

What are the courses?

The following courses make up the Bishop's Award:

-  **Living the Christian Life**
the inner journey of faith and our response to God's call on our lives
-  **Interpreting the Bible**
understanding and interpreting both the Old and New Testaments
-  **The Story of the Church**
the history of Christianity from early times to the present day
-  **Mission in God's World**
the role and mission of the Church in the 21st Century
or
Learning about the Local Church in its Context
(Mission Audit)
-  **Learning Journey**
reflective skills for lifelong learners

I've already done the Bishop's Certificate in the past—where do I fit in?

You can study any of the Learning for Discipleship courses. We can advise you which ones will best complement the learning you've already done. If your study was in the last five years you may even be able to gain retrospective credits for your Bishop's Certificate work.

Sounds good—what do I do next? It's easy.

Contact the Learning for Discipleship Team for further information or to enrol. We'll be happy to answer your questions.



Other leaflets available

Introducing Learning for Discipleship

Introduction to the Foundation Degree
(on request)

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 **Learn about your faith**

 **Meet other Christians**

 **Deepen discipleship**

The Bishop's Award in Christian Discipleship

Tell me about the Bishop's Award

The Bishop's Award is a learning opportunity for those wanting to discover more about the essentials of Christian believing and deepen their personal discipleship.

It's made up of five courses each consisting of ten 2 hour evening sessions or equivalent; some Saturdays or a combination of each.

There are no entry requirements or previous experience necessary — everybody is welcome.

You can do the courses in any order.



Where do I go to study?

Courses will run on a rolling basis at a number of local learning centres around the Diocese.

You can start a course whenever there is one running at a centre you want to go to.

If you have plenty of time for study you could do more than one course at the same time on different evenings.

If life is busy you could do a single course then take a break and come back when you're ready.

The learning materials for courses are available on a special website (called Moodle) which students are strongly encouraged to use.

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What will it cost?

Each course costs £35 per student.

Do I get a qualification?

Everyone who is registered for the Bishop's Award and attends the required number of sessions will receive the Bishop's Award on completing all five courses.

The Bishop's Award can be completed at two levels; with or without essays. Students who complete an essay for each course may later wish to use their work for accreditation of these courses on the Foundation Degree.

Can I go on to further learning once I've completed the Bishop's Award?

Yes—Learning for Discipleship offers a wide variety of further courses for you to choose from.

Would you like to find out more about different aspects of the Christian faith?

Would you like to develop the personal, pastoral and liturgical skills you need to play a fuller part in the life of your local church and community?

Learning for Discipleship has a course that is right for you.

If you register for the Foundation Degree, each course can earn you 15 credits. This means that you could go on to achieve a University Certificate in Higher Education (120 points) or even a Foundation Degree; 240 points. Then if you study elsewhere in future your credits go with you and may count towards whatever you do next.

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