

# Equipping for ministry

## 2026 programme outline

Details of each event can be found on our calendar at [bathandwells.org.uk/calendar](https://bathandwells.org.uk/calendar). Booking and registration links can be found on each event calendar entry. Please contact [training@bathwells.anglican.org](mailto:training@bathwells.anglican.org) for further information.

<b>January</b>	Tues 13	Theological conversations: Can there be a theology of taxation? Bishop Chris Foster	Anyone with an interest in engaging with theological thinking	10am - 12.30pm Flourish House, Wells
	Tues 20	Making peace with conflict Simon Keyes from the peace building network	Clergy leaders	10am - 4pm Flourish House, Wells
<b>February</b>	Tues 3	Nature and theology: Part 1	Open to all	10am - 4pm Flourish House, Wells
	Tues 10	Resourcing ministry with young people, children and families	Clergy and those exercising ministry with young people	10am - 4pm Flourish House, Wells
	Thurs 12	Pathway to Lay Pastoral Assistant: Part 1 of 2 Access to this course will usually be as a result of a discernment conversation with your incumbent	Those wishing to explore pastoral ministry	10am - 4pm Flourish House, Wells
	Mon 23	Nature and theology: Part 2	Open to all	10am - 4pm Flourish House, Wells
	Thurs 26	Can preaching learn from stand-up comedy? A playful day of theory and practice exploring how skills and approaches from stand-up comedy	Clergy, Readers and commended Local Preachers are eligible for one of the ten free spaces	10am - 4pm Sarum College, Salisbury
<b>March</b>	Thurs 5	Equip and resource lay ministry in your church	Clergy, Readers and potential course facilitators	10am - 4pm Flourish House, Wells
	Tues 10	Theological conversations with Sharon Roberts	Anyone with an interest in engaging with theological thinking	10am - 12.30pm Flourish House, Wells
	Weds 11	Legal responsibilities with Christopher Jones, Registrar An opportunity to update your understanding	Clergy	10am - 4pm Flourish House, Wells
	Thurs 12	Dreams: A path to wholeness Lisa Cornwell is a priest and author of Dreams: The Path to Wholeness (2006)	Spiritual directors, clergy and readers are eligible for one of the ten free spaces	10am - 4pm Sarum College, Salisbury

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	Thurs 19	Pathway to Lay Pastoral Assistant: Part 2 of 2 Access to this course will usually be as a result of a discernment conversation with your incumbent	Those wishing to explore pastoral ministry	10am - 4pm Flourish House, Wells
	Sat 21	Peaceable living	Open to all	10am - 4pm East Chinnock St Mary
	Tues 24	Spiritual landscapes This short course will examine the spirituality of walking, our deep connections with place	Clergy and Readers are eligible for one of the ten free spaces	10am - 4pm Sarum College, Salisbury
April	Thurs 16	Effective listening	Lay Pastoral Assistants and others	10am - 1pm Flourish House, Wells
	Sat 18	Exploring preaching Introducing a local preaching resource	For those exploring a preaching ministry and those seeking to equip new preachers	10am - 4pm Flourish House, Wells
	Thurs 23	Pathway to Lay Worship Assistant: Part 1 of 2 Access to this course will usually be as a result of a discernment conversation with your incumbent Lay Worship Assistants	Those wishing to explore leading worship	10am - 4pm Flourish House, Wells
	Tues 28	Liturgy day Sharing ideas and resources	Clergy, Readers and Lay Worship Assistants	10am - 4pm Flourish House, Wells
May	Thurs 7	Ministry beyond walls - working in partnership with our communities	Open to all	10am - 4pm Flourish House, Wells
	Sat 9	Children's ministry essentials	Anyone interested in building their understanding and skills in children's ministry	10am - 4pm Flourish House, Wells
	Tues 12	Theological conversations with Sarah Sheppard	Anyone with an interest in engaging with theological thinking	10am - 12.30pm Flourish House, Wells
	Weds 13	Not the sermon - the creative use of the sermon slot for LWAs	Lay Worship Assistants, Readers and clergy	10am - 4pm Flourish House, Wells

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May continued	Fri 15	Pathway to Funeral Ministry: Part 1 of 2 Access to this course will usually be as a result of a discernment conversation with your incumbent	This two part course is intended for Readers and other experienced Lay Ministers who may wish to explore conducting funerals and bereavement ministry	10am - 4pm Flourish House, Wells
	Tues 19	Carbon net zero	Open to all	10am - 4pm Flourish House, Wells
	Thurs 21	Pathway to Lay Worship Assistant: Part 2 of 2 Access to this course will usually be as a result of a discernment conversation with your incumbent	Those wishing to explore leading worship	10am - 4pm Flourish House, Wells
June	Sat 6	Lay ministry conference with a Celebration of lay ministries	Open to all commended & commissioned Lay Ministers	10am - 4pm Flourish House and St Cuthberts, Wells
	Mon 8	2026 Clergy Day	Licensed clergy	9.30am - 3.30pm Canalside Conference Centre, Bridgwater
	Fri 12	Pathway to Funeral Ministry: Part 1 of 2 Access to this course will usually be as a result of a discernment conversation with your incumbent	This two part course is intended for Readers and other experienced Lay Ministers who may wish to explore conducting funerals and bereavement ministry	10am - 4pm Flourish House, Wells
	Thurs 18	Effective communication - How we reach a wider audience and tell our story	Clergy and administrators	10am - 4pm Flourish House, Wells
	Sat 20	Money Matters	Treasurers and those involved in parish finance	10am - 4pm Flourish House, Wells
July	Thurs 2	Spiritual direction and mental health	Registered Spiritual Directors	10am - 4pm Flourish House, Wells
	Sat 11	Churchwardens' Day	Churchwardens	9.30am - 4pm Flourish House, Wells
	Tues 14	Theological conversations with Tim Stevens	Anyone with an interest in engaging with theological thinking	10am - 12.30pm Flourish House, Wells
September	Tues 8	Theological conversations with Lore Chumbley	Anyone with an interest in engaging with theological thinking	10am - 12.30pm Flourish House, Wells

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September continued	Weds 16	Science and theology conversation	Anyone with an interest in engaging with theological thinking	10am - 1pm Flourish House, Wells
	Mon 21	Mixed ecology of Church conference	Clergy and leaders	10am - 4pm Canalside Conference Centre, Bridgwater
	Sat 26	Churchwardens' Day	Churchwardens	9.30am - 3.30pm Flourish House, Wells
October	Sat 3	2026 Readers' Day	Licensed Readers	9.30am - 3.30pm Flourish House, Wells Cathedral, Wells
	Sat 10	Being peace	Open to all	Wells Cathedral
	Sat 10 YBC	Money Matters	Treasurers and those involved in parish finance	10am - 4pm Flourish House, Wells
	Thurs 15	Engaging with difficult conversations Led by Liz Griffiths of Bridge Builders	Incumbents	10am - 4pm Flourish House, Wells
	Mon 19	2026 Rural Forum	Open to all in our rural communities	10am - 3.30pm Bagley Baptist Church, nr. Wedmore
November	Thurs 5	Caring for the bereaved and supporting funeral ministry	Clergy, Readers and Funeral Ministers	10am - 4pm Flourish House, Wells
	Tues 10	Theological conversations with Gill Sakakini	Anyone with an interest in engaging with theological thinking	10am - 12.30pm Flourish House, Wells
	Tues 24 TBC	Pre Advent retreat	Clergy and Readers	10am - 3pm Wells Cathedral