

## **B9 THE DIOCESAN MINISTRY COURSE**

The Diocesan Ministry Course promotes the development of local ministry in the diocese by working with local parishes to help church members explore a vocation to Accredited or Acknowledged Local Ministry (that is Ordained Local Ministry, Reader Ministry, and the Acknowledged Local Ministries of Lay Pastor, Local Evangelist, Children's Worker and Youth Worker) and training candidates selected for these ministries. Parishes or benefices who wish to develop local ministry should in the first instance contact the DMC.

The Diocesan Ministry Course is an associate member of the Cambridge Theological Federation. Candidates for Accredited and Acknowledged Local Ministry are trained to Diploma level on a three-year part-time course of theological education and ministerial formation accredited by Anglia Ruskin University. The Diocesan Ministry Course also works with the IME 4-7 Officer to provide the opportunity for new ministers to complete the degree as part of their continuing ministerial education.

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