



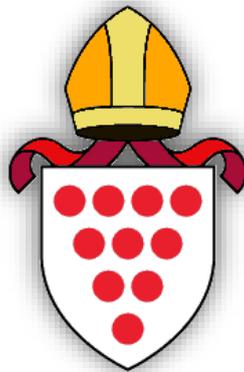
Clergy Training & Events Programme



AUTUMN 2021



*A range of training and events in the
Diocese of Worcester*



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Dear colleagues,

This Ministry and Discipleship training programme covers a range of events for clergy themselves, or of which they should be aware. The programme covers the 2021 Autumn/Winter Term in full.

For more information please email: training@cofe-worcester.org.uk



We look forward to welcoming you to our events.

Jonathan Kimber, Director of Ministry & Discipleship

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**NEW**

Micro CMD – Advance notice of a new trial series

- Micro CMD will be a series of short, stand-alone, online events
 - Each one will be 30 minutes max
 - Each one will focus on one key concept or practice that somebody has found helpful in parish ministry
 - There will be 10 minutes max input from the practitioner, then up to 20 minutes of discussion.
 - Participants are welcome to just come for 10 minutes. Leaving then is not rude!
 - We may also offer a podcast recording of the first 10 minutes – which those not present could subsequently listen to while they walk their dog etc
 - I hope to start Micro CMD in November, or the New Year, and I'm sorting details with several contributors – watch out for publicity for too long
 - And I'm keen to hear from anyone else who'd like to share in this way, or nominate a colleague – please do get in touch at JKimber@cofe-worcester.org.uk
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Discipleship and Lay Ministry

Doug Chaplin has planned some helpful, practical online workshops this autumn. Please consider how best to communicate these, and which individuals might particularly benefit. There is an Eventbrite page for each, for booking and more details:

- I. Stepping Up: Leading the Intercessions**
Thursday 21st October 2:30pm – 4pm
<https://bit.ly/2VT7rzY>
- II. Stepping Up: Reading the Bible in Public Worship**
Monday 22nd November 2:30pm – 4pm
<https://bit.ly/3Am2w9M>
- III. From Liturgy to Life**
Four Wednesdays, from 3rd – 24th November 7:30pm – 9pm
A four-week course helping people connect Sunday worship to daily discipleship
<https://bit.ly/3nQd9OA>
- IV. Thinking about ALM**
Thursday 4th November 7:30pm – 9pm
An introductory session for people who might start training in 2022 for ALM ministry
<https://bit.ly/3hRRiTd>

Cathedral/University of Worcester partnership – autumn dates

There's a varied and interesting autumn series of seminars, exploring connections between religion and society. Details [here](#). Speakers include **Rachel Mann**, and **Lynn Nicholl** on the career profile of women bishops:

- Wednesday 22nd September – Dr Lucy Peacock, Coventry University, "The Effectiveness of the Faith and Belief Forum's School Linking Programme"
- Prof John Parham's presentation, "Searching for God in the Air That We Breathe", has been rescheduled
- Thursday 14th October – The Rev'd Canon Dr Rachel Mann, Manchester Cathedral, "The Body, Queerness, and Hope"
- Wednesday 10th November – Dr Lynn Nichol and Dr Catherine Ross, University of Worcester, "The Career Profile of Women Bishops"

Digital Labs: Zoom accessibility tools and a church that has grown from a WhatsApp group

Link: <https://bit.ly/3kdQwI9>

Follow the above link to read September's **Digital Labs** newsletter, including digital webinar details, blog posts about online and on-site services, and details of this year's national Christmas campaign.



Tuesday 23rd September 2021
2:30pm – 4:30pm

Online Briefing for LLF Group Leaders

Further details, and booking: <https://bit.ly/2UIZXoF>

Who's it for?

This event is for those planning to lead (or considering leading) a group of people in engaging with the course. This will normally be as part of the life of a local church, or in partnership between churches.

What's it about?

2 hours of online training for those planning to lead a LLF Course Group

Wednesday 29th September 2021
9:30am – 4:15pm

Organising Your Ministry: Creating a Simple Setup

Event leader: The Revd Phillip Johnson, Vicar of Malvern Link with Cowleigh

Venue: The (new) Diocesan Office, 16 Lowesmoor Wharf Worcester WR1 2RS. Lunch provided.

Full description and booking: <https://bit.ly/3kboBIL>

Who's it for?

8 participants max – early booking is advised. This event is for clergy only.

What's it about?

This event is for those of us whose heart sinks at the prospect of emails and to-do lists. The day will help you create a simple setup for managing tasks, emails and all the other things that life throws at you in ministry. Participants should ideally bring their laptop.

Phillip Johnson has coached individual clergy in the management of emails and projects and has seen the difference it can make to our wellbeing and our capacity for ministry. Lunch is provided.

**NEW**

Thursday 7th October 2021
10am – 11:30am

Online clergy forums – for connection and reconnection

Booking: <https://bit.ly/3nFzYoo>

Partner event: [Tuesday 16th November 2pm – 3:30pm](#)

What's it about?

These are challenging times, as we navigate between, or perhaps juggle with, several different 'normals'. These online forums are each offered as a safe and confidential space for two main purposes:

- A chance to be candid about the realities of ministerial life with others in similar situations - to be heard, and to know we are not alone
- A chance, for those who wish, to chew over with others some ways of addressing current challenges – sharing possibilities, experience, insight, and sense-making

Much of the discussion will be in breakout rooms, with participants able to choose which breakout discussion to be part of. Clergy are welcome to come to either forum or to both. I expect that the second will have a similar format to the first.

Tuesday 12th October 2021
4pm – 5:30pm

Online LLF Overview and Taster

Further details, and booking: <https://bit.ly/3hEjOrf>

Who's it for?

Designed especially for clergy and church leaders.

What's it about?

A 90-minute online introduction to LLF, and options for engagement.

**NEW**

Thurs 14th October
10am – 12:30pm

Nurturing relationships between churches and schools: Part 1

Booking: Please email: education@cofe-worcester.org.uk

Who's it for?

This event, run by the Diocese and Education Team, is the first part of a two-part event. The first part is for clergy only, and participating clergy are then asked to come to the [second part](#) along with relevant school colleagues – headteachers and foundation governors on Thursday 18th November.

What's it about?

Having a school located within a parish can be a source of great blessing. In this course we will look at how clergy can best support schools and how they can work together to participate in the 'missio dei' (mission of God).

In this session we will cover:

- working with a school(s) in your parish
- understanding the school's vision
- supporting with Collective Worship
- practical ways in which the church may get involved with the life of the school
- practical ways in which the school may be able to get involved in the life of the church.

Monday 18th October 2021
2:30pm – 4:30pm

Online Briefing for LLF Group Leaders

Further details, and booking: <https://bit.ly/2UIZXoF>

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Thurs 21st October & Tues 9th November 2021

Regional Training – Transforming Conflict

Further details and booking: <https://bit.ly/3Aiq1Ab>

What's it about?

The Transforming Conflict course will run in 2 sessions online: Thursday 21st October (full day) and Tuesday 9th November (morning) with **Sandra Cobbin**. I have been a participant on this course, and highly commend the understanding and perspective that it offers, and the skills it helps develop. I have just one or two further spaces available, for clergy beyond curacy. Deadline Friday 24th September, although spaces are likely to go earlier.

NEW

Thursday 4th November 2021
9:30am – 12:30pm

**Meaningful, Mystical, Magical or Myth:
Exploring the meaning of prayer for us**

Booking: Contact Revd Nick Wright (email: revnmwright@btinternet.com or call: 07871 163140)

Venue: St Peter's Parish Hall, Inkberrow. WR7 4DZ

Who's it for?

It is for anyone interested – and especially for those who are involved in the work of accompanying and listening to others on their spiritual journeys.

What's it about?

This event, organised by the Worcester Diocesan Spirituality Network, is a morning of learning and reflection facilitated by Gill Pennington.

What does prayer mean to us? Is it something we do, something we experience, part of who we are...? Our gathering, in person (or via Zoom if necessary), will be an opportunity for us to explore together this strange practice that Jesus exhorts us to participate in regularly. We will be given the chance to reflect on our own understanding of what prayer is for us and how this might have changed through the journey of our lives. Speaker, **Gill Pennington** will offer some thoughts about what it can mean for people from different backgrounds and beliefs... some of whom may be your directees or fellow members of your worshipping community.



NEW

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2pm – 3:30pm

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Thursday 18th November – Nurturing relationships between churches and schools: Part 2
10am – 12:30pm

Booking: Please email: education@cofe-worcester.org.uk.

Who's it for?

This event, run by the Diocese and Education Team, is the second part of a two-part event. The [first part](#), on Thursday 14th October is for clergy only, and participating clergy are then asked to come to this, the [second part](#), along with relevant school colleagues – headteachers and foundation governors.

What's it about?

Having a school located within a parish can be a source of great blessing. In this course we will look at how clergy can best support schools and how they can work together to participate in the 'missio dei' (mission of God).

In this session we invite headteachers and foundation governors to come along with their clergy so they can understand how they can work together to support their school.

**NEW**

Tuesday 23rd November 2021
7:15pm – 9pm

LLF Digging Deeper:
The Bible, Interpretation and Sexuality

Booking: <https://bit.ly/3tMCqKG>

Venue: *St Martin with St Peter C Of E Church, London Rd, Worcester* [WR5 2ED](#)

What's it about?

This event is to help participants explore different ways in which Christians understand how the Bible speaks about sexuality. The event will be primarily a conversation between three contributors (listed below). There will also be some opportunity for questions.

- **Sean Doherty**, principal of Trinity College Bristol
- **Sarah Northall**, vicar of St Wulstan's, Worcester
- **David Runcorn**, writer, speaker and 'free-range priest'

The event will be chaired by **Claire Lording**, Vicar of Pershore and Chair of the House of Clergy, and introduced by **Jonathan Kimber**, diocesan LLF Advocate (and Director of Ministry and Discipleship).

**NEW**

Wednesday 24th November 2021
9:45am – 12:30pm

Working Well with Volunteers

Booking: <https://bit.ly/3Arg9Vi>

Who's it for?

The session will be designed with clergy particularly in mind, and may also be relevant to others, who will be more than welcome.

What's it about?

Working well with other church members, who are not paid for what they do, is an important, rich, and sometimes complex aspect of ministry. This morning session includes input on several different angles of what's involved, with plenty of chance for discussion and questions. The morning will include input from Jo Hyrons, Diocesan HR Coordinator and Alison Maddocks, Dean of Smaller Churches.

Topics covered will include:

- Spot the difference – what's different about working with volunteers?
- Good practice on recruitment and induction
- The needs of the person and the needs of the role
- 'Volunteering' and vocation