

Some comments from previous participants:

‘The CEMES Scheme has enabled me to gain a wealth of practical experience and insight in parish ministry.’

‘I have felt strongly supported both by the parish priest and scheme supervisor and encouraged to grow and learn from my experiences.’

‘Something which has undoubtedly strengthened my own sense of vocation and given me courage to continue to pursue discernment.’



Church of England Ministry Experience Scheme in Newcastle Diocese



Aged between 18 and 29?

Interested in exploring whether
God might be calling you
to ministry?

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 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND IN THE DIOCESE OF NEWCASTLE

Come and join us, to live and work in a parish in the vibrant city of Newcastle

We intend to appoint up to three participants, for a period of ten – eleven months, beginning in September 2016. The posts would be ideal for young adults exploring a sense of vocation.

The participants will live together in a comfortable 4 bedroom house in the North Tyneside area, within easy reach of good transport links. Each person will be based in a parish context, but will also engage in the work of a local community project. In addition, opportunities for continuing study and reflection / supervision outside the parish context will be offered. Rent-free accommodation and an allowance of £100 per week will be provided.



[Background to the City](#)



Newcastle is a vibrant and increasingly diverse city in which to live. There are excellent transport connections both north and south (London in less than three hours, Edinburgh in 90 minutes). Within the city there are good bus and metro links. By car, it is possible to be at the coast in 15 minutes and in the depths of wild and wonderful Northumberland in half an hour.

The city itself has much to offer. Home to excellent shopping facilities, the city boasts fine Georgian architecture, and several theatres (including the Theatre Royal which hosts the Royal Shakespeare Company and Opera North – www.theatreroyal.co.uk). The music scene is lively (for example, the Sage – www.thesagegateshead.org) as is art (www.balticmill.com) For further information, please visit: www.newcastlegateshead.com

[What we offer](#)

The participants will be part of supportive teams of clergy and lay people, and will play a full part in the round of daily prayer and community involvement. There is scope for liturgical experience, such as serving, reading and intercession, leading the daily office and administering communion. Work in the community projects operating in the parishes will offer varied experience and opportunities. There are many opportunities for developing pastoral skills from home visits to engagement with clients at the projects. Participants are encouraged to develop and offer their particular strengths and interests, and the posts have a flexibility to allow them to grow and develop around the individual.

Participants will receive day-to-day supervision from the parish priest, but will also be offered support and the opportunity for reflection outside the parish. There will be opportunities for ongoing training and study, depending on the individual's previous experience and needs.

