

ORDAINED LOCAL MINISTRY

The Ordained Local Minister is a priest within the universal Church of God. Together with all priests, the OLM is a reminder of Christ's ministry and the ministry of the whole church, called to encourage, enable and challenge the church to be a priestly people.

The OLM is called to a public ministry within the Church of England

- to preside at the sacraments
- to be a pastor
- to teach and to preach God's word.

The mark that most distinguishes OLM from other ordained ministries is its concentration on a particular locality and benefice. The Ordained Local Minister emerges locally, is trained partly in a local context and practises locally. OLMs are licensed to a parish or benefice under the leadership of the Benefice Priest and their responsibilities and areas of work are carefully defined by a working agreement setting out the responsibilities of the minister.

Ordained Local Ministry is part of the ministry of Christ that he shares with all baptised members of the local church. OLM requires the local church's commitment to shared ministry, including the collaboration of local church leaders, ordained and lay.

READER MINISTRY

A Reader is a lay person who is called to a ministry in the church which is normally voluntary, nationally accredited, episcopally licensed and governed by Canon. Readers are primarily called to exercise a preaching and teaching ministry in the church and to be a theological resource. Readers are licensed to lead the Ministry of the Word in worship and may be involved in educational and pastoral work, evangelism and other forms of lay leadership.

Readers are permitted to undertake the following liturgical duties:

- a) to read Morning and Evening Prayer (omitting the absolution)
- b) to read the Scriptures
- c) to preach
- d) to receive and present the offerings of the people
- e) to distribute the Holy Sacrament to the people
- f) to publish banns of marriage in certain circumstances
- g) to officiate at funeral services subject to certain conditions

Readers are permitted to undertake the following pastoral duties:

- a) to visit the sick and read and pray with them
- b) to teach in Sunday School
- c) to catechise
- d) to assist the minister in undertaking pastoral and educational work as the Bishop directs.

LAY PASTOR

Acknowledged Local Ministry

Acknowledged Local Ministry is designed for those individuals who feel called to undertake significant leadership in their local churches and are prepared to train to diploma level. It is a lay ministry that is recognised by the local church and acknowledged by the diocese. Lay Pastors are locally selected and are commissioned by the Bishop to work in the local church context.

The Lay Pastor

Lay Pastors are called to focus and enable the work of pastoral practice within the local church and should be rooted in its collaborative working practice.

The work of the lay pastor will depend on the gifts and skills of the individual and the needs of the local church, but they are called to

- challenge the church to care for the world as Christ does
- undertake specific tasks of pastoral care
- work with statutory and voluntary agencies to provide care in the community
- enable the church to express Christ's ministry of healing and wholeness
- be competent in the use of appropriate liturgical forms in support of this work

LOCAL EVANGELIST

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Acknowledged Local Ministry is designed for those individuals who feel called to undertake significant leadership in their local churches and are prepared to train to diploma level. It is a lay ministry that is recognised by the local church and acknowledged by the diocese. Evangelists are locally selected and are commissioned by the Bishop to work in the local church context.

Local Evangelist

Evangelists are called to focus and enable the work of evangelism within the local church and should be rooted in its collaborative working practice.

The work of the evangelist will depend on the gifts and skills of the individual and the needs of the local church, but they are called to

- proclaim and live the gospel
- go where the church is not
- interpret the church to the world and the world to the church
- encourage the whole church in its work of evangelism, inside and outside the church
- undertake such liturgical tasks as are required to support this work

YOUTH WORKER

Acknowledged Local Ministry

Acknowledged Local Ministry is designed for those individuals who feel called to undertake significant leadership in their local churches and are prepared to train to diploma level. It is a lay ministry that is recognised by the local church and acknowledged by the diocese. Youth Workers are locally selected and are commissioned by the Bishop to work in the local church context.

Youth Worker

Youth Workers are called to focus and enable the work with young people within the local church and should be rooted in its collaborative working practice.

The work of the Youth Worker will depend on the gifts and skills of the individual and the needs of the local church, but they are called to

- encourage and enable the church in its work with young people
- interpret the Gospel for young people
- help young people to interpret the Gospel for the church in the light of their experience
- undertake appropriate youth work in the local church
- work with statutory and voluntary agencies in the provision of services for young people

CHILDREN'S WORKER

Acknowledged Local Ministry

Acknowledged Local Ministry is designed for those individuals who feel called to undertake significant leadership in their local churches and are prepared to train to diploma level. It is a lay ministry that is recognised by the local church and acknowledged by the diocese. Children's Workers are locally selected and are commissioned by the Bishop to work in the local church context.

Children's Worker

They are called to focus and enable the work with children within the local church and should be rooted in its collaborative working practice.

The work of the Children's Worker will depend on the gifts and skills of the individual and the needs of the local church, but they are called to

- encourage and enable the church in its work with children
- interpret the Gospel for children
- help children to interpret the Gospel for the church in the light of their experience
- undertake appropriate children's work in the local church
- work with statutory and voluntary agencies in the provision of services for children