

## Upcoming events:

### Chapter meetings

**Wednesday 8 February** 12-2pm

Shirley Chapter

St Peter's Church Hall Green

**Thursday 9 February**, 12-2pm

Moseley & Kings Norton Chapters

St Laurence, Northfield

Rev'd Dele Sotonwa will be visiting our February Chapter meetings to talk about Racial Justice and how we can respond to it in our parishes.

### Deanery Synod

**Saturday 11 February**, 10:30am-12pm

Hawkesley Pastoral Centre, Shannon Road, B38 9TR

Emma Sergeant will be speaking to us about FLEX, a tool for equipping people to work with children and young people.

Some of the people who run FLEX modules will also be there, sharing resources and ideas.

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### Deanery:

Sunday 14 May, 4:30pm, Bournville Parish Church

Please contact Deb Jewison if your candidate(s) would like to be included in this service. [deborahj@cofebirmingham.com](mailto:deborahj@cofebirmingham.com)

### Cathedral:

**Easter Eve Confirmation - 8 April at 2000**

Deadline for booking in candidates: 8 March

**Pentecost Confirmation - 28 May at 1100**

Deadline for booking in candidates: 28 April

**Christ the King Confirmation - 26 November at 1100**

Deadline for booking in candidates: 26 October

If you have any enquiries please contact April Steadman  
[April.Steadman@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:April.Steadman@birminghamcathedral.com)



## Clergy news

Paul Cho, Priest-in-Charge of St Anne's West Heath, has been appointed vicar of St David's Shenley Green and will be licensed on Tuesday 14 March at 7:45pm.

Theresa Morton, curate at St Laurence Northfield, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of St Bartholomew's Allens Cross and will be licensed on Sunday 23 April at 10 am.

A clergy cycle ride from Birmingham Cathedral to Worcester Cathedral is taking place on Saturday 4th Feb, leaving at 12:30pm from the Cathedral. Contact Phelim for more details: [ad.knms@cofebirmingham.com](mailto:ad.knms@cofebirmingham.com)

The Diocesan golf team is open to anyone who holds a Bishop's licence. The next meeting is on Friday 17 March at Harborne Golf Club. Contact Patrick Gerard for more information: [patrick@gerard.net](mailto:patrick@gerard.net)

Duncan Strathie, vicar of St Mary & St Anne Moseley, has been appointed Rector of the Linked Charge of St Kessog, Auchterarder and St James, Muthill in the Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane in the Scottish Episcopal Church. His last Sunday as Vicar of Moseley will be 19th February.

We pray for Paul, Theresa and Duncan as they begin their new roles. We also pray for Marc Catley, Mike Claridge and Moira Saunders and all those who minister in our parishes who are unwell at the moment.

## Upcoming chapter dates

### March

Thursday 16th (evening) Joint Chapter social, venue tbc.

### April

Wednesday 19th, 12-2pm, venue tbc. Kings Norton & Shirley Chapters.

Thursday 20th, 12-2pm, venue tbc. Moseley Chapter.

**Heather Holmes and Caroline Egan**, Deanery Eco Champions, will be visiting both meetings to talk about the environment and Eco issues.

### May

Wednesday 17th, 12-2pm, venue tbc. Moseley and Shirley Chapters.

Thursday 28th, 12-2pm, venue tbc. Kings Norton Chapter.

**Mark Bennett**, Coaching Lead for Pathways will be visiting both meetings to talk about how effective coaching can benefit you and your parish.

### June

Weds 14th, 12-2pm, St Mary the Virgin Lapworth. Shirley Chapter

Thursday 15th (evening), venue tbc. Kings Norton and Moseley Chapters.

## Parish Administrator vacancy

### Parish of St Nicolas Kings Norton Incorporating Hawkesley LEP

A part time parish administrator is sought by the parish. For more information and to apply for the role, use this url:  
<https://www.cofebirmingham.com/about-us/vacancies/parish-administrator--parish-of-st-nicolas-kings-norton-incorporating-hawkesley-lep.php>

Closing date: 5pm Monday 6th February



LIVING  
IN LOVE  
& FAITH

**A pastoral letter from Bishop Anne,  
to accompany the publication of "A response from  
the Bishops of the Church of England about  
identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage."**

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The response to the report, Listening in Love and Faith, from the Bishops of the Church of England about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage has now been published and the papers and draft resources for the forthcoming General Synod are publicly available.

Amongst the papers and resources published is an important letter from the Bishops to the wider church and I commend this to you. My own reflections here are to be read in conjunction with this Bishops letter.

The process in which all bishops have engaged has been a deep, rich and at times costly one, in which we have travelled together with honesty, openness, prayer and study of the scriptures. I myself warmly welcome the proposals being set out, which include asking the House of Bishops to commend a suite of prayers to enable the affirmation and celebration of faithful same sex relationships. *Prayers of Love and Faith* are intended as "a sign of joy and thanksgiving for couples who have entered a civil partnership or marriage, a new stage in their relationship, or wish to form a covenanted friendship. They will be a celebration of God's faithfulness and of the gift of human love".

The draft Prayers of Love and Faith are now available to read and in February the mind of CofE General Synod will be sought on these drafts before going back to the House of Bishops for any further refinement. They include a range of resources enabling prayers of thanksgiving, dedication, and, or prayers for God's blessing to be chosen flexibly for use within a public celebration in church. It is important to stress that these are available to be used according to conscience and theological conviction.

The bishops appreciate this does not go far enough for some who will be disappointed that there is not a consensus about changing the doctrine of Holy Matrimony as the church has traditionally received it as being between a man and a woman. We also understand that for others the provision goes too far. Expressed in the Bishops letter is the desire to hold and respect the diversity of views to be found in the church about same-sex relationships. I urge you to read the full published Bishops Letter of response which reflects the positive view of the overwhelming majority of bishops about the current offering, understood as a significant milestone on the journey, where there is more work to do.

I am united with my fellow bishops in our desire that all LGBTQI+ brothers and sisters should know themselves fully welcomed and valued in the life of the church. The Bishops letter contains an apology for "the times we have rejected or excluded you, and those you love .... the occasions on which you have received a hostile and homophobic response in our churches....We have not loved you as God Loves you, and that is profoundly wrong".

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## LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH

The document "Issues in Human Sexuality" (pub.1991) has been rescinded and the provision of new pastoral guidance is to be made, with a Pastoral Consultative Group to be quickly established. There is also an acknowledgement of areas we will need to attend to and develop which have been key themes through the Living in Love and Faith process.

I am fully aware of the diversity of views held with integrity here within the Church of England Birmingham. We have always been a diverse church in a diverse region, that is a joyful part of who we are. I thank all who have invested in the Living in Love and Faith resources and commend to you further exploration of this now internationally recognised resource, as well as continued reflection upon the Pastoral Principles, to aid our further journey together. Where that diversity is honoured and valued within the Body of Christ, we show to each other Christ's welcome of us all. I want to express my strong desire and prayer that we will continue to journey together in our difference, and to express my commitment to valuing of all our parishes and worshiping communities, and respect for the different views held.

As the letter from the bishops concludes .... *"our conversations, learning and prayer continue. We have reached a milestone, but there is further to go as we seek God's coming kingdom together"*

This comes as ever with my grateful thanks for our partnership in the Gospel.

'God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.'  
1 John 4.16

*The Rt. Revd Anne Hollinghurst*  
Bishop of Aston, Acting Bishop of Birmingham

The *Bishops Letter* and the draft resources, *Prayers of Love and Faith*, published ahead of the February meeting of General Synod, can be found with an accompanying article on the CofE Website,

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith/bishops-response-living-love-and-faith>



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## Living in Love and Faith resources

### **National CofE LLF Resources**

LLF Library: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith>

Listening with Love and Faith—Gathered responses from churchwide engagement:

[https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/P1156%20COE%20Living%20in%20Love%20%26%20Faith%20Findings%20Report\\_V8%20DPS.pdf](https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/P1156%20COE%20Living%20in%20Love%20%26%20Faith%20Findings%20Report_V8%20DPS.pdf)

Friendship & the Body of Christ—An LLF resource for reflection and conversation:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/FriendshipWEB.pdf>

### **Films produced by CofEB**

Vimeo link to films: <https://vimeo.com/user/118389446/folder/8749311>

Link to PDFs: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1w93zMD0I\\_KGkLh\\_Tlcfn1KnT2w-otxBZ](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1w93zMD0I_KGkLh_Tlcfn1KnT2w-otxBZ)

### **CofE Pastoral Principles resources**

Pastoral Principles: <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/general-synod/bishops/pastoral-principles>

### **LLF and Pastoral Principles Facilitation materials**

CofEB Pathways: <https://birmingham.learn.anglican.org/enrol/index.php?id=139>

Available on the CofE Birmingham Pathways Learning Platform is the LLF session Dr Eeva John ran for the CofEB clergy and Leaders as well as LLF, and Pastoral Principles, Facilitation materials.



## LGBT+ Chaplaincy Support

The Church of England is now in the discernment phase of the Living in Love and Faith process, and we are all personally affected by the nature of the discussions. For those who themselves identify as LGBT+ and who are keenly affected or may be wrestling with how those discussions directly impact on their lives, relationships and calling, the LGBT+ Chaplaincy Support Team is available for support.

More information and to request a confidential conversation with a LGBT+ chaplain, can be found on the CofEB website: <https://www.cofebirmingham.com/news-stories/lgbt-chaplaincy-support.php>



## Warm spaces in the deanery

The following venues around the deanery are currently listed as offering a warm welcome:

**Allens Cross Community Association**, Tinkers Farm Road, B31 1RH  
Monday & Wednesday 1:30pm – 3:30pm

**Beacon Church Centre Rubery**, Whetty Lane, B45 9DL  
Tuesday 10am-5pm  
Sunday 11am-12:30pm (church service with hot drinks available afterwards)

**Billesley Ark Volunteers**, 725 Yardley Wood Road, B13 OPT  
Monday to Saturday 9:30am – 5pm

**Bournville Parish Church**, Sycamore Road, B30 2AA  
Thursday 10:30am – 12:30pm

**Christ Church Selly Park**, 953 Pershore Road, B29 7PS  
Tuesday 8:30am – 5:30pm, Wednesday 11:30am-2pm  
Friday 10:30am-midday & 4:30pm-9pm

**Deelands Hall, Cock Hill Café Church**, Deelands Road, B45 9RR  
Sunday 4:30pm-6pm

**Dorridge Methodist Church**, 103 Mill Lane, B93 8NY  
Wednesday 2pm-4pm

**Hall Green United Community Church**, 609 Reddings Lane, B28 8DQ  
Tuesday 10am-4pm

**Holloway Hall**, Holloway, B31 1TT  
Monday 10am-12pm

**NAF (Northfield Arts Forum) Caf**, Northfield Baptist Church, 789 Bristol Road, B31 2NQ  
Thursday 4pm-7pm

**Northfield Community Partnership (NCP) Hub**, Saint Nicolas Place, 81 The Green, Kings Norton, B38 8RU  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 11am-7pm  
Wednesday 11am-3:30pm

**Rubery Library**, Library Way, B45 9JS  
Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9:30am-5pm  
Thursday 9:30am-6pm

**Saint Ambrose Barlow RC Church**, Parish Hall, Lakey Lane, Hall Green, B28 8QU  
Thursday 2pm-5pm

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**St Chad's Rubery**, New Road, B45 9JA

Tuesday 1pm-3pm

Wednesday 12pm-4pm

Saturday 10am-2pm

Sunday 10am -11:30am (church service with hot drinks available afterwards)

**St Edburgha's Place of Welcome**, Church Road, Yardley, B33 8PB

Friday 9:30am-11:30am

**St Mary's Church Moseley**, 31 St Mary's Row, B13 8HW

Thursday, Friday 10am-midday

Saturday 10:30am-midday

**St Michael's Church Centre**, 17 Redstone Farm Road, Hall Green B28 9NU

Wednesday 11am-1pm

**St Peter's Hall Green**, Highfield Road, B28 0BT

Wednesday 10:30-12pm

**Stirchley Circle 22**, Stirchley Baths, 2-4 Bournville Lane, B30 2JT

Friday 10am-midday (over 50s only)

**Stirchley Community Church**, 76 Hazelwell Street, B30 2JX

Thursday 2pm-6pm

**The Cotteridge Church**, 24 Pershore Road, B30 3EJ

Monday to Friday 9am-5pm

**The GAP Arts Project**, The Old Print Works, 498 Moseley Road, Balsall Heath, B12 9AH

Wednesday 5pm-9pm

**The Hospice Charity Partnership – St Mary's Hospice**, 176 Raddlebarn Road, Selly Park, B29 7DA

Tuesday and Thursday 2:30pm-4:30pm

**The Spearhead Trust at Bells Farmhouse**, Bells Farm Community Centre, Bells Farm Close, Druids Heath, B14 5QP

Monday to Friday 9am-3pm

**Wythall Library**, Shawhurst Lane, Hollywood, B47 5JW

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30-1pm & 2pm-5pm

Saturday 9:30am – 1pm & 2pm-4pm

**Yardley Wood Baptist Church**, Yardley Wood Road, B14 4LS

Wednesday 10am-10:30pm

Friday 9am-11:30am

For more information on each venue, including access details and facilities offered, see the full directories either here:

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/directory/73/warm\\_welcome\\_spaces\\_in\\_birmingham/category/1867](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/directory/73/warm_welcome_spaces_in_birmingham/category/1867)

or here: <https://www.warmwelcome.uk/>

More venues may well be added as organisations register their warm space.



## Next Way of Discipleship module from February 2023: Joining in with the Spirit

“Joining in with the Spirit” is the third module in the Way of Discipleship and begins on Zoom in February 2023.

If you are interested in questions like: What is God’s mission? What is the church for? How do I share faith? What about discipleship in everyday life? This five-session module is for you.

It’s on a Monday or Thursday evening, from 7-9pm.

Click here <https://www.cognitofirms.com/Cofebirmingham/CopyOfWayOfDiscipleshipBookingForm202223> for information about booking or email [guydc@cofebirmingham.com](mailto:guydc@cofebirmingham.com)

### Session dates:

Mission and God’s Holy Spirit: Monday 27th February or Thursday 2nd March

Joining in with the Spirit in all of life: Monday 13th March or Thursday 16th March

Making disciples and sharing faith: Monday 20th March or Thursday 23rd March

Being a blessing as a community: Monday 27th March or Thursday 30th March

Joining in with the battle for justice: Monday 3rd April or Thursday 6th April

You can see the whole course on: <https://wayofdiscipleship.org/>

### Learn to influence others well on Way of Servant-Leadership, starting May 2023

If you have influence over others in the church, community or neighbourhood and want to grow in leading well, join Way of Servant-Leadership from May 2023.

Over eight sessions once a month you will grow in your understanding of leadership, understand your own gifts, be equipped for challenging times, develop vision, and learn how to develop others well.

It includes a one day retreat, and the opportunity to be mentored for discipleship.

“I was not sure whether the course would be for me or not but happily I found it very inclusive and I managed to enjoy it - even the break out rooms which I thought might be scary but it was great to talk to other participants. I will learn so much.” Feedback from a participant from Cohort 1

Enrol via Pathways or by contacting [guydc@cofebirmingham.com](mailto:guydc@cofebirmingham.com)

What is servant-leadership? Tuesday 2nd or Saturday 6th May 23

What is the character of servant-leadership? Tuesday 20th or Saturday 17th June 23

What is the fruit of leadership? Tuesday 4th or Saturday 8th July 23

Knowing my gifts: Strengthsfinder. Saturday 2nd September 23

Knowing my gifts: fivefold ministry: Tuesday 19th or Saturday 16th September 23

Courage for long-term leading: Tuesday 10th or Saturday 14th October 23

Retreat day: Developing Vision. Saturday 11th November 23

Developing others and leading teams: Tuesday 5th or Saturday 9th December 23



# WHAT ARE THEY

# SAYING ABOUT



**TRANSFORMING CHURCH**

## WAY OF DISCIPLESHIP?

Area of feedback	Average score out of ten (40 participants)
Given me more understanding of discipleship	9.5
Given me more confidence in my discipleship	8.7
Helped me to allow God to change me	8.8
Given me tools and equipped me in my discipleship	7.8
Been something I can apply to every area of life, every day of the week	8.9
Offered me resources that I can use with others	9.3
Been something I feel I could introduce other people to take part in	9.3



### FROM A LOCAL CHURCH GROUP

"What excellent resources . Everyone got so much out of it thank you so much ! Absolutely fantastic!...in the light of People and Places it has helped to forge new relationships and trust."

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### ONLINE PARTICIPANT

"This is undoubtedly one of the highlights of my week at the moment. I find the format very helpful as it includes listening, talking to others and personal reflection."



### IN THE WORKPLACE

"I have done 3D and LFC in the past and find this course particularly helpful as it's practical. Great structure, clear presentation and much to ponder on with tools to improve. Excellent resources to read to build up knowledge which has enabled me to develop confidence and I have been able to witness in my workplace."

**WHAT ARE THEY**

**SAYING ABOUT**

## WAY OF SERVANT-LEADERSHIP?

Area of feedback	Average score out of ten (8 participants)
Given me more understanding of servant-leadership	9.25
Given me more confidence in my servant-leadership	8.75
Given me tools and equipped me in my servant-leadership	9.5
Been something I can apply to every area of life where I have influence over others	9.75
Offered me resources that I can use with others	9
Been something I feel I could introduce other people to take part in	9



### PERSONAL IMPACT

"It has been life changing for me and the course has helped with my confidence. I have enjoyed every session, they have all offered something fruitful."



### WORK IMPACT

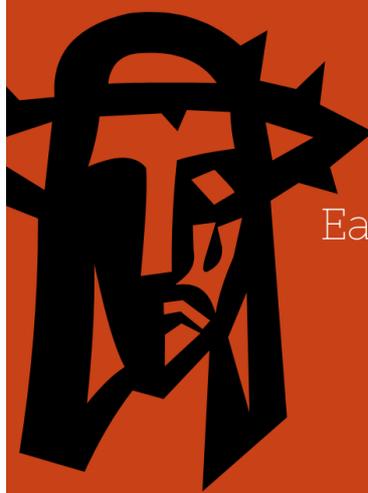
"This has been one of the most useful courses I have attended for many, many years. In some ways it is a recap of the training I have done over the years at work, but in other ways it is a completely new perspective as I haven't done anything from a Christian perspective. It has led me to have conversations at work that I am convinced I would never have had if it hadn't been for this course."



### MATERIALS

"The material was clear, accessible and attractive to look at and use. The material will be relevant and usable for me in the future."

Contact Guy Donegan-Cross at [guydc@cofebirmingham.com](mailto:guydc@cofebirmingham.com) to find out about the next course and/or how to use 'Way of Discipleship'



## Free family Lent and Easter resources

**Activities for all ages to use at church or at home. They include: Take out Lent Holy week in a box and an Easter Egg trail.**

Contact Emma Sargeant on [emmas@cofebirmingham.com](mailto:emmas@cofebirmingham.com) or use the link in the post to download the for free.

## Planning your Lent and Easter resources to use with children, families and young people?

Take a look here first because the parish mission support team have been busy.

There is:

Holy week in a box – this year, we have added a new version to use with your youth groups to help them think through the last week of Jesus' life one day at a time.

The Lent Corner – Lickey and Blackwell parish used this in their local nursing home as well as with their church families.

You could use our Easter trail around your churchyard or as a Muddy Church style activity with your Messy Church or Outside Church.”

You will find it all here: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UsqhRP-JuKAXG19hKpLGhdZIUMhaMdbE?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UsqhRP-JuKAXG19hKpLGhdZIUMhaMdbE?usp=share_link)



## CofE Resources for Lent 2023

The 2023 CofE Lent offering 'Dust and Glory' encourages us to take a fresh look at the frustrations and failings that every day brings and, rather than pretending we can always avoid them, seek to learn from them and grow closer to God through them.

Visit the CofE website: <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/dust-and-glory-resources-lent-2023>



## Living Lent Hopefully

**27 February, 7.30pm-9.30pm, The Queen's Foundation or online**

This panel event is an opportunity to reflect on and reconsider Lent.

Visit The Queens Foundation website for details and to book:

<https://www.queens.ac.uk/events/living-lent-hopefully-lent-course-2023>



## Journeys - Modern Slavery Lent Resource

The Clewer Initiative have produced the Lent resource, Journeys, based on the "Stations of the Cross" and through five mini films and an accompanying devotional resource, it will take churches and individuals on a journey, challenging them to take action against modern slavery and not be a bystander.

The five-week Lent resource includes a reflection, prayer, discussion questions, and suggestions for action.

The resource is available to download from The Clewer Initiative website:

<https://theclewerinitiative.org/resources/journeys>



## Church Army's Lent Resource

The Lent Resource has been designed to give you, your small group or your church, space and time each day throughout Lent to listen to God, reflect on the Bible.

Visit Church Army website for details:

<https://churcharmy.org/growing-faith/lent-2023/>

## Free to good homes!



Janet Chapman at St Laurence Northfield has a display cabinet which is free to a good home.

80cms wide, 115cms high, 61cms deep.

Bottom flap to shelf does fold up but lock broken

If you're interested contact Lorraine in the Parish office: 0121 475 1518 or email [enquiries@saintlaurence.info](mailto:enquiries@saintlaurence.info)

St Michael's Cofton Hackett has 18 pew cushions, in quite good condition, which are offered to churches in the deanery.

Length 242 cm (7ft 11 inches), width 30 cm (1 ft), thickness 6 cm (2.5 inches).

Transport can be arranged.

If you're interested, contact Peter Talbot

[ptalbot38@gmail.com](mailto:ptalbot38@gmail.com)



## Winter Sacred Spaces, Moseley Parish

### All welcome



A chance to explore divine presence in a small group.

**Wednesday 25th January 7.30pm-9.0pm: Dark** An evening in Magdalen's woodland garden around a fire (15, Park Hill, B13 8DU - please come through side gate via church grounds). Discussion around our experience of physical and spiritual darkness and the night. Wrap up and come and share stories, listen and share a glass or two of mulled wine. All welcome. Weather dependant.

**Thursday 23rd February 7.30pm-9.0pm: Spirituality of the Pub.** Night prayer in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's Church, B13 followed by a time in a local pub.

**Sunday March 26th 2.0pm- 3.30/4.0pm Park Pilgrimage** Come and discover God's presence in our local parks. Stay on for tea and cake at the MAC cafe. Meeting point TBC.

**Saturday 22nd April 10.30am-12.30pm Reconciling Difference: A morning at Coventry Cathedral** finishing with lunch in the retro-cafe. Meet up details to follow.

**Booking necessary via the [office@moseleychurch.org.uk](mailto:office@moseleychurch.org.uk)**

## Parish Human Resources (HR) Advisory Service

Do you feel you need support with employment related queries? Are you struggling to keep up with legislative changes and the ever-increasing complexities of being an employer? Or are you considering employing staff?

We offer a **FREE** HR service to answer your employment-related queries using our expertise of the parish context. In addition, we can help PCCs with recruitment advertising, application forms, interview guidelines, recruitment processing, contracts of employment, policies, procedures, handbooks and letters relating to employment matters.

For any HR queries, please do contact Laura Cohen: [HR@cofebirmingham.com](mailto:HR@cofebirmingham.com)



# INTRODUCTION TO VOLUNTARY WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY IN BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL 7 Week Evening Course



Putting Faith  
into Action

Thursdays 5-7pm starting 9th February

Citadel, 190 Corporation Street  
Birmingham B4 6QD



Finding God  
at Work

Supporting people in workplaces  
Helping them to see God is with them

Training covers:

Talking ethics

What is Chaplaincy at  
Work?

[www.cigb.org.uk/training](http://www.cigb.org.uk/training)

Listening skills.

How to work with  
others on life's  
hard questions.

[val.dalton@cigb.org.uk](mailto:val.dalton@cigb.org.uk)

*We have 50+ Chaplains in  
different workplaces across the  
area.*

*Chaplains come from a diverse  
variety of churches.*

*Vacancies in Retail, Public  
Sector, Fire Service and others*

- The course is intended for people who are interested in exploring Workplace Chaplaincy as an outworking of their faith life. It introduces some of the core themes and skills of workplace chaplaincy.
- The course takes place in a city-centre venue; with refreshments
- The course is a pre-requisite before CIGB will support volunteers into chaplaincy; but completion of the course is not a guarantee that volunteers will be recommended for chaplaincy. There is no requirement that those who complete the course begin chaplaincy with CIGB
- Being 'in good standing with their local faith community' is something that CIGB will also want to confirm before recommending individuals for chaplaincy work (as well as asking for character references).
- CIGB is located with the Christian church; most of our chaplains are Christian but have experience of working alongside other faiths. Sessions will start and end with brief prayers.
- Course teaching is informal; drawing on experiences of participants. It is expected that participants attend all sessions, which run **5-7pm prompt**.
- **Thursday 9 Feb Wk 1 – What is chaplaincy? How does it work?**
- **Thursday 16 Feb Wk 2 – Chaplain as carer and listener**
- **Thursday 2 Mar Wk 3 – Chaplaincy connecting with work / life issues**
- **Thursday 9 Mar Wk 4 – Chaplains asking questions; challenging issues**
- **Thursday 16 Mar Wk 5 – Chaplaincy in a Multi Faith world**
- **Thursday 23 Mar Wk 6 – Visit to Chaplaincy; Strategies for Chaplaincy**
- **Thursday 30 Mar Wk 7 – Chaplaincy Ministry & Local Faith life; What next?**

#### Fee

- There is a charge of £50 (payable in advance) to cover some of the course costs, materials and refreshments. Please enquire if the cost is difficult.

#### Course materials

- A course book will be given out at the start of the course and extra materials will be also be given each week. Where possible, a small amount of preparatory reading before each session will be encouraged.

#### At end of course

- On Wk 7 there will be a chance for an individual meeting with the course tutor to discuss progress into voluntary chaplaincy, if appropriate.
- The course is not formally accredited but we will give out certificates of completion at the end.
- Progress into any form of chaplaincy at the end of the course will normally require further safeguarding references etc being taken.
- **Volunteer opportunities in current CIGB chaplaincy teams** include: Solihull Shopping Centre, Fire Service, Construction, Birmingham City Centre. The posts are all unpaid.

#### CIGB is:

- An ecumenical charity ([cigb.org.uk](http://cigb.org.uk)) that supports workplace chaplaincies across the Birmingham and Solihull areas. The 60 current chaplaincies include places like Birmingham Airport, Bullring and Touchwood Shopping Centres, NEC and NIA, Jaguar Land Rover, Fire Stations.
- "Churches and Industry Group Birmingham-Solihull" has a management council drawn from the major denominations of the Christian church.
- Linked with other faiths and can draw on other faith advisors as necessary
- Working with church congregations to help them connect with their local economy and working people
- Well connected with national chaplaincy, 'faith and economy' networks

Limited places available. Application form available from Val Dalton:

**To book a place, or for more info:**

[val.dalton@cigb.org.uk](mailto:val.dalton@cigb.org.uk)

Val Dalton, CIGB, Citadel, 190 Corporation Street, Birmingham B4 6QD