



BCM Autumn 2021 Information Sheet



What is the Bishop's Commission for Mission?

BCM is a lay training programme focused on enabling church members to live missionally in every part of their lives, equipping them to live out their vocation to the full. It is not an academic training programme, instead through participating in the programme, we believe God will shape you for your place in his mission. If you successfully met the programme requirements, you will be commissioned by the Bishop of Winchester at the annual Lay Ministries Service at Winchester Cathedral for a BCM role within your benefice as agreed between you and your incumbent.

Which programmes are we offering this autumn?

- **BCM Worship:** This is for those who have a desire to lead God's people into God's presence. The training will cover the core skills required to lead worship in your church/community and on completion carries an authorisation to lead non eucharistic worship more than once a quarter.
- **BCM Youth & Children's Ministry:** This is primarily for those who are leading any form of youth or children's ministry in the church. The training will explore faith development in children and provide you with a range of creative ideas for building a strong ministry team.
- **BCM Prayer Champions:** This aims to equip you to encourage prayer in your church and community. It will build your personal confidence in prayer and offer you a variety of ideas to help others grow in prayer.
- **BCM Creation Care:** This is for those who want to help their church steward the world's natural resources. It will consider the theology of our calling to care for God's creation, as well as exploring practical actions.

How does BCM training work?

This autumn we hope to offer BCM programmes as a combination of online and in person training. Topic sessions are led by passionate practitioners in their field. BCM highly values relational learning – we believe everyone comes with wisdom and experience to share, so

we ask you to commit to attending all the sessions and to engage with the online material offered.

Prior to each of the sessions there is pre-work material to do online at your own pace and in your own time. We expect this to take up to an hour. This is a key aspect of BCM and we expect everyone to do this. Pre-work material may consist of something to read, a film clip to watch, commenting in a forum, journaling, or engaging in practical actions to explore offline.

Session Information

- There is a morning **Launch Session** at St Barnabas, Weeke, Winchester, Introducing Mission Spirituality for all programme streams together.
- There are then **6 specialist topic sessions** (1.5 hours each) when individual streams meet online together for discussion and tutor input.
- Finally there is a **Closing Session** at Wolvesey, Winchester, for all programme streams together again to enable you to consider how God has been shaping your for his service.

What other requirements are there for BCM training?

You will need to be recommended by your incumbent and PCC, who should pay your training costs, currently £60 per person.

Once you have completed the programme you will need to complete a role description, all levels of safeguarding training and a DBS check in order to receive your commission. More information will be provided during the training.

When are the training dates?

Prayer Champions and Creation Care – Tuesday evenings 7pm – 8.30pm unless otherwise noted.

Date	Prayer Champions	Creation Care
11 September	Launch Session: Mission Spirituality (Sat 9.30am to 12.30pm) St Barnabas, Weeke. All streams together.	
21 September	1. Prayer & Spirituality	1. God's Wonderful World
5 October	2. Connecting 1:1	2. A Task and a Hope
19 October	3. Praying in Small Groups (in person at Wolvesey)	3. Resources and Cycles
2 November	4. Congregational Prayer	4. Priorities
16 November	5. Prayer in the Community	5. In God's Image
30 November	6. Prayer and Discipleship	6. Action Stations
4 December	Closing Session: How has God been shaping me for service? (Sat 10am -12noon) Wolvesey Winchester. All streams together.	

Worship and Children & Youth Ministry – Wednesday evenings 7pm – 8.30pm unless otherwise noted.

Date	Worship	Youth & Children
11 September	Launch Session: Mission Spirituality (Sat 9.30am to 12.30pm) St Barnabas, Weeke. All streams together.	
22 September	1. What is Worship?	1. What is Youth & Children’s Ministry?
6 October	2. Planning & Leading Worship	2. Culture of Young People
20 October	3. Music in Worship (In person at Wolvesey)	3. Faith Development of Children
3 November	4. Intergenerational Worship	4. Building Effective Teams
17 November	5. Leading Worship Online	5. Vision & Strategy
1 December	6. Leading Informal Worship	6. Additional Needs
4 December	Closing Session: How has God been shaping me for service? (Sat 10am – 12noon) Wolvesey, Winchester. All streams together.	

Rule of Life Workshop

There is also an optional Rule of Life for BCM Workshop with Revd. Sally Dakin, open to all programme streams on 8th September 7.30-9.30pm. (Limited places)

For queries or booking forms please contact our BCM Administrator
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We hope you will decide to join us.