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Diocese of Chelmsford

# **CMD training courses for LLMs**

*IME2 in the Diocese of Chelmsford*

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## Curriculum Content and Booking Details

The Courses available can be accessed by following this link:

[New to ministry - LLMs & Curates | The Diocese of Chelmsford](#)

## Introduction and Practicalities

Welcome to IME2!

Whether you have been licensed recently or a longer time ago, all LLMs are invited to take part in Continued Ministerial Development alongside their recently ordained colleagues. The Diocese lays on specific training called IME2, the details of which can be accessed using the link above. LLMs are invited to join in with any IME2 training sessions, except the Briefing Day which is specifically geared towards those about to be Ordained. Before you embark on leading any Funeral Ministry, you must complete the Funeral Ministry IME2 training.

## CMD Grants

In addition to the Diocesan IME2 training, all LLMs are given a £200 grant each year to be put towards external training or retreats. In order to access this grant, you should speak to the CMD Adviser for your Episcopal Area.

## How to book IME2 Training Events

All training courses/events need to be booked in advance via Eventbrite. All communication regarding the courses is done via Eventbrite, so joining instructions, online links and changes to any of these are only sent to those who are booked on. This also forms the official register for attendance.

**Please ensure that you only book in once.** Sometimes there are limited spaces on events and so it is helpful if multiple places are not taken by the same name.

If you find that you can't book for any reason, please get in touch with [Sarah Wilson](#) or [Caroline Harding](#) and we can ensure that there is a space for you.

## Training events—listed by date order

**Topic:** Induction Day

**Module:** N/A

**Mode of learning:** Face-to-face

**Date:** 5th September 2026, 9.30 am—4 pm

**Venue:** Diocesan Offices

**Content:** An opportunity to share our learning over the summer, discuss supervision and reflect on the diocesan values set out in Travelling Well Together

**Booking Link:** <https://induction26.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Topic:** Personal and Household Safety

**Module:** Pastoral Care of Self and Others

**Mode of learning:** Face-to-face

**Date:** 22nd September 2026, 1.30 pm—4.30 pm

**Venue:** Diocesan Offices

**Content:** A session designed to raise awareness of the risks that might arise during the course of our ministry and how these might affect not just us but also other members of our households. This will include practical advice on how we can take steps to minimise risks

**Booking Link:** <https://personalsafety26.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Topic:** Working with Children and Families

**Module:** Mission and Discipleship

**Mode of learning :** Face to face

**Date :** 10th October 2026, 9.30am – 3.30pm

**Venue:** Diocesan Office

**Content:** The Diocesan Mustard Seed Team will lead this day of both theory and practical skills as we consider how best we engage and sustain ministry with children and families.

**Booking link:** <https://workingwithchildren26.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Topic:** “Are you the Chaplain?” - ministering in a secular context

**Module:** Pastoral Care of Self and Others

**Mode of learning:** Face-to-face

**Date:** 17th October 2026, 9.30 am—12.30 pm

**Venue:** St John’s Moulsham Street, Chelmsford

**Content:** Chaplaincy is a rewarding ministry which brings both challenges and joys. We hear from chaplains working in a range of contexts and there is the opportunity to consider how a chaplaincy placement could work for you.

**Booking Link:** <https://Chaplain26.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Topic:** Funeral Ministry

**Module:** Pastoral Care of Self and Others

**Mode of learning:** Face-to-face

**Date:** 14th November 2026 or 26th November 2026, 10 am—4 pm

**Venue:** St Johns’ Moulsham Street, Chelmsford

**Content:** A chance to reflect on funeral ministry led by experienced practitioners. (Content on the two days will be identical – come to whichever suits you best)

**Booking Link:** 14/11/25 - <https://funerals141126.eventbrite.co.uk>

26/11/25 - <https://funerals261126.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Topic:** “All are welcome” - what does diversity look like in our parishes and communities?

**Module:** Mission and Discipleship

**Mode of learning:** Face-to-face

**Date:** 23rd January 2027, 10 am—4 pm

**Venue:** St John’s Moulsham Street, Chelmsford

**Content:** We live in a society where difference should be welcomed and celebrated but sadly that is not always the case. How do we ensure that our churches are places of welcome to all and how do we recognise and ensure that we do everything possible to be inclusive and safe spaces? There will be contributions from the Diocesan leads in specific areas including Racial Justice, LGBTQTI+ inclusion, Disability, Gender and Neurodiversity.

**Booking Link:** <https://welcome27.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Topic:** Preaching

**Module:** Theological and Spiritual Growth

**Mode of learning:** Face-to-face

**Date:** 4th February 2027, 10 am—3.45 pm

**Venue:** St Nicolas Church, Witham

**Content:** An opportunity to explore preaching the cross and the resurrection in a way that engages and stimulates our congregations. We will also think together about caring for our voice and how best to communicate from the ‘pulpit’.

**Booking Link:** <https://preaching27.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Topic:** Working with Schools

**Module:** Mission and Discipleship

**Mode of learning:** Face to face

**Date:** 4th March 2027, 9.30am – 3.30pm

**Venue:** Diocesan Offices

**Content:** Members of the Diocesan Education Team will provide an overview of school governance, collective worship and the RE Curriculum as well as ideas on how you can become involved in local schools in your community. This is the first of a range of learning opportunities to enhance knowledge and skills for engaging and working with both church and community schools.

**Booking Link:** <https://schools27.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Topic:** Crafting Liturgy

**Module:** Development of Liturgical Practice

**Mode of learning:** Face-to-face

**Date:** 6th March 2027, 9.30 am—12.30 pm

**Venue:** St John's Moulsham Street, Chelmsford

**Content:** Worship takes many forms and it is important that as Anglicans we hold firm to the rubrics. That does not mean that there is no room for creativity and in this session we look at how we craft worship that is authentic to the varying contexts we may find ourselves in, and maintains our Anglican tradition.

**Booking Link:** <https://craftingliturgy27.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Topic:** "Are you OK?" - how do we care for our own mental health and that of others?

**Module:** Pastoral Care of Self and Others

**Mode of learning:** Face-to-face

**Date:** 17th April 2027, 10 am—4 pm

**Venue:** St John's Moulsham Street, Chelmsford

**Content:** Good mental health is recognised as fundamental to wellbeing. As those providing pastoral care to a wide range of people it is essential that ministers have the tools to enable them to look after their own mental health as well as that of those around them. This session will include looking at a model for mental health first aid and help us reflect on how we can keep safe boundaries in place.

**Booking Link:** <https://areyouok27.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Topic:** I Will Sing to the Lord a New Song – Church Music as a tool for mission

**Module:** Mission and Discipleship

**Mode of learning:** Face to face

**Date:** 22nd May 2027 9.30am – 1.00pm

**Venue:** St Mary's Church, Wanstead

**Content:** Music in church is a vital component of worship and an important tool for mission in the wider community. This half day is led by Rev James Gilder, himself a former church organist and parish musical director, and Professor Alison Wells, Director of Music at the Parish of Wanstead and Professor of Voice at the Royal College of Music. The session will cover the following topics

- Church musicians: employment issues, recruitment, management and legalities
- Music choices: resources available and how to use music well
- Singing in church: how to lead when you're not a confident singer

**Booking Link:** <https://singnewsong27.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Topic:** “In the Chair” - how to effectively chair meetings

**Module:** Practical Skills for Ministry

**Mode of learning:** Face-to-face

**Date:** 19th June 2027, 9.30 am—12.30

**Venue:** St John’s Moulsham Street, Chelmsford

**Content:** From PCCs to sub committees and other groups, chairing meetings is an essential skill in ministry. This is a chance to hear from experienced practitioners both lay and ordained how to make this as stress free as possible for all concerned.

**Booking Link:** <https://inthechair27.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Topic:** “Anglican and Generous” - how do we inhabit our differences well?

**Module:** Theological and Spiritual Growth

**Mode of learning:** Face-to-face

**Date:** 19th June 2027, 1.30 pm—4 pm

**Venue:** St John’s Moulsham Street, Chelmsford

**Content:** In a season when the Church of England is facing difficult decisions on a range of doctrinal issues it is important that we spend time thinking about how we minister alongside those who may have different viewpoints from our own and focus on what our common ground is. At this session we will hear a range of perspectives and consider how we create safe spaces for these to be expressed.

**Booking Link:** <https://anglicanandgenerous27.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Topic:** Practical Theology and Liturgical Practice

**Module:** Development of Liturgical Practice

**Mode of learning:** Face-to-face

**Date:** 10th July 2027, 10 am—3 pm

**Venue:** Diocesan Office

**Content:** A day exploring practical theology and liturgical forms.

**Booking Link:** <https://practicaltheology27.eventbrite.co.uk>

## **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding Training is a compulsory component of a minister's post. Please note that the Church of England requires all ministers to undertake safeguarding training to leadership level on a three-yearly basis.

The Safeguarding Team, based in the Diocesan Office, administer all Safeguarding training and will be in touch with you separately when it is your turn to undertake the training.

**Please treat this as a priority and make the time for this important training when you are required to do it. Failure to complete the training can result in a temporary suspension of your license.**