

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.