



DIOCESE of
WINCHESTER

School of Mission

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



2020

What is the BCM?

Bishop's Commission for Mission

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.

What does a BCM Involve?

The BCM Programme consists of an opening and closing Saturday and 6 sessions spread out 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 of out of the training. Safeguarding training will also be required for commissioning. This is not an academic programme but a formative learning experience.

What programmes are available?

On a rotating basis in venue around the diocese we offer the following programmes.

BCM Worship
BCM Pastoral
BCM Children, Families Youth
BCM Growing Faith
BCM Pioneering
BCM Evangelism
BCM Prayer Champions
BCM School Champions

How do I take part?

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.

2020 Programmes

Spring Term January— March

Daytime at **Old Alresford Place**
BCM Prayer Champions & BCM Pastoral

Evenings at **Wolvesey**
BCM Evangelism & BCM Children, Families, Youth

Summer Term April—July

Evenings at **Throop**
BCM Growing Faith & BCM School Champions

Evenings at **Chineham**
BCM Pioneering & BCM Pastoral

Autumn Term September—November

Evenings at **Ringwood**
BCM Worship & BCM Children, Families, Youth

Evenings at **Hartley Wintney**
BCM Pioneering & BCM School Champions

These programmes are subject to confirmation so may change. Contact our administrator, Wendy Atkinson for more information about specific dates and which programmes are running.

Previous Participants have said

Recommending this course is a definitive YES. It has proved enlightening and has reinforced some things I already knew and given me the knowledge and confidence to try different approaches. I feel equipped to move forward with leading a pastoral care team.

I have really enjoyed the BCM course, the friends I have met through it and all the things I have learnt. I have been challenged to think about my work in our parish and what that might look like.

it has given me fresh ideas and new vision to not only see the youth work through in the present but to push it on in the future too.

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.