

More Information?

Selection for ordained ministry in the local context ('OLM')

This takes place through the national selection processes and is organised by the Diocesan Director of Ordinands, Canon Susan Penfold, Church House, 1 South Parade, Wakefield WF1 1 LP Tel: 01924 371802 Ext 229 Email: sue.penfold@wakefield.anglican.org

The Director of Ordinands advises as to the total length of the course.

Parishes wishing to sponsor candidates for local ministry need to be participating in the Wakefield Ministry Scheme. For further information contact the Revd Canon Dr John Williams, 6 Stonecroft Gardens, Shepley, Huddersfield HD8 8EX Tel and Fax: 01484 608703 Email: john.williams@surefish.co.uk

Selection as a Candidate Reader

At the beginning of April in the first year of the programme, a review will be conducted involving tutor, candidates, incumbents and PCC. At this point a candidate may make formal application to be considered as a Candidate Reader. A reference will also be sought from someone who knows the candidate outside the church context.

For further information contact the Revd Canon Dr John Lawson, Church House, 1 South Parade, Wakefield WF1 1LP Tel 01924 380182 Email: john.lawson@wakefield.anglican.org

Selection as a Lay Pastoral Minister

BEFORE the course commences the PCC of the parish is asked to give its agreement and references are required from the incumbent and 2 lay persons. The candidates will be interviewed and accepted on to the course if all this is satisfactory.

For further information contact the BCPM co-ordinator, c/o Rachael Salmon, at The Mirfield Centre (see below).

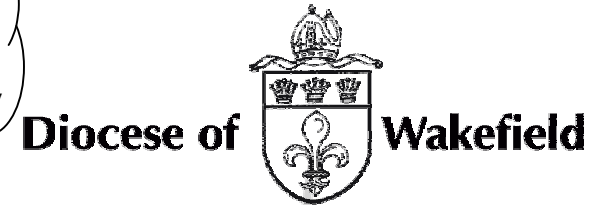
Other Candidates

Such people may have the option of continuing on the academic parts of the programme for educational purposes.

Applying

Incumbents and PCCs are asked to sponsor individuals as they enter the School of Ministry. Application forms can be obtained from Rachael Salmon, The Mirfield Centre, Stocksbank Road, Mirfield. WF14 0BW, Tel 01924 481916 Email: rsalmon@mirfield.org.uk

ALL Forms must be completed and returned by 31st May 2008



School of Ministry

- Fostering a sense of God's call
- Training Readers, Pastoral Ministers (BCPM)
- Working with the NEW Yorkshire Ministry Course
- Providing 'Education for Discipleship'
- Developing Pathways
- Relating study to practice



at The Mirfield Centre

The School of Ministry

* Exploring Together

The School of Ministry provides an opportunity to explore together what it means to be a 'resourceful' person for God and His Church.

* Studying Together

The School of Ministry provides an enjoyable opportunity for serious and stretching study and for developing skills. Along with the other dioceses in our region, the learning programme is supported and validated by York St. John University. Participants may work towards one of their awards such as a Certificate of Higher Education or Foundation Degree in Theology and Ministry.



* Worshipping Together

The School of Ministry provides opportunities to express our worship of God. Learning will be set in the framework of worship and prayer. The study programme will be woven into the ongoing pattern of God's work in the church today.

* Being Together

The School of Ministry provides an opportunity to learn together in the context of fellowship and mutual support. Learning and training together has the potential to enable a deeper understanding about the variety of ways in which God equips the church to serve in today's world. Sharing mealtimes together will also be an important part of the programme.

What does it involve?

As much studying as possible will be done together. All who join the programme initially are on a journey...some will be potential Lay Pastoral Ministers whilst some are exploring a possible call to Reader Ministry. Others will want to join the programme for 'Education for Discipleship' purposes, others for personal interest. Some will be exploring a vocation to ordained ministry in their local context (OLM) or other forms of ordained ministry.

The first year is intended to be a year of exploration and studying in common.

An example from the coming 2008-2009 year.

Potential Readers, those studying for educational purposes along with those with a possible vocation to ordained ministry will complete three modules in the year – New Testament, Faith in History and Christian Worship

Potential Pastoral Ministers will complete three modules also – New Testament, Pastoral Care in a Mission Context and Christian Worship

The New Testament modules and the Christian Worship modules will be shared across the whole school (terms One and Three).

When and Where?

The programme runs in three terms beginning in September and ending in July. On average it will run one Sunday per month from 9 to 5 and will be held at the Mirfield Centre, Stocksbank Road, Mirfield.



How Long?

Pastoral Workers and Readers will complete three years before being authorised / licensed and a further year of CME in order to complete the Foundation Degree in Theology and Ministry.

Assessment!

As the course progresses, a variety of written and practical assignments are required. Those intending to gain 'credits' from the academic programme will be required to complete these assignments successfully. These are optional for BPCM students and for those who are not intending to progress to either Reader or OLM Ministry. There will be small tutorial groups to back up and consolidate what has been covered in the plenary sessions.

'Safe from Harm'

All participants in the School of Ministry are required to provide satisfactory enhanced Criminal Records Bureau clearance.



Broadening Vision + Identifying Potential + Building Confidence + Developing Skills