

Diocesan Internship Programme

2022-2023



Equipping for life, work and leadership

 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Leeds **Loving.**
Living.
Learning.

NewWine
discipleship
year

 the ministry
experience scheme

A year long experience of risk-taking, community living and dedicated kingdom service.

The year runs from September 2022 until July 2023.

It is an amazing opportunity

- ♦ To be stretched and challenged in discipleship
- ♦ To grow in gifts and skills
- ♦ To discover more of what God is calling you to.



“This has given me the space to invest more in my relationship with God. It’s challenged me to step outside my comfort zone, explore gifts I didn’t know I had and grow in those areas I am passionate about. I have felt incredibly supported and encouraged in my calling and walk with Jesus.”

Different Streams

The Leeds Internship Programme is an umbrella that coordinates a number of different internship streams. Each stream provides different placements and opportunities but there is also the chance to come together each week and learn from one another.



Ministry Experience Scheme

This is a national Church of England scheme for those who are wanting to explore their vocation and discover what it is like to serve in a church across a wide variety of ministries. The Leeds Diocese can offer a wide range of placements ranging from Cathedrals to small church plants, from rural to inner city. There are also opportunities to gather nationally with all those on the MES scheme.

[Ages 18—30]

“Do it, do it, do it. Whether you think you know where God is calling you or if you have no idea, the internship is a great way to explore both what is to come but also who you are and what you believe.”

Different Streams (cont'd)



New Wine Discipleship Year

This programme provides those who are wanting to give a year of their lives to growing as disciples the opportunity to do this.

There are many different areas of ministry you could serve in, from children's work, to operations, youth teams and finance.

[Ages 18—24]



Leeds Intern

You may be unsure of what stream you want to be in or perhaps you want to be in all streams.

Here in Leeds we want to find the right internship that works for you and gives you the opportunities to serve, grow and discover more of what God has for you and is calling you to whatever your age, background or tradition.

So do get in touch.

Training

Each week all the participants of the Leeds programme serving across the Diocese of Leeds gather together for a day of teaching in a learning community. The day begins with worship and the chance to reflect together on how the placements are going.

Over the course of the year the teaching covers:

- Discipleship and the Kingdom of God
- Encountering God in the Old Testament
- Encountering God in the New Testament
- Spiritual Disciplines
- Leadership
- Worship
- Preaching
- Apologetics
- Pastoral Care
- Challenging questions.

Lots of the training also happens on the ground as you serve in different ministries, trying out new things, taking on responsibilities and seeing God at work in you and through you.



Placements

Alongside the learning community hub the key part of your week is spent in a placement.

Depending upon your particular gifts and sense of calling we will work with you to find the best placement which will stretch you and provide opportunities for you to serve in different ways.



The size and diversity of our diocese, means there are many opportunities to explore different types of ministry both within parishes and chaplaincy, as well as being embedded within one community that you get to know and serve.

There are also opportunities to serve in specific areas of ministry:

Children Youth Administration Worship

Creative communications & design Finance

Students Outreach Operations Management

Working with those on the margins (homeless, addiction)

Accommodation

Accommodation will be provided for you either in one of our community houses or staying with a family in the parish where your placement is.

Discovering what it means to live in a Christian community marked by shared meals, prayer and hospitality is one of the joys and challenges of the year.



Finance

This is a volunteer role which carries with it no employment status. In order to be able to fully take part in the experience:

- ◆ You will be provided with accommodation in a furnished house or flat.
- ◆ Your utility bills, internet and a TV license will be paid for
- ◆ Your training costs will be paid for.
- ◆ You will be responsible for funding your daily living expenses but we will support you in this.
- ◆ There will be a bursary available should anyone be unable to meet their daily needs.

What a week looks like

- ◆ Four days serving in your placement (including Sunday).
- ◆ A day of training.
- ◆ A day available to get a part-time job to help towards your living expenses.
- ◆ A day of rest.



Support

- ◆ You will be supported by a placement supervisor.
- ◆ You will have a mentor.
- ◆ You will be part of an amazing team serving the church and learning from one another.
- ◆ You will have the opportunity to meet with a member of the Diocese vocations team.

Retreats & residentials



Over the course of the year there will be different opportunities for residential weekends away and day retreats.

What next?

If you have any questions, would like some further information or would like to be sent an application form, please contact our Internship Administrator Katharine.
katharine.greathead@leeds.anglican.org

“This programme offers an amazing opportunity to give a year to grow as a disciple of God, to explore more of what God may be calling you to in the future, to serve the church in many different ways, to be stretched, encouraged, invested in and learn many new skills whilst making a difference to the people you are serving. If you would like to explore more about what doing an internship could look like for you we would love to hear from you.”

Joanna Seabourne, Internship Director
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“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”

Colossians 2: 6,7





“I would recommend this to anyone who wants to deepen their understanding of the Bible, the Church and what serving means as a Christian, but also anyone who wants to discover more about themselves, their value and identity in Christ.”

Useful links

www.leeds.anglican.org/interns

www.churchofengland.org/life-events/vocations/ministry-experience-scheme

www.new-wine.org/discipleship-year