

Work with others on how the church can be better equipped for mission and ministry

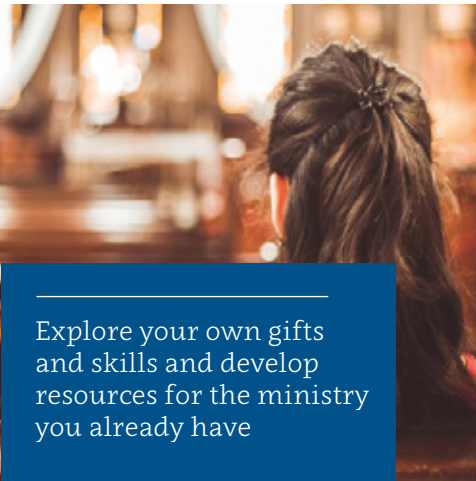


How to apply

Application can be made at <https://www.chichester.anglican.org/living-faith/>

Please apply by 1st December 2020

The course costs £40 for those in receipt of a wage and is free to the unwaged, retired and students.



Explore your own gifts and skills and develop resources for the ministry you already have

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Learn to develop collaborative ways of working with others



Developing your discipleship



A course designed to help people find and grow in the ministry to which God is calling them



Open to anyone active in church life who wants to grow in discipleship



Applies the Bible and Christian thought to discipleship in your daily life

Broaden your vision of God's kingdom and the work of the church

What is Living Faith?

Living Faith is a part-time course spread over three terms. It is designed to help people find and grow in the discipleship to which God is calling them. The course was developed in the Diocese of Chester and has been running successfully for many years.

Who is it for?

Living Faith is for lots of different kinds of lay people who want to serve God in the church and in the world. People may go on the Living Faith course to explore many different kinds of Christian ministry:

- Serving God where they are at work, in the family, in the community
- Roles within the church (children's work, youth work, music ministry, churchwardens, PCC members, pastoral work, administration and more)
- Ordained ministry
- Licensed lay ministry (Readers, Church Army)
- Authorised Lay Ministry (Living Faith is the first year of the Authorised Lay Ministry training course details of which can be found at <http://www.chichester.anglican.org/Authorised-Lay-Ministry>)

What does the course cover?

The course will look at the following areas:

- God's kingdom and what it means to be the church
- How we apply our faith to life
- What ministry is and how we can find and develop our own ministry
- What are our own gifts and skills and how we can use them with others
- How the Bible, prayer and working with others can support our ministry
- Ways of working together that can enrich the ministry of the whole church
- How small groups work
- The challenge of mission and how we can share our faith as churches and as individuals

As well as the main course content, what many people gain most from on the course is learning about each other. Living Faith is designed as a course where people from different parishes can meet together to learn from and encourage each other.



Think about serving God wherever you are in church or at work and in your daily life

How much work is involved?

The course consists of 18 evening sessions, spread over three terms from January to June (6 evenings per term, 7.00 - 9.15pm). There is an induction day at the start of the course and two study Saturdays. Full details of venues and dates for 2021 can be found at <https://www.chichester.anglican.org/LivingFaithdiscipleship/>

The evening sessions are usually split into two halves - worship and a lively presentation from the front on the topic of the evening followed by small group time. This involves discussion, reflection, practical exercises, personal sharing and prayer. Participants are expected to take part in discussion and various exercises - so need to come prepared to be involved. Each group is led by an experienced group leader. Participants are also expected to complete around an hour of 'linkwork' between sessions, which feeds into the group discussion. There are no essays or assessed work.

Who can apply?

The course is open to anyone who wants to grow and develop in Christian discipleship and ministry. It is not a basics course, so we expect participants to have some background in Christian life and thinking. Living Faith is a course about applying the Bible and Christian thinking to discipleship in the church and the world - it is not a course mainly about how the Bible fits together, or a theological training course.

We expect that all applicants will be actively involved as Christians in serving God through the church and in their lives. We ask that anyone applying discuss it with their church's incumbent and gain their support for doing the course.

