

Discipleship and Ministry

Events and Courses from
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Summer 2024

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The Summer 2024 events and courses brochure

We have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.

Colossians 1:9-10



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Welcome!

Summer stretches out before us, and with it the prospect of relaxation and refreshment. We are delighted to share our May-August programme of events and courses to inspire you and enrich your Christian journey throughout the summer.

Our popular series of Ground Floor Guides continues with introductions to the spirituality of St Ignatius of Loyola and to the Baptist denomination - the first in a planned series of ecumenical explorations. A special session on the Church of England and empire will help us think through the implications of a legacy that remains with us to the present day.

There are also courses on leading worship, bereavement care, growing Fresh Expressions, nurturing Lay Ministry, and reducing modern slavery. These free events are open to all, lay or ordained, and are easy to book.

Sign-ups for the Bishop's Certificate - our 'life-changing' ten-month course in Christian Discipleship, which covers the Bible, Christian belief, and living out your faith - are now open. Classes (which you can attend either in-person or on Zoom) begin in September. Share this brochure with anyone from your parish who might be interested in deepening their walk with God over the coming months.

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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The Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship

The Bishop's Certificate is a ten-month course exploring the Christian faith, taking place between September 2024 and June 2025. It has six modules covering the Bible, church history, what Christians believe, living as a follower of Jesus Christ, and putting your future into God's hands. Those who complete the course are awarded the Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship.

The course is for anybody who wants to be more informed and confident in their faith, read the Bible with more understanding, and reflect on their journey as a Christian.

People exploring whether God might be calling them to ordination, or to be a Reader or Evangelist often take the course. For those training as a Commissioned Lay Pastoral Minister (SPA), a Pioneer, or a Commissioned Children and Youth Leader the Bishop's Certificate is their first year.

However, anybody who wants to love and serve the Lord faithfully will benefit from this course. Most people do it for the joy of growing in faith alongside a friendly and supportive group of fellow Christians.

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

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The Aurora Youth and Children's Ministry Courses

Do you work with children or young people? Do you feel God might be calling you to ministry with them? 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 lay ministry through Aurora.



The Aurora Children's Ministry course will begin in September 2024, and the Youth Ministry course in 2025. Register your interest at bit.ly/41rarjo

18-19
September

23-24
October

Transforming Conversations

Transforming Conversations is a course for clergy on improving your one-to-one conversations in pastoral care, supervision, and management. One-to-one conversations form a considerable part of our working lives as clergy, especially if we are in a supervision role. With some simple coaching skills and a clear framework, you will be able to make a difference to the quality of every conversation.

18 and 19 September and 23 and 24 October, 9.00am-5.00pm, Trinity House, free.

Places are limited, and participants must commit to attend on all dates. To express an interest in attending, email Helen Medland on helen.medland@southwark.anglican.org

Wednesday
5 Jun

Wednesday
9 Oct

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 5 June, 7.30-8.30pm, Zoom, free, or
Wednesday 9 October, 7.30-8.30pm, Zoom, free.

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

Saturday
18 May

Saturday
13 Jul

Saturday
14 Sep

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 minister 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. They will be able to help you decide whether the time is right to start exploring God's call.

Saturday 18 May, 9.00am-4.00pm, Trinity House, free, or
Saturday 13 July, 9.00am-4.00pm, Trinity House, free, or
Saturday 14 September, 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. They can book your place by emailing vocations@southwark.anglican.org

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



Wednesday
8 May

Starting and growing Fresh Expressions through listening

Do you sometimes think you were put on this planet for a deeper purpose? Do you long to impact the world for good? Starting a Fresh Expression begins with an invitation to join in with the mission of God. This session, led by the Revd David Cundill, Pioneer Development Officer, helps us to listen to God, and to the people around us, so that we can discern what the first steps in our journey should be.

Wednesday 8 May, 7.30-9.30pm, Zoom, free.

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

Wednesday
8 May

Modern Slavery - Right here, right now!

Modern slavery and exploitation thrive when people do not know what it looks like and where it can be found in their community. This session will help you to know what forms of modern slavery might be operating in your area, how to report any concerns you have and some of the simple actions that you can take to reduce incidents of modern slavery in your community. Each one of us can make a difference.



Chris Elliott and Jennifer Hyde, the Southwark Diocesan Advisors on Modern Slavery, will be leading this webinar. It is being presented twice, as a lunchtime and evening event, so that as many as possible can attend.

Wednesday 8 May, 12.30-1.30pm OR 6.30-7.30pm, Zoom, free.

To book, go to <https://bit.ly/43Akfcc>

Saturday
11 May

St Augustine's Lay celebration day

Join St Augustine's College of Theology for a day celebrating Lay Ministry. Seminars will be available during the day exploring various areas of Lay Ministry including pioneer ministry and pastoral ministry.

The keynote speaker will be Helen King, a member of General Synod for Oxford Diocese, a mostly-retired Professor of Classics at Open University, Bishop's Reviewer for theological education, and authorised lay preacher and server in her home parish, and a Street Pastor.

Saturday 11 May, 10.30am-4.30pm, Malling Abbey, ME19 6JX, free.

To book your place, visit <https://staugustinescollege.ac.uk/>

Thursday
16 May

Leading worship: Top tips for Lay Ministers and Church Officers

Have you ever had to step in at the last minute to lead the intercessions, prayers, introduce readings or music, or even be part of all-age worship? Or if you are a Reader or Warden, perhaps you have been asked at the last minute to assist in leading worship? Then we have the tools and resources to help build your confidence.

This session is open to all Readers, Wardens, SPAs, CYP workers, welcomers, musicians, choir leaders, servers, and anyone interested in finding out about the resources available. Whether you are used to assisting in worship or are new to it, there will be something for everyone. It's an opportunity to find out more and explore new approaches to liturgy.

Thursday 16 May, 7.00-9.00pm, Trinity House, free.

Places limited to 25, so book early. For more information and to book, email learning@southwark.anglican.org

Tuesday
28 May

Ground Floor Guide to Ignatian spirituality

Ignatian spirituality has been described as a spirituality of 'finding God in all things', and discerning God's will for better decision making. But how do we disentangle our own conflicting desires from the higher good that God desires for us? The Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola have led generations of faithful Christians to a deeper discernment of God's will.

In this session, the Revd Dr Steffan Mathias, Vicar of St Peter's, Streatham introduces us to the basics of Ignatian spirituality and shows how to use practices like Imaginative prayer, and the Examen to deepen our prayer lives.



Tuesday 28 May, 7.30-8.30pm, Zoom, free.

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



Leading your Church into Growth (LYCiG) conference

You are invited to join Revd Sue Cooke and Revd Anna Norman-Walker (both incumbents in the Kingston Episcopal Area) at the Leading your Church into Growth annual summer conference at Swanwick in Derbyshire. LYCiG aims to encourage hope in the relevance of the local

church and the belief that growth is possible. It equips you with the tools needed to work with your parishes to revitalise your parish and develop a culture of growth.

The course takes the form of an open seminar with interactive talks, practical exercises, workshops and time and space for personal reflection. Sue and Anna will then work more locally with parishes from the Kingston area to mentor, support and encourage parishes when you return from the conference and begin to embed the principles in your own churches.

We strongly encourage you to come in teams from your parish and to have a mix of clergy and lay people - the key to success is working in collaboration with lay people and we find that the parishes who most benefit from the course are those who do not just send the vicar.

The conference fee includes all meals and single occupancy ensuite rooms. There are bursaries for lay leaders available from LYCiG, and the Diocese are also offering financial support to enable parishes to come on the conference.

Monday 3 June-Wednesday 5 June, Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick DE55 1AU, £265.

For more information and to book, see <https://www.leadingyourchurchintogrowth.org.uk/2024-national-spring-conference> or email Sue or Anna on sue.cooke@stwss.org.uk or rectorstleonards@btinternet.com



Thursday
6 June

Being Present: Spiritual care late in life

Sue Clarke, SPA at All Saints, South Merstham and former hospice chaplain, will share approaches and resources she found valuable when she served as a chaplain in hospices.



Sue worked as Spiritual Care Coordinator at the Marie Curie Hospice in Caterham and then St Catherines Hospice Crawley, and served on the Executive of AHPCC (the Association of Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplains). Her insights will be relevant to anyone involved in offering spiritual support and care alongside people during the later stages of their lives.

Thursday 6 June, 7.30-8.45pm, Zoom, free.

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

Saturday
8 June

Bereavement care awareness (for SPAs)

The Bereavement Care Awareness training has been produced as part of Care for the Family's bereavement training for churches. It is useful for any SPA interested in supporting bereaved people - whether they are already engaged in bereavement support or are considering the possibility of developing it.

The workshop is interactive and is designed to equip and empower people and churches in supporting those who have been bereaved. There will be PowerPoint presentations, teaching, and group work.

Saturday 8 June, 10.00am-1.30pm, Trinity House, free.

To book your place, go to <https://bit.ly/3x9osrX>

Wednesday
12 Jun

Growing Fresh Expressions through loving service

Fresh Expressions evolve from loving service to those around us. Before we rush into building a community or sharing faith (which are great things to do), we need to love people and make friends first. This session offers inspiration and ideas to help you discover ways of showing practical love.

Wednesday 12 June, 7.30-9.30pm, Zoom, free.

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

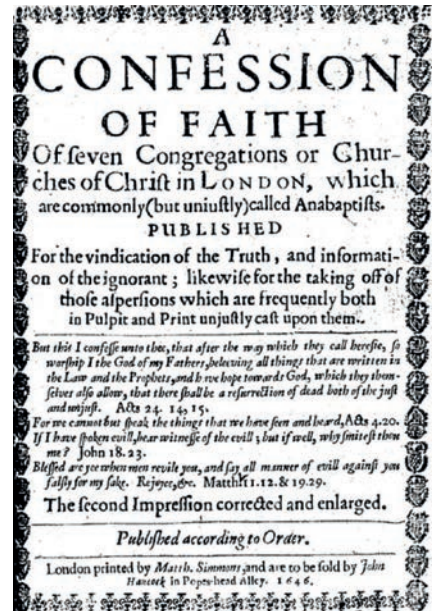
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17 Jun

Ground Floor Guide to the Baptists

The Baptist denomination originated with English Separatists who left the Church of England in the 17th century. But who are the Baptists today, and what do they believe?

In this session, the Revd Dr Simon Woodman, Minister at Bloomsbury Baptist Church and Baptist chaplain at King's College London, will introduce us to the history and the beliefs of the Baptists, how these compare with the Church of England, and how we might work together to share God's love in the modern world.

Monday 17 June, 7.30-8.30pm, Zoom, free.



Monday
24 Jun

Thinking about the Church of England and Britain's empire

The relationship between the Church and Britain's empire from the seventeenth to the twentieth century is complex and continues to shape how we think of ourselves as Anglicans in modern Britain today, not least in relation to contemporary racism and the dynamics of the Anglican Communion.



Canon Dan Inman - Precentor at Chichester Cathedral and author of a forthcoming book on the Church of England and empire - will explore how history might help us think through these legacies. Together, we'll pose the question: what might forgiveness and reconciliation in relation to historical sins look like for us today?

Monday 24 June, 7.30-8.30pm, Zoom, free.

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

Wednesday
26 Jun

Nurturing Lay Ministry in village parish communities

This session - open to both clergy and lay leaders - explores the particular challenges of smaller parish churches and the potential to nurture vocations and lay leadership. The Venerable Carol Coslett, Assistant Director of Lay Ministry, will draw on her experience as an Archdeacon in Derbyshire and as a parish priest in the more rural part of Southwark Diocese.

There will be an opportunity to see new resources, the latest news from the Arthur Rank Centre, including the new practical guide for village churches.

Wednesday 26 June, 7.30-9.00pm, Oxted Community Hall, 53 Church Lane, RH8 9NB, free.

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

Wednesday
26 Jun

Wednesday
10 Jul

Cave, Refectory, Road - monastic rhythms for contemporary living

Cave - Refectory - Road explores how traditional monastic life is helping to shape new Christian communities such as Fresh Expressions today. Using wisdom from the work of pioneer practitioner Ian Adams, we will explore how this ancient wisdom, learning and spiritual practice might be reinterpreted for new settings.

The first session will look at two spaces that help us to do this: the cave (the place of stillness, prayer and withdrawal that can inspire a new engagement with the mystery of God) and the refectory (how monastic practices of hospitality can create communities that make a difference in the world). The second session will look at the third space that helps us to do this - the road - and how the example of the friars can lead to creative and loving engagement with public life. We will then explore how monastic rhythms for life can bring freedom and creativity to our lives through a new understanding of time.

Wednesday 26 June and Wednesday 10 July, 7.30-9.30pm, Zoom, free.

To book your place e-mail pioneering@southwark.anglican.org



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