

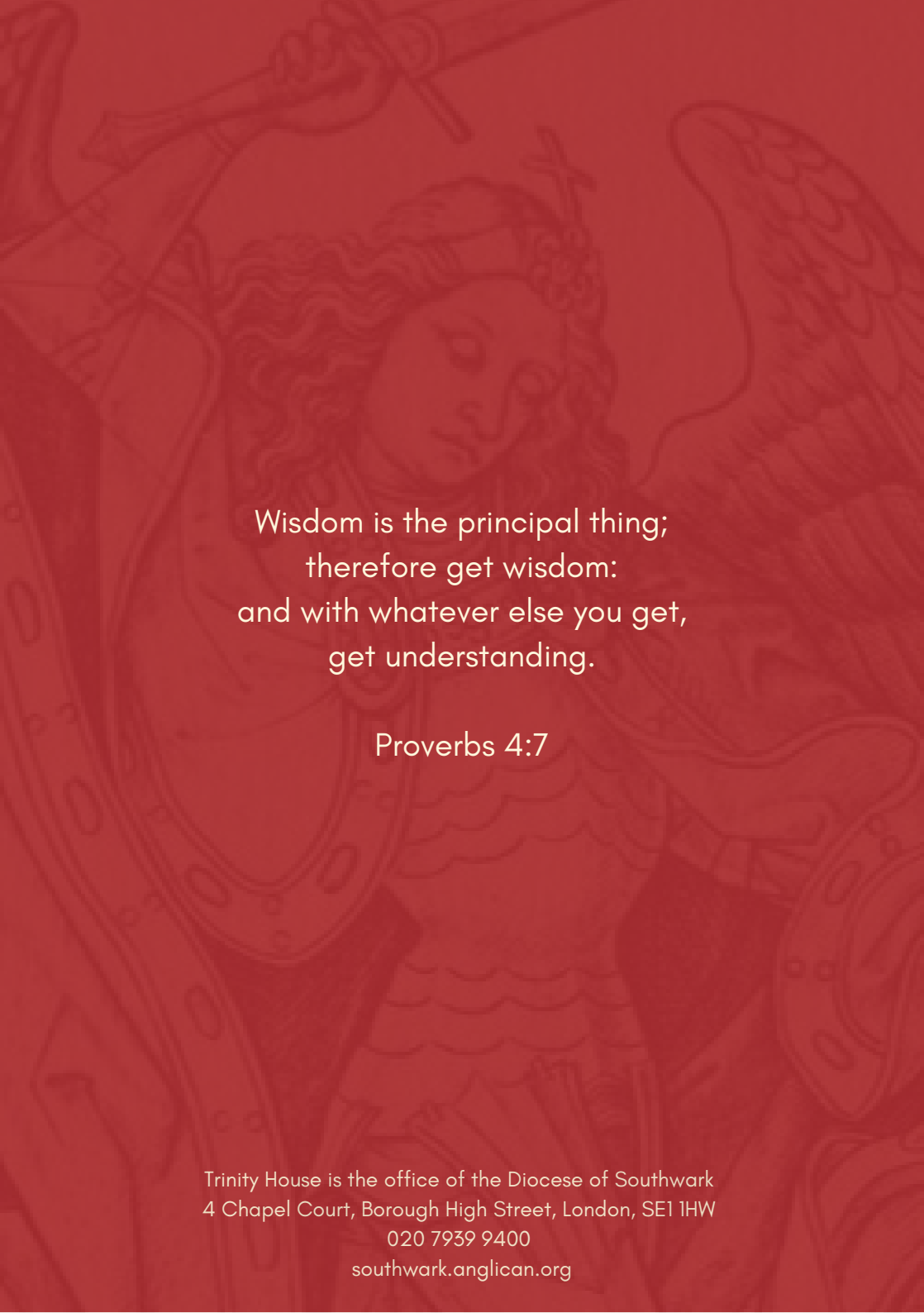


The Diocese of
Southwark

Autumn

2025

Discipleship and Ministry
Events and Courses



Wisdom is the principal thing;
therefore get wisdom:
and with whatever else you get,
get understanding.

Proverbs 4:7

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Welcome to our Autumn 2025 Discipleship and Ministry brochure!

A new school year brings with it a chance to grow in faith and wisdom, and with them to grow in the love of God. We are delighted to share our September-December programme of events and courses to help you do just that.

If you're interested in exploring whether God might be calling you – or someone you know – to Lay Ministry, join us for our Lay Ministry Taster Day on 13 September at St Bartholomew's, Horley. You'll meet people from all our different ministries and learn what they're about and how we train and equip people to serve God through them.

This term we offer a diverse programme of talks and workshops exploring work with children and young people, mental health, climate justice, mission, spiritual first aid, and much more. These free events are open to everyone, and are easy to book.

The Bishop's Certificate has gone from strength to strength and is now full for the 2025/26 year. Thank you to everyone who raved about the course to their family, friends, and fellow parishioners. There is still time to express your interest in the Catalyst course for ministry with children and young people beginning in October 2025 – more details below (p.11).

Discipleship News is our free monthly email newsletter filled with events and training opportunities from Southwark and beyond to interest, inspire, challenge, and equip you for Christian life and ministry. To subscribe, go to <https://mailchi.mp/southwark/discipleship-news>

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**"The whole experience has been so rich...
but in ways I could not have imagined
beforehand."**



The Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship

The Bishop's Certificate is a 'life-changing' ten-month course exploring the Christian faith. 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.

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. No prior knowledge is assumed, and no essay-writing is required – unless you want to!

It's not too early to register your interest for 2026/27! (The 2025/26 course is now full – thanks to everyone for their interest.)

For more details, email
bishopscertificate@southwark.anglican.org



Introducing the Soulspace Resource

Tue 9 Sep, 11am–12pm, or
Thu 25 Sep, 2–3pm
Zoom, free

Soulspace helps churches introduce worship into an outreach or social action group and is ideal for anyone pioneering or growing fresh expressions or other forms of new worshipping communities.

Revd Dr Michael Moynagh will join us to explain how the new Soulspace resource works. Soulspace has been developed based on Mike's experience and practice and the input of many people in Southwark too!

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



Foundations for Creation Care

Thu 11 Sep, 6:30–8pm
Zoom, free

What does it mean to follow Christ in a world facing climate and nature breakdown? In this 90-minute foundational training led by Sophie Roberts, our Diocesan Environmental Officer, we'll explore what it means to love God and our neighbour in the context of the climate crisis, and how creation care can be woven into different areas of church life and our everyday discipleship.

We'll look at why caring for the planet is an integral part of our faith, why climate justice matters for Christians today, and how we can respond with practical, hopeful action.

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



Lay Ministry Taster Day

Sat 13 Sep, 10:30am–12:30pm
St Bartholomew's, Horley (RH6 8AB), free, or
Thu 9 Oct, 7:30–8:30pm
Zoom, free

If you are thinking about how to use the gifts God has given you, then come along and find out more about the different pathways into Lay Ministry in the Diocese of Southwark.

This is a chance to discover what Lay Ministry entails, talk to people who have recently trained, and learn how you might begin exploring your own vocation.

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



Kingston Area Lay Conference: Confident Faith in a Changing World

Sat 20 Sep, 9:30am–4pm

St Cecilia's Church of England School (SW18 5JR)

Free (donation encouraged)

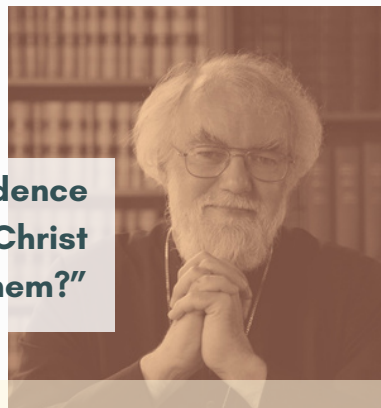
Bishop Martin warmly invites all the lay people in the Kingston Area to attend this special day of workshops exploring confident faith in relationship to different topics, with a keynote speech "Can we recover that revolutionary confidence in God so that the living waters that Christ promises us may rise and we with them" from Rowan Williams, former archbishop of Canterbury.

Coffee, tea and lunch will be provided. Prayer spaces will be available, and a market hall during lunch. Activities for primary aged school children will be led by Kick London for those that have completed this section of the registration form.

For more information and to book, go to

<https://southwark.anglican.org/kingston-conference>

"Can we recover that revolutionary confidence in God so that the living waters that Christ promises us may rise and we with them?"





Leading Your Church into Growth Conference

Mon 22–Wed 24 Sep, 10am–3pm
(Tue 23 until 4pm)

Christ Church, Southwark (SE1 8NY)

£130.50

We are deeply committed to seeing our churches flourish and grow in every way. Leading Your Church Into Growth (LYCiG) is a proven catalyst for this transformation, inspiring hope and providing practical, realistic tools for growth. LYCiG brings together church leaders and congregations from all backgrounds, equipping ordinary parishes with vision, encouragement, and proven strategies to foster real, lasting growth—numerically, spiritually, and missionally.

To book, go to <https://bit.ly/LYCiG-2025>



Pioneering Foundations

Tue 23 Sep, 7:30–9:30pm

Zoom, free

Are you involved in running a fresh expression or would you like to start one? Would you like to introduce worship into an outreach or social action activity or group? If so, this evening is for you. This session – led by Revd David Cundill, Pioneer Development Officer – will equip you with the essentials you need to get started or to give your pioneering and fresh expressions a boost. You'll learn new skills, gain inspiration from others, and plan the next steps you can take to make your ministry thrive.

Pioneering Foundations is a great primer for anyone wanting to develop their Lay Pioneer ministry. To book your place, go to <https://PioneeringFoundations.eventbrite.co.uk>



What is Pastoral Lay Ministry?

Thu 25 Sep, 7:30–9:30pm
or Sat 13 Dec, 10am–12pm
Trinity House, free

Clergy and church communities value the ministerial support and expertise of trained pastoral lay ministers. Come and find out more about affirmed, commissioned and licensed ministries and what they offer; what training opportunities are available; and how they can assist with pastoral support to members of your church or the local community.

Led by Wendy Stephens (Diocesan Lead for Pastoral Lay Ministers) and Michael Brockett (Diocesan Lay Ministry Consultant), both Licensed Pastoral Lay Ministers (LPLM). It is open to anyone interested in finding out about pastoral lay ministry. To book your place, email learning@southwark.anglican.org

Grow Your Church

Sat 27 Sep, 10am–2pm

Trinity House, free

An interactive morning to help churches develop outreach, mission and new Christian Communities. This is a practical session to help you grow your church through mission using a proven learning approach used extensively by our Pioneering and Fresh Expressions Team. We will help you consider your current situation, and who you are trying to reach. We will creatively explore how to dream up new possibilities and help you develop a simple and effective plan for your next steps.

Grow Your Church is a team-based experience so you will need to come along with others from your church. It is ideal for clergy to bring key leaders or mission enthusiasts from your congregation(s) and for teams leading fresh expressions or existing outreach activities. To book your place, go to <https://GrowYourChurch25.eventbrite.co.uk>

CYP Foundations Training

Sat 27 Sep, 9am–4pm, St Peter's Church (KT2 6QL), free, or

Sat 11 Oct, 9am–4pm, St Alfeges Church (SE10 9BJ), free

Equip and grow your ministry with the Children and Young People (CYP) Foundation Training! Are you involved in children, youth, or families ministry, or thinking about it? Whether you're a volunteer, a leader, or simply exploring the role, this one-day course is designed for you. Join us to gain practical strategies, valuable resources, and peer support that will boost your confidence and energise your ministry.

We'll cover essential topics like setting vision, planning, safeguarding, behaviour management, and much more to help you build a strong, sustainable foundation for your ministry with children and young people. You'll have the chance to connect, share, and learn alongside others passionate about CYP ministry. Come on your own or bring your whole team. You'll leave equipped, inspired, and encouraged!

To book your place, go to <https://tinyurl.com/CYPFoundations>



Every Day Justice: Foundations for Social Action

God loves justice. This means that justice is an important part of our discipleship, as we learn to live like Christ and seek to share God's offer of reconciliation in our local communities with our words and actions. Through this morning workshop, we'll explore and share ideas for how justice can be a natural part of our everyday discipleship: rooted in prayer, Bible study and worship, outward looking to the needs of our local communities, and expressed through both small steps and bold actions. More information can be found on the booking page for each event.

Sat 27 Sep, 10am-1pm, All Saints Church Hall, Peckham (SE15 4QS), free
To book your place, go to <https://EDJ2709.eventbrite.co.uk>

Tue 21 Oct, 6:30-8:30pm, Zoom, free
To book your place, go to <https://EDJ2110.eventbrite.co.uk>

Sat 22 Nov, 10am-1pm, St Barnabas, Southfields (SW18 5EP), free
To book your place, go to <https://EDJ2211.eventbrite.co.uk>

You can also book by emailing JPICAdmin@southwark.anglican.org



Music for Growing Faith

Wed 1 Oct, 10am–6:30pm

All Saints Kingston
(KT1 1JP), free

Are you involved in helping children and young people grow in faith through music? Join us at All Saints' Church, Kingston upon Thames for our first in-person gathering of the Music for Growing Faith network. Our day will be filled with music, networking opportunities, story-sharing, troubleshooting, vision development and inspiration.

The day is not to be missed by anyone passionate about music and the faith development of children and young people across the intersections of church, home and school.

To book your place, go to <https://tinyurl.com/growiingfaithwithmusic>

Introduction to Rural Lay Ministry

Wed 1 Oct, 11am–2pm,

St Mary's Community Hall
(RH8 9NB), free

This session led by the Revd Alan Bayes (Diocesan Rural Life Adviser) and the Ven Carol Coslett (Assistant Director of Lay Ministry) is open to all.

It aims to introduce lay ministry in a rural context and is particularly suited to Wardens, Youth and Children Workers, Readers, Worship Leaders and those considering a call to serve their parish in a rural context.

There will be a guest speaker from the FCN (Farm Community Network).

Coffee, tea and biscuits will be available from 10:30am and a soup lunch will be provided.

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

Mission-Shaped Ministry

Monthly starting Thu 2 Oct

7:30–9:30pm

St Barnabas, Clapham
Common (SW4 9SW), free

Mission-Shaped Ministry (MSM) is a one-year course aimed at helping anyone in your church who is pioneering or running fresh expressions. MSM provides learning in a supportive community, equipping you for a lifetime of good practice in planting and sustaining fresh expressions of church or new worshipping communities.

The course is ideal for church teams or for individuals wanting to develop their own ministry. It runs over 9 monthly sessions and a weekend residential in the spring. Led by Revd David Cundill, Pioneer Development Officer and other experienced pioneers.

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

Black History Month 2025 - Diocesan Annual Service of Thanksgiving

Sat 4 Oct, 10:30am-1:30pm, Southwark Cathedral, free

Join the Diocese of Southwark in a Celebration of Identity & Belonging at Southwark Cathedral this Black History Month. There will be a service of thanksgiving with the Eucharist celebration, followed by a workshop focused on our theme, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15b).

To book your place, go to <https://buytickets.at/diocesesouthwark/1735588>

Catalyst: Equip, Inspire, Follow the Call

Starts Sat 18 Oct

Take up the challenge to deepen your knowledge, hone your skills, and follow God's call in ministry and mission with children and young people. Catalyst is a fully funded, 7-month dynamic training course from the Church of England, designed to equip and inspire volunteers and paid workers alike, whether you're helping in a toddler group, leading a youth club, or running an outreach ministry.

You'll learn from expert practitioners in children's and youth ministry, supported by the Diocesan children and youth team, and explore core themes including safeguarding, discipleship, cultural awareness, theology, play, mission, and more.

The course begins on 18 Oct with an in-person induction in Cambridge. To register your interest, go to <https://tinyurl.com/Catalystcohort3>

Mental Health Awareness

Sat 18 Oct, 10am-12pm, Trinity House, free

In this session you will learn about specific diagnoses and how they can affect people, and then consider how statistics about children, adults and older people can inform our mission and ministry. You'll also consider ways of maintaining your own wellbeing when ministering to others with mental health challenges. The session will be led by Revd Caroline Risdon, Vicar of Eltham Parish Church, who worked previously as a Specialist Mental Health Social Worker. She has been leading training about Mental Health for nearly 15 years.

This training would be especially relevant to SPAs, Readers and clergy. Places are limited, so book early.

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



Southwark Against Modern Slavery

Sat 18 Oct, 10am-3:30pm

Southwark Cathedral, free

Hear expert speakers share their knowledge and experience with an opportunity for Q&A learn more about Modern Day Slavery, how to spot the signs and what we can do as individuals and churches. Speakers include:

- Dr Júlia Tomás – The Passage
- Detective Superintendent Andy Furphy – Metropolitan Police
- Members of Southwark Against Modern Slavery
- Right Revd Alastair Redfern – Chair of The Clewer Initiative

You are welcome to attend Evening Prayer in the cathedral at 4pm, where prayers will be said for victims of modern slavery, their perpetrators and those working to combat this crime. Spaces are limited, register early to avoid disappointment.

To book your place, go to <https://bit.ly/SAMS-awareness>

For more information, please contact SAMS at RAsocialjustice@gmail.com



Spiritual First Aid: When older people feel worried

Tue 21 Oct, 7:30–8:45pm
Zoom, free

How can churches help older people experiencing emotional problems and crises? SAGE (Southwark and Ageing) has invited Mia Hilborn, Chaplaincy Team Leader at Guys and St Thomas Hospitals, to lead this session. She will share a 'Spiritual First Aid' model developed in the USA for use by pastoral and church responders.

This approach can provide a framework when offering initial help to older people who are upset or in difficult situations, giving positive benefit and avoiding harmful pitfalls.

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



Leading Funerals (for LLMs)

Wed 22 and Tue 28 Oct
and Weds 5 and 26 Nov,
6:30–8:30pm
Trinity House, free

This course – led by the Revd Hilary Fife, formerly the Senior Chaplain of the Croydon Health Services NHS Trust – is for LLMs who have been licensed for more than one year and wish to be authorised to lead funerals.

Part 1 of the course (which meets over four evenings in Trinity House) covers bereavement, grief patterns and processes, preparation, 'difficult' funerals, and current issues. Part 2, which involves a series of practical ministerial experiences, follows over the course of a year.

Your incumbent will need to support your attending the course. To apply for a place, email learning@southwark.anglican.org



JUBILEE: Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Conference

Sat 8 Nov, 10am–4pm
St John's Church, Waterloo
(SE1 8TY), £15

Join us for a day focused on Social Action and Social Justice with speakers and workshop to inspire, challenge and encourage. We will be coming together to reflect on God's heart for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation. Come as we look at themes such as social action, environment, racial justice and more!

To register, go to <https://JPICConference2025.eventbrite.co.uk>

For more information, email jpicaadmin@southwark.anglican.org

Vocations Forum

Sat 15 Nov / Sat 24 Jan / Sat 21 Feb, 9am-4pm, Trinity House, free

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 deacon or priest, or as a Lay Minister such as a Reader, Pastoral Minister, 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.

Your incumbent or chaplain needs to sponsor you to attend. They can book your place by emailing Beverley McBean at beverley.mcbean@southwark.anglican.org

Faith for the Climate Workshop

Wed 19 Nov, 6:30-8:30pm

Trinity House, free

Do you wonder what 'climate justice' means? Are you called to live out your faith by healing the planet and healing our hearts? Then this workshop by Faith for the Climate is for you!

No previous expertise in campaigning on climate and nature is necessary – come with an open heart to learn and act together. The workshop will explore how we can draw on the strengths of relationships across faith traditions as we learn more about each other and how to work together. It will be facilitated by Dr Shanon Shah, Director of Faith for the Climate. To book your place, email learningsouthwark.anglican.org



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