

What will I learn?

There are six core modules to the course:

- Spirituality and Prayer
- Exploring the New Testament
- Questions of Faith
- Reshaping Church
- Exploring the Old Testament
- Challenging Choices (Ethics)

Each module is 10 sessions and takes about a term. We recommend starting with Spirituality and Prayer. We ask you only to commit to one term. You can then choose whether to carry on to another module at the end.

Assignments are optional and many do not do them. Usually there are some creative and some academic assignments on offer. If you want to do the assignments, the tutor will help you get started. Those who complete an assignment for all six modules receive a certificate from the Bishop.

For more information visit:
www.bathandwells.org.uk

And afterwards?

Exploring Christianity can form the theological component for Reader training. Those who think they might like to be Readers should undertake the optional academic assessments.

Although Exploring Christianity is not an accredited course, it does provide theological background for those going onto ordained ministry or University level study at Trinity or elsewhere.

How do I find out more?

First, have a word with your clergy about the course and its suitability for you

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More details and an application form are available on the website:

www.bathandwells.org.uk/ministry-for-mission/training/lay-training/exploring-christianity

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Exploring Christianity

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so that with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you.

Ephesians 1:18

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Who can do Exploring Christianity?

If you:

- want to be more confident in your knowledge of Christian belief
- are prepared to think new thoughts
- want to explore what being a Christian might mean for your life and faith
- are open to engaging with people of differing views
- are willing to do some preparation for each session

then this might be the course for you.

All who want to explore faith, deepen their commitment and learn together with other interested students are welcome.

Although the course is pitched at A level engagement, no previous academic qualifications is needed. Many people who struggled at school find they flourish because it is interest, thoughtfulness and life experience that matter most.

“ It was stimulating and instructive and has enabled me to read the Bible differently and with a bit more understanding. ”

David from Sedgemoor Deanery

How do the sessions work?

When we have sufficient people in an area, we start a group who agree a time and venue. The group meets week by week. They share insights from their preparation and the tutor facilitates the learning with extra activities.

Each student receives a Study Guide. This gives preparatory work - reading and thinking, writing a sentence or two, looking at pictures, websites etc. You will need an hour or two per week.



Costs

Each module costs £45. A supporting book is recommended but is not essential.

Ministry for Mission has a limited bursary scheme. Please write to the Administrator in confidence.

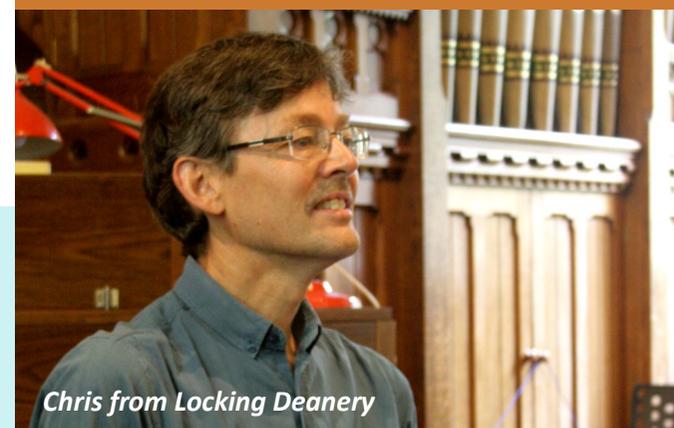
Meet a former student

“ Looking back over the Exploring Christianity course, I found it a great encouragement and a good learning experience. It proved I could still study and put my thoughts and ideas down on paper. ”

The tutor was an excellent facilitator and had a wealth of relevant information which he shared in manageable chunks. There was a deep level of sharing between students, as it was a safe, confidential environment. Each week we took it in turns to lead a short act of worship, which was always good.

I took the course to expand and develop my Christian knowledge, as I was not only testing my calling to ordination, but also lead a home group.

For me, ethics was the most challenging, having not studied this subject before. I would recommend the course, it's not easy and certainly stretches one's ability and develops one's relationship with God. It is worth while - go for it! ”



Chris from Locking Deanery