

How does the course work?

The course will be delivered by a partnership between CMS & the Dioceses of Salisbury, Bath & Wells & Truro. There are six modules with two pioneer practitioners co-facilitating each module which run from Saturday morning 9am to Sunday 1pm. Learning is hybrid - a mix of online, onsite and streamed over the year. The course is hosted by the Hub leader and a chaplain offers pastoral care.



What are the dates for the module weekends?

15th/16th July 2023
16th/17th September 2023
18th/19th November 2023
20th/21st January 2024
16th/17th March 2024
11th/12th May 2024

Where do modules take place?

As we are partnering with the Dioceses of Bath & Wells and Truro for this course modules will be a mixture or all together in person, online, and hybrid in local cohorts. Two will be all together, two online and two hybrid.

How will my learning be assessed?

We set two tasks after each module. In them we ask you to demonstrate what you've learned in whatever way suits you best. You get positive written feedback on your work and advice on how to extend your thinking or practice.

How do I apply?

Register your interest as soon as possible with Sally Taylor (details below). If you want to talk to someone first she will sort that out for you.

There will be **taster sessions** on:

Wednesday 17th May 7.30-9pm
Sunday 21st May—2-4pm in person.

There is a simple application form to complete. **Application deadline: 28th May 2023**

After you apply we will invite you for a conversation with the course leader and representatives of the Church Mission Society so we can discern together if this is the right course for you.

If you are accepted there will be an **induction session on Sunday June 18th 6.30—9pm online**

Want to find out more?

For more information contact:

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CMS Certificate in Pioneer Mission

2023/4

“

...looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross....

Hebrews 12:2

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What is pioneer mission?

- learning to pay attention to what God is doing in the world and joining in
- which means reading the local context and valuing the local culture, then
- sharing the gospel in appropriate ways
- and partnering with local people to create a new contextual Christian community for people who wouldn't normally join one.

Is the course for me?

Are you:

- someone who starts things?
- pioneering something?
- looking to develop your understanding of mission for your context?
- excited by the idea of sharing ideas and experience with other pioneers?
- looking for an opportunity to study locally?
- able to commit to six weekends and twelve evenings, as well as time for preparation, reflection and demonstrating your learning?

...then the course may be for you.

Inclusion

We are committed to inclusivity. We hope you will find this out for yourselves, but let us know if you have particular requests or suggestions on what you will need to thrive or how we can improve our practice in this area. We have an Inclusion Adviser and you can contact her via Sally Taylor (contact info overleaf).



*Last year's cohort at the rural module
September 2022*

What will I learn?

The course consists of six modules:

- What is pioneer mission?
- The Bible in context
- Doing theology
- Mission spirituality
- Mission ecclesiology
- Pioneering in the rural church

You will be part of a small group where you can grow deeper relationships and a support network. This will meet on two evenings between each module and be facilitated by a pioneer practitioner.

Cost

The cost of the course will be £40 per module. You can pay at the start of the course or in instalments. Bursaries are available and your church may be willing to contribute. Additional costs are travel, evening meals and resources.

How can I use what I've learnt?

When you have completed the Certificate you may feel called to be recognised by your local parish or benefice as a Commissioned Lay Pioneer. This means you can pioneer in your local community under the oversight of your church leadership team following a short service of recognition in your local church or deanery.

Meet a former student:



It's been such a valuable experience to look at mission in the local context. To take the written words out of the text books and apply that learning to the place that I live. It's opened my eyes to what's unseen in my community. Challenging my understanding of what it means to live on the margins of society. Learning about mission in a creative and inclusive way supported by like minded people has been an amazing experience.



Lindsay, pioneer and student in 2019

Lindsay in her garden

