



## BCM Spring 2022 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 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 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 we can take to raise awareness and make a difference in our churches and communities.
- **BCM Growing Faith:** This is for those who want to help others grow in faith and discipleship. Suitable for those who are leading any sort of adult group attached to a church. We will consider what spiritual maturity might look like and how we can help others to grow towards it.
- **BCM Pastoral:** This is for those who feel a vocation to care for others. The training will explore practical aspects such as listening skills and managing a visit as well as looking at end of life care and how we can bring our faith into our pastoral role.
- **BCM Pioneer:** This aims to equip you with confidence to explore new forms of outreach, to take the church outside of the building and be where people are, to see all areas of life as opportunities to help others engage with God.

### How does BCM training work?

This spring 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 Paul’s Church, Bursledon SO31 8DT, , 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**, venue tbc, 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?

**Pioneer and Creation Care – Tuesday evenings 7pm – 8.30pm unless otherwise noted.**

Date	Pioneer	Creation Care
15 January	Launch Session: Mission Spirituality (Sat 10.00am to 3.00pm) St Paul’s Bursledon. All streams together.	
18 January	1. Let’s talk about church	1. God’s Wonderful World
1 February	2. Jesus the Pioneer	2. A Task and a Hope
15 February	3. What is around you?	3. Resources and Cycles
8 March	4. Mission Spirituality	4. Priorities
15 March	5. Mixed Economy as the Norm	5. In God’s Image
29 March	6. The Pioneer Spectrum	6. Action Stations
2 April	Closing Session: How has God been shaping me for service? (Sat 9.30am - 12noon). All streams together.	

**Pastoral and Growing Faith – Wednesday evenings 7pm – 8.30pm unless otherwise noted.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Pastoral</b>	<b>Growing Faith</b>
15 January	Launch Session: Mission Spirituality (Sat 10.00am to 3.00pm) St Paul's Bursledon. All streams together.	
19 January	1. Listening (held in person at Wolvesey)	1. What is Growing Faith?
2 February	2. Family Matters	2. What do people need to grow in faith?
16 February	3. Growing Older	3. What does mature look like?
9 March	4. Managing a Visit	4. How can we nurture people 1:1
16 March	5. Death, Dying & Bereavement	5. Growing faith through small groups
30 March	6. Courageous Conversations	6. A church strategy for growing faith
2 April	Closing Session: How has God been shaping me for service? (Sat 9.30am – 12noon) venue tbc. All streams together.	

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