

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

An opportunity for young people—could it be you?



WELCOME

Welcome to the Diocese of Manchester Ministerial Experience Scheme. As DDO it has been really encouraging to see the upsurge in the number of young people who are considering ministry as a vocation.

A great way to explore if God is calling you to ministry within the church is to gain some experience and specifically to get a better understanding of what it might involve to be ordained. This scheme will give you this and alongside this you will receive training to deepen your theological understanding, to strengthen your faith and character and you will also develop your leadership skills. You will also have key people to walk alongside you during this year and reflect with you on your experiences and what God is saying to you.

Manchester is a fantastic place to live, work and minister. You will find great energy and diversity here and a CEMES placement will give you a real insight into the privileges and challenges of ministering in a vibrant fast-changing urban environment.

I hope you will consider joining us in Manchester for what promises to be an amazing year.

David Sharples
Scheme Coordinator

SCHEME INFORMATION

The scheme is divided into three main elements:

- ◆ Church placement
- ◆ Reflective and supportive relationships
- ◆ Support and training

Church Placement:

We have identified 4 placement churches and we would be very careful to match you with the parish where we think you would best flourish. These parishes are concentrated in the south/central area of the city and each serves urban and multicultural, communities. The churches represent different traditions of the Church of England. One third of your time will be in a particular area of ministry in which you are would like to gain more experience. This would also give you a chance to develop some work and take some leadership responsibility contributing to the development of an area of church life. The rest of your time will be involved in general service to give a wide experience of church life and ministry.

Reflection & supportive relationships:

It is important that you have the opportunity to reflect on your experiences and discern what God is saying to you. During your year you will have the following opportunities:

- ◆ a personal mentor who you will meet with at least once each month
- ◆ a peer group of other participants to reflect with
- ◆ a house chaplain who will meet with you regularly and offer pastoral support



Support and Training:

As part of the commitment from the diocese, each participant will be invited to share in an appropriate training programme, designed to help them deepen their faith, their experience of ministry and their understanding of the church and its mission. Some of this will be shared and some will be more individually shaped, depending on previous experience and learning.

Finance and Accommodation:

Contributions from the Diocese and the national Church of England enable us to provide this scheme to those who are selected.

Shared accommodation will be provided in a 4 bedroom vicarage in south Manchester, and within easy reach of the placement parishes. This will be shared by the 4 participants. Essential heating lighting and broadband will be provided.

Each person will be paid for 17.5 hrs a week at the Living Wage, for work in their parish, along with working and travel expenses. Exact hours to be agreed with the parish.

The Programme will be for 40 weeks from mid September to mid June. Holiday will be granted and organised, including over Christmas or Easter, but it is expected that the participants are in the parishes for one of the two festival periods at least.

THE TEAM



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What next?

Closing date for applications:

26 May 2017

We hope that you have found this information helpful in explaining the scheme. If you would like to ask any questions please get in touch with us—the team who are overseeing the scheme are listed on the previous page—but Canon David Sharples or Ian Fellows are the best people to contact.

If you are ready to apply for a place on the scheme please contact Canon David Sharples and request an application form. The form will request a reference from two people who know you, including your church minister, and so it will be important for you to have discussed this with them before applying.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Programme dates:

11 September 2017—16 June 2018