

Bishop's Commission for Mission (BCM)

Summer 2024: 3 Programme Streams Available



Three BCM programme streams launch on 20th April 2024. On Tuesday evenings we are offering BCM Pastoral and BCM Children, Families, Youth. On Wednesday evenings we are offering BCM Worship.

- **BCM Pastoral** This programme aims to equip you to be pastoral in different contexts in the church and in the community. It is about developing your skills and exploring your vocation to this ministry. We explore ageing, death, dying and bereavement as well as those tricky conversations around these subjects.
- **BCM Children, Families, Youth.** 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 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.

What is BCM?

BCM is an opportunity for lay people exploring new areas of ministry or wanting to develop in their existing ministry. Experienced practical trainers lead each session and we also value your existing ministry experience and wisdom. BCM training is therefore both relational and practical. Through participating in the programme you will gain new insights and skills but we also believe God will shape you for your place in his mission.

How does BCM Training Work?

- There is a **Launch Session** where all BCM streams come together and we explore mission spirituality as the backdrop to the topic training to come. This will be held at Wolvesey.
- There are then **6 specialist topic sessions** when we meet together for discussion and tutor input. Mostly these are held online and from 7pm – 8.30pm but see individual programme streams for specific details as some sessions are held in person.
- Finally there is a **Closing Morning** to enable you to consider how God has been shaping you for his service. Venue Wolvesey.

Summer Term Dates

- **Tuesdays**

Date	Pastoral	Children, Families, Youth
Saturday 20 April	Launch Session: 10am to 3pm, Wolvesey Exploring Mission Spirituality	
23 April 7pm – 8.30pm	1. Listening (In Person Session) Venue Wolvesey	1. The Place of Children and Youth work in a parish
30 April 7pm – 8.30pm	2. Managing a Visit	2. Emerging Faith
7 May	GAP WEEK – NO BCM	
14 May 7pm – 8.30pm	3. Family Matters	3. Nurturing and Discipleship
21 May 7pm – 8.30pm	4. Growing Older	4. Building Effective Teams
28 May	GAP WEEK - NO BCM	
11 June 7pm – 8.30pm	5. Death Dying and Bereavement	5. Conversational Questions
18 June 7pm – 8.30pm	6. Courageous Conversations	6. Additional Needs
Saturday 22 June	Closing Session – How has God been shaping me for service? 9.30am to 12.30pm Venue tbc	

- **Wednesdays**

Date	Worship	
Saturday 20 April	Launch Session: 10.00am to 3.00pm Wolvesey Exploring Mission Spirituality	
24 April 7pm – 8.30pm	1. What is Worship?	
1 May 7pm – 8.30pm	2. Planning and Leading Worship Part 1	
8 May	GAP WEEK – NO BCM	
15 May 7pm – 8.30pm	3 Planning and Leading Worship Part 2	
22 May 7pm – 8.30pm	4. Leading Intergenerational Worship.	
29 May	GAP WEEK - NO BCM	
12 June 7pm – 8.30pm	5. Leading worship in different contexts	
19 June 7pm – 8.30pm	6. The practicalities of leading worship. In person session. Venue tbc	

Saturday 22 June	Closing Session: How has God been shaping me for service? 9.30am -12.30pm tbc
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What else so I need to know?

- You will need to be recommended by your incumbent and PCC, who should pay your training costs, currently £60 per person.
- BCM highly values relational learning so we ask you to commit to attending all the sessions and to engage with other participants and the online material offered.
- For each of the sessions there is some 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 materials may consist of something to read, a film to watch, commenting in a forum or engaging in practical actions to explore offline.
- Once you have completed the programme you will need to complete a role description, safeguarding training and may also need a DBS check in order to receive your commission. More information will be provided during the training.
- On successful completion of the programme requirements, you will be commissioned by the Bishop for a BCM role within your benefice as agreed between you and your incumbent

For an application form or if you have any questions about our BCM programmes, please contact our BCM Administrator

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BCM Taster Session 6th March 2024 - 7 – 8pm

You are warmly invited to find out more about BCM and the programmes on offer this term at our Taster Session. This takes place online on 6th March 7 – 8pm. This session is open to all with no obligation to take a BCM afterwards. Come along, ask any questions you have and meet some of the programme co-ordinators. We would love to see you there.

Contact Wendy for the Zoom link.

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We hope you will decide to join us and be encouraged in your ministry in 2024.