

Certificate Modules 2010-2011

Block B **Getting to Grips with the Bible**

- a) Understanding the Bible – How and Why It Was Written
- b) The Old Testament Journey
- c) Jesus and the Gospels
- d) Paul's Life and Letters
- e) God's Mission in the Bible
- f) The Forgotten Books of the New Testament

Block R **Bringing Life and Faith Together**

- a) Everyday Theology
- b) Where Do I Fit? Finding Your Place in God's World
- c) Ways of Praying
- d) Unlocking the Story of your Church
- e) Mission in Today's Culture

Block P **Developing Practical Skills**

- a) Leading Worship
- b) Learning to Preach
- c) Pastoral Care
- d) Working with Children
- e) Working with Small Groups

These modules will be available, subject to demand, between September 2010 and July 2011.

The website below gives details of modules and how to book. If you would like to explore the possibility of a module taking place in your deanery, please first identify a host parish and a core group of participants (minimum number 6). Then contact us using the email or phone number below. We can't guarantee to meet all requests, but will do our best!

<http://www.coventry.anglican.org/ministry/training/>



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Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship



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What is it?

- The Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship is a modular course in discipleship for lay people.
- It is designed for anyone who wants to explore their faith further with a group of others. It is designed to be flexible and suitable for anyone who's not an expert in Christian faith.
- Each module consists of 12 hours contact time (either six 2-hour weeknight sessions or two 6-hour Saturday or Sunday workshops).
- To qualify for the Certificate you must complete six modules, including one from each of the three blocks, and submit six assignments to be assessed. The modules are listed on the back page of this leaflet. They can be taken in any order.
- You are welcome to take part in any of the modules, without submitting an assignment.
- If you later wish to qualify for the Certificate, it is possible to submit assignments up to 18 months after completing the module.
- The Certificate may be completed over a period of up to three years.
- Since June 2009, completion of the Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship has been a requirement for those beginning the Diocesan Reader Training Course.

What is the aim of the Certificate?

The aim of each individual module, and the Certificate as a whole, is threefold. By the end of each module, participants will have gained:

- Greater confidence in their practice (e.g. of leading worship, or understanding the Gospels, or sharing their faith);
- Knowledge of resources available to them, especially on the internet (e.g. *New Patterns for Worship* or Bible commentaries);

- Ability to see how to evaluate their practice, and how to improve it (e.g. how to ask for trustworthy feedback on their practice and learn from it, or to assess how well they communicate).

Any more details?

The method of teaching is participative, and each module has a built-in break (between sessions 3 and 4 for weeknight modules, and between the two Saturdays for the weekend workshops). This is deliberately designed to allow time for reflection and practice, as well as making the courses a little less demanding in terms of time.

The cost of each module is £20 per parish, and invoices will be sent directly to the PCC.

If you wish to register for the award of the Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship, you can download a registration form from the website (address below). There is a £10 registration fee as well as the £20 fee for each module.

Please note that taking the course offers no guarantee or validation for taking up any ministry or role within a local church. The diocese, in collaboration with the local church, handles arrangements for this separately. Discernment for vocations, roles and ministries always lies with the local church in the first instance.

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