

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