



DIOCESE of
WINCHESTER

School of Mission

A Guide to the Bishop's Commission for Mission Training Programmes (BCM)



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What is BCM?



BCM is a suite of lay training programmes focused on enabling church members to live missionally in every part of their lives, equipping them to live out their vocation to the full. Through participating in the programme we believe God will shape each trainee for his or her place in his mission.

The programme is designed for lay parish members who would like some input for their existing ministry or for a developing vocational path. Rather than a formal qualification, the programme provides an opportunity to learn from passionate practitioners in ministry and encourages participants to see their own ministry through a missional lens, exploring related issues through portfolio tasks and action learning sets.

To sign up for the training programme participants will need to be recommended by their incumbent and PCC, who will usually pay the training costs. Those who successfully complete the programme will be commissioned by the Bishop of Winchester for their BCM role at the annual lay ministries service in Winchester Cathedral in October.

Since the pilot BCM in 2016 approximately 100 people have participated in programmes held at venues across the diocese. So far we have offered BCM Pastoral, BCM Worship and BCM Witness; we are developing BCM Disciple Maker, BCM Children/Youth & Families and BCM Pioneer.

The BCM Programme consists of an opening and closing Saturday and 6 sessions spread over a term. We ask participants to commit to be present at every session so that they and those they are learning with get the most out of the training.

More information is available on the Diocesan website:
<https://www.winchester.anglican.org/bcm/>

BCM Pastoral

Equipping those with a pastoral heart to be pastoral in all contexts

This is for those with a pastoral heart. The training will cover a foundational understanding of the missional context we are in, the core skills required for pastoral work in your church/community, as well as input from passionate personal practitioners on specialist areas, such as growing older, coping with death and dying, and talking to people about their faith.

BCM Worship

Equipping you to lead worship in a variety of contexts

This is for those who have a desire to lead God's people into God's presence. The training will cover a foundational understanding of the missional context we are in and the core skills required to lead worship in your church/community, as well as input from passionate personal practitioners on specialist areas, such as how to plan an act of worship, leading intergenerational worship and leading worship not in a church building.

BCM Disciple Maker

Nurturing existing disciples and growing new disciples in today's world

This is for those who have a passion to help *others* grow in their faith. We will explore what being a disciple means and how disciples can grow up into maturity. We will offer tools to use in a one-to-one context, in small groups and give a vision for how the local church might help grow new disciples.

BCM Witness

Equipping you and your church community to share the Good News!

This is for those who want to be more effective in sharing their faith and who want to equip and enable their church to be more effective in reaching out to their community with the good news of Jesus. The training will cover a foundational understanding of the missional context we are in, a theology to engage with it and the core skills to make a difference. There will be practical challenges on the way.

UPCOMING DATES

Old Alresford Place
10 March - 12 May 2018
BCM Worship

St Paul's Throop, Bournemouth
21 April - 14 July 2018
BCM Pastoral & BCM Disciple Maker

St John's, Hartley Wintney
29 Sept—1 Dec
BCM Pastoral & BCM Worship

The Pastoral Programme has enabled me to refresh and re-visit my skills, especially my listening skills. It has affirmed what I do and made me think deeply about the how and why. Most of all the benefits of sharing with other participants has given me more confidence, heightened my awareness and validated what God is doing through me.

I found the Programme developed my confidence to 'own' my belief in God to others and in parallel heightened my self-awareness. It guided me to use & put into practice my God given gifts of pastoral care, compassion & observation with a greater sense of sensitivity & humility".

Through some inspired teaching and small group work, the BCM course has greatly helped to equip me in my existing ministry and context. It has challenged and informed the way I live out my faith and use my pastoral gifts as part of God's mission to those He has called me to serve.

I found this programme well-structured, practical and thought provoking. It has allowed the Lord to lead me into new conversations and a new unexpected direction.