

**Make a friend,  
be a friend,  
bring a friend to Jesus!**



## **SOME OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR DIOCESE THAT YOU MAY LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT – to consider as you enter your Fourth Day**

### **The Simeon Centre for Prayer & Spirituality**

Based at Ridley Hall in Cambridge, this centre is open to serve the Church widely not just the students at the theological college. It aims to “help us to grow in the desire to pray and the capacity to pray, and to be better equipped to guide and enable others to pray”. It offers prayer resources, prayer training, spiritual direction, conferences and quiet days. There is also the opportunity to become a member of the Simeon Community, a new community of prayer.

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[www.ridley.cam.ac.uk/scabout.html](http://www.ridley.cam.ac.uk/scabout.html)

### **Lay ministry training with the Diocese**

✦ You can train over a three/four year period to become a **licensed lay minister** (LLM), technically known as a Reader. This involves study and assignments in modules (covered mainly through evening tutorials but with some Saturday study days) plus a placement in a church or chaplaincy. You have to apply to the annual selection day to be accepted for training. LLMs have a wide ministry in church services and in the church’s work in the community – preaching, leading services of the Word, taking home communion to people who are housebound, taking funerals, leading bible studies, etc. Once licensed, LLMs can serve across the Diocese but may opt to be active only in their parish or Deanery. They usually join the local Ministry Team.

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✦ You can train for one year to become an authorised lay minister (ALM) in one topic area, such as leading worship, pastoral care, evangelism, children’s work, parish administration and music. The training is based mainly around a series of study Saturdays spread through the year. Once authorised, ALMs serve in their home parish, and usually join their Ministry Team.

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## The Cambridgeshire Course in The Art of Spiritual Direction

This is a one-year course run by a team of tutors who are all experienced spiritual directors, and who are linked to the Diocesan Spirituality Advisory Group. It is intended for people who believe they have a calling to work in this field, and are gifted with the ability to listen. Once completed, students may join the Diocese's list of spiritual directors if they wish. Leaflets are produced annually prior to selection interviews in the summer. The course runs in term time, usually in Cambridge. For more information contact the Course Administrator, Judy Sansom.

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## Fresh Expressions of Church

You have probably encountered this term, used to describe a collaboration between the Anglican and Methodist Churches that encourages people to 'do church' in ways that are appropriate for our modern culture. The idea is to meet people where they are, 'be church' in ways that are relevant to them, and incorporate these 'fresh expressions' into the Church. They are recognised as Church – rather than seeing them as a stepping stones into the real thing that we do on Sundays! They may focus on a particular place (say a school, village hall or shopping centre), or a group of people (say, children, young or older people), or may use different media (say, IT networks or café-style gatherings) or even grow out of community service (say, a local good neighbour scheme).

"In this time of change Christians have been hearing again the words of Jesus to go where people are and make disciples...these modern day missionaries have discovered the need to grow new forms of church in different ways for these new disciples" (*'Encouraging Fresh Expressions of Church'* - if your church isn't yet involved, the booklet tells you how to begin). We have a Fresh Expressions Officer in the Diocese who is based at Westcott House theological college in Cambridge. He provides a weblink to a regular mailing about fresh expressions activity and training locally - visit [http://davemale.typepad.com/fresh\\_expressions\\_news\\_el/](http://davemale.typepad.com/fresh_expressions_news_el/) He also delivers Pioneer Mission Training at both Ridley and Westcott.

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## Vocations advice

The Diocese has a team of people who can sit and listen and discuss with you your possible thoughts about vocations - not just ordination, as they have a much wider brief. The Diocesan Directory says about them that they exist to 'support the task of promoting, nurturing, developing and discerning vocations'. You contact the senior adviser in the first instance, and they can put you in touch with another team member.

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