
Ministries Mission and Resources

Through Ministry Training, we work with those involved in mission and ministry to:

understand and value the theology that upholds Christian mission;

develop skills for effective and creative ministry and leadership;

deepen discipleship in Christ; and

develop Christian spiritual practice.

We also aim to provide support through resourcing, co-operative learning, mentoring and supervision. This is achieved in a number of different ways throughout the Diocese. The Diocese, its Regions and Parishes are encouraged to run regular training days so that those leading and participating in worship feel equipped and supported for the task ahead of them.

Theological Education and Bible Studies



Through study of Scripture, Theology, Church History, and Mission we seek a better understanding of God, of our own Church, ourselves and the meaning of faith.

There are a number of external studies available – studies that cover the breadth and depth of our Anglican faith. One such programme is:

Education for Ministry (EfM)

Is a **four year** study of Theology, with **commitment for one year** at a time. Hebrew Scriptures, Christian Testament, Christian Passages (history), and Theological Choices.

Reading of study materials at home (average 4-6 hours)

Weekly gatherings to integrate study with our experience, values, culture and deepening our spirituality. (Average weekly groups for 2.5 hours approx.)

Minimum 4 - Maximum 10 in group, plus an accredited, trained Mentor.

Certificate of Completion is awarded to students who successfully complete the four years. The Brisbane College of Theology offers **undesignated credit** to EfM graduates.

Aims

To **equip Lay People** for the ministry that is expected of all baptised Christians.

To encourage an understanding of ministry as more than that of the ordained.

To link the readings with **life** experience, faith, values, and culture through **Theological Reflection** and shared story, affirming the belief that resurrection will come if we but search for it. Exercises in the Learning Guides, the Log Book and Common Lessons.

To find out more about the EfM process, please contact

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Faith Formation Training – Catechumenal Process

The Catechumenate in some places is simply called "The Journey," and whilst it can be used for the formal process of faith, i.e. Baptism and Confirmation the working party within the diocese is honouring the fact that there are Catechumenal dynamics which can be embedded in the life of our Ministry units that assist the process of Faith Formation.

Through Faith formation people are equipped to be invitational, hospitable and encouraging. To be relational and to celebrate the ministry of the "whole people of God." They become collaborative, they share stories and learn to reflect upon life's experience and to be attentive to the natural process of the spiritual life.

To Find out more about the Catechumenal Process, please contact: Fr. Kevin Bourke
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BIBLE360 offers a place to start the adventure of reading the Bible, or to pick up the journey again if it has been a while since you did much Bible reading.

BIBLE360 starts with the basics but ends with the big picture.

BIBLE360 gives you the basic information needed to read the Bible with confidence, offers practical tips on choosing a Bible, and will help you get started with a personal Bible reading plan—and the support system to hold you accountable for your Bible reading goals.

During this one day seminar you will explore the three worlds of the Bible:

- 1. The world behind the Bible:** what was it like “back then” when the Bible was being written, and how did we come to get the Bible we now have?
- 2. The world within the Bible:** how is the Bible organised, and what is the grand narrative of the Bible? Who are some of the key characters, and what are the major groups of biblical literature?
- 3. Our world here and now:** how do we read the Bible that we have? How can ancient wisdom and modern perspectives combine to assist us in reading the Bible with ears tuned for what the Spirit is saying to the church? How is our reading of the Bible influenced by the faith we share and the challenges we face in the contemporary world? What are the big ideas of the Bible, and how does it all hang together despite the diversity of different documents written over several hundred years?

Workshops will be held in different locations around the Diocese during the year. For further details please contact The Ministry Development Officer on 66424122.

Discernment & Training for Enquirers & Ordinands

Do you feel as though God is tapping you on the shoulder, calling you to some kind of ministry that you can not yet name or define? Then perhaps you need to share your experience with those who are journeying closely with you. Perhaps even find a spiritual mentor, companion or director. These are the people that you should journey closely with initially. They may encourage you to take matters future, in which case this task is usually undertaken by the Bishop’s Council for ministry, which consists of:

Archdeacon Gail Hagon
Mr. Bruce Allsop
The Rev’d Vivian Hoskins
Mrs Ann Moore
The Rev’d Judy Taylor
Archdeacon John West

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About Ordained Ministry

Ordained Ministry can involve work and ministry in **many different styles** and contexts, locally, nationally and internationally. Fundamental to the Anglican approach are the three 'orders' of ordained ministry, that is **Bishop, Priest and Deacon**. Each of these callings (or vocations) will have a variety of settings or contexts within which the calling and ministry is exercised. **Leadership** is one of the hallmarks of ordained life, both spiritual and practical, and the various orders will exercise this within diocesan life, communities of faith, teams, and in modelling the way of the discipleship to others.

The giftedness and skills of priests and deacons can be used in **parish, chaplaincy, workplace and community** settings. Stipendiary clergy work formally within these settings, often exercising organizational as well as spiritual leadership and are, as the name implies, remunerated for their ministry which is often full-time. **Parish clergy, school and industry chaplains, and training clergy** are typical of this group. Honorary (non-stipendiary) clergy usually have their spiritual base within a parish or school faith community, but while earning their living through other skills have the unique privilege of 'rubbing shoulders' with the wider community and thus often have significant ministries in their workplace. Both those who work 'within' the church organization and 'outside' in the community bring a richness of experience and skills to the leadership of God's people.



Ordination

Ordained ministry is a particular and specialised calling within the wider ministries of the Church. The journey to ordination in the Anglican tradition involves not only specialist skills and academic development but also a personal and professional formation of the spirituality and character needed for ministry as clergy.

The selection of suitable people both for training and for ordination is termed Discernment and this important task is shared with the candidate and a number of skilled and highly qualified clergy and laity, supervised by the Bishop.

Individuals wishing to further explore ordained ministry are encouraged to speak with the Ministry Development Officer:

For more information, contact
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DYCMP - Summits

Youth, and Children's Ministry



The contribution of young people and children to the life of the church is not just important for the church of tomorrow but it is vital for the church of today. Ministry Education equips, encourages, and supports those in ministry as they share the challenges of working with children and young people.

We encourage links between youth/children's ministers across the Diocese by providing opportunities for discussion and cooperation. Ministry Education also supports and resources Religious Education in Schools.

For more information, contact

Tim Miller

Director of Youth and Children's Ministries.

Senior Ichthus

For: Young people in Years 10-12

Location:

Cost:

Directors:

Want to be part of a big adventure. Ichthus is an exciting holiday experience that challenges young people to step outside their comfort zones through adventure

activities like rock climbing, canoeing and camping out. All of this takes place in a safe Christian community that encourages participants to meet the God who challenges us to step out and live a life of faith in Jesus.

Ichthus is a week long camp for young people with an emphasis on adventure. Adventure is a vital ingredient to Ichthus because it challenges young people to step out and do things beyond their everyday experiences (high ropes, low ropes, camp out etc.). This has a powerful way of revealing to them the depth of their own talents, abilities and character that God has planted within them. In addition to this, and very importantly, the camp provides a safe and encouraging environment for young people to discover more about who God is and what that means to their lives. Both of these things happen over a week long experience in a community which is encouraging and accepting and most of all fun.

Junior Ichthus South

Location: For young people in Years 7-9

Cost:

Director:

Junior Ichthus North

Date: 2009.

Location:

For young people in Years 7-9

Cost:

Religious Education in Schools

Religious Education in schools is one facet of ministry with young people and children.

Through RE in state schools, students can come to better understand themselves, their communities, and the religious influences that play a part in each sphere of their existence.

The Diocese offers basic training, support and encouragement for those people who are teaching RE in state schools:

For further information contact

Sue Maclaughlin

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Anglican Schools in Grafton Diocese

There are currently five Anglican Schools in Grafton Diocese. Lindisfarne which is located at Tweed Heads. Emmanuel Anglican College at Ballina. Clarence Valley Anglican School in Grafton. Bishop Druitt College in Coffs Harbour and St. Columba's in Port Macquarie. Each of these Schools has a distinctive Anglican flavours and maintains a Christian ethos by supporting the work of appointed Chaplains.

For more information see the Diocesan Website.

Cursillo

Cursillo is a short course in Christian living in which participants have an experience of living in a Christian community. The Cursillo movement started in Spain in the 1940s. One of the purposes of Cursillo is to raise up Christian leaders to live out their faith in the community in which they live and worship.

For more information on Cursillo please contact Allen Reiko

Back to Church Sunday

Our Diocese, along with a number of other Anglican Churches in Australia is committed to Back to Church Sunday. For more information please contact the Rev'd Pam Stone 02 66541370

Fresh Expressions – Emerging Church

- Play time@ Port Macquarie
 - ThomO'S @ five
 - Godly Play
 - Messy Church