Could this be you?

Are you interested in considering Licensed Lay Ministry? The following are not all necessary, but these steps will assist you as discern your calling and will be useful information as the Selectors meet you.

- Have you spoken to your incumbent or priest in charge?
- Do you have the support of your PCC?
- Have you met and talked to a Deanery Vocations Adviser?

What next?

If you are interested in Licensed Lay Ministry and would like further information please contact:

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The ministry of teaching, nurture and encouragement resources the gifts of all God’s disciples.

“There needs to be a huge flourishing of lay ministry. I recommend this course to prepare you for God’s work in God’s world.”

Bishop Stephen Cottrell
Licensed Lay Ministry

The role of Licensed Lay Ministers is to work with ordained ministers and other lay leaders to enable the local churches of the diocese to be a Transforming Presence. The diocese has discerned a need for licensed lay ministers, theologically trained and with a clear leadership function. This leadership role may be expressed in a number of ways:

- as an adult educator, encouraging, training and mentoring other lay ministries. *LLMs may lead the Course in Christian Studies or other training and outreach, such as Alpha, Emmaus. They will be well placed to act as coaches and mentors to other lay ministries such as Authorised Local Preachers*

- as one who contributes skills of leadership in local churches and deaneries. *LLMs will be encouraged to share the skills which they have acquired in their work and community roles in the context of church life*

- as a co-ordinator and trainer of Christian nurture, such as children’s work and enquirer’s groups. *In this way those who nurture others may themselves be resourced and refreshed*

- as one who attends to the connection between faith and daily life, worship and witness. *It is essential that the mission of the Church is focussed outwards and that God’s people are able to live out their faith in their homes, communities and jobs*

LLMs will be lay people, holding the Bishop’s licence, trained to national standards, with national accreditation and transferability. Candidates for LLM will need to demonstrate commitment to lay ministry and be willing to serve as LLMs for at least 5 years after licensing.

Training

The training will focus on the development of knowledge, skills and Christian formation. It will be delivered by the Diocese in co-operation with St Mellitus College.

LLMs will be expected to have completed the Course in Christian Studies, or give evidence of equivalent learning.

Two years of training will precede licensing. This will include:

- Communal worship
- Biblical and doctrinal study
- The practice of leadership in the Church
- Adult education
- Preaching and leading worship

A third year after licensing will include a research project on the mission of the student’s local situation.

Significant Continuing Ministerial Development, support and review will be a lifelong reality.