through each part of the natural Fresh Expressions missional journey and how your friends become Jesus followers along the way.

Wednesday 6 March, 7.30-9.30pm, Zoom, free, and
Wednesday 13 March, 7.30-9.30pm, Zoom, free.

To book your place, email pioneering@southwark.anglican.org

Thursday
7 Mar

Offering ministry in care homes

How can churches best support residential care homes? SAGE (Southwark and Ageing) has arranged for Tina English, director of Embracing Age, to lead a session aimed at both those presently involved in care home ministry and those wondering how to develop relationships with local homes. The session will look at 'best practice' in relation to both volunteers who come alongside residents and to clarifying expectations with homes and their staff.



Clergy, SPAs, Readers and lay teams have for many years had valuable ministries in many care homes. The session will include opportunities to share experiences and questions, and to think how outreach to care homes could be extended.

Thursday 7 March, 10.00-11.15am, Zoom, free.

To book your place, email sage@southwark.anglican.org

Tuesday
12 Mar

Praying with St Francis of Assisi

Franciscan spirituality emphasises encountering God through Creation, living in solidarity with the poor and outcast, caring for the environment, and consciously imitating Christ in our words and actions. But how do the teachings of a 13th-century Italian friar translate to 21st-century London?

The Revd Dr Thomas Sharp TSSF, Succentor of Southwark Cathedral and a third-order Franciscan, will guide us through the spiritual world of one of the most beloved saints, and teach us how we can pray like St Francis in our daily lives.



Tuesday 12 March, 7.30-8.30pm, Zoom, free.

To book your place, email learning@southwark.anglican.org

Thursday
14 Mar

Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation - what does it all mean?

Natalie Walters, Head of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation for the Diocese, will give a brief overview of what justice, peace and integrity of creation is, what it may look like and how churches and individuals can engage with these themes.

Thursday 14 March, 12.30-1.30pm, Zoom, free, or
Thursday 14 March, 6.30-7.30pm, Zoom, free.

To book your place, email jpica@southwark.anglican.org and a member of the team will send you registration details.

Wednesday
27 Mar

Growing Fresh Expressions: Sharing and talking Jesus

In this session, Revd David Cundill, Pioneer Development Officer, will explore how to go about evangelism today using two excellent new resources and approaches. Conversations with Christians are one of the most important influences in bringing people to faith. Talking Jesus aims to inspire you to share your faith and gives practical suggestions to help you to be natural and relevant as you talk about Jesus with the people you meet. Sharing Jesus is the new evangelism resource from Fresh Expressions that helps you introduce faith and spiritual practice into your fresh expressions community in a wide variety of natural ways.



Wednesday 27 March, 7.30-9.30pm, Zoom, free.

To book your place, email pioneering@southwark.anglican.org

Tuesday
16 Apr

CYP Zoom drop-ins: Serious youth violence prevention with Operation Forgiveness

Join the CYP team and Jason O'Shea, Diocesan Delivery Officer for Serious Youth Violence Prevention, to find out more about Operation Forgiveness, an early intervention knife-crime initiative, delivered by local churches to local schools to help churches and students feel more positive about the change they can make.

Tuesday 16 April, 1.30-2.30pm, Zoom, free.

To book your place, go to bit.ly/42iGTnS

Tuesday
16 Apr

Meet 'Through the Roof'

Through the Roof is a Christian disability charity that changes the lives of disabled people around the world and helps others to change lives too. Led by Jonathan Macy, Diocesan Disability Advisor, together with people from Through the Roof, this session will introduce the work of this important charity, followed by a chance to ask questions.

Tuesday 16 April, 7.30-8.30pm, Zoom, free.

To book your place, email jonathan.macy@southwark.anglican.org



Tuesday
23 Apr

Annual churches reflection day on provision for those who experience homelessness

This half-day event, hosted by the Diocese of Southwark's Together Southwark and the Diocese of London's Compassionate Communities Team, provides the opportunity for individuals, church communities and organisations in London and East Surrey to come together to reflect on provision for those who experience homelessness. Everyone is welcome!

Tuesday 23 April, 10.00am-2.00pm, St Mark's Church SE11 4PW, free.

To book your place, togethersouthwark@southwark.anglican.org, and our team will send you a link to register on Eventbrite.

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