



Curate Training Diary

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."

Matthew 9:37-38



 The Diocese of
Peterborough

01 Welcome

Introduction and Training Diary

Hello and a very warm welcome!

This is your Training Diary from September 2025 until June 2026.

Training days usually run on Wednesdays and are a compulsory element of your Curacy. It is expected that you will make every effort to attend relevant training days, so please do put the dates into your diaries as soon as you receive them.

Unless otherwise stated training days will be held at Bouverie Court, 6 The Lakes, Northampton NN4 7YD.

Unless otherwise stated, all training days begin with coffee at 9:30am ready for a prompt 10am start, and finish at 4pm.

In most cases there will be some preparation beforehand and you will be pointed to some resources for follow-up.

Part of the richness of these days is the opportunity to take time out of your parishes and enjoy a different rhythm, with an opportunity to touch base together - it is a gift!

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02 Diary for All Years

	November	March	May
Dates	Tuesday 25 th November 2025	Friday 6 th - Sunday 8 th March 2026	Tuesday 19 th May 2026
Time	Arrival from 9:30am in time to begin at 10am. Finish by 4pm	Arrival from 4pm on Friday Departure after 2pm on Sunday	Arrival from 9:30am in time to begin at 10am. Finish by 4pm
Location	St Peter and St Andrew Church Corby, Beanfield Avenue, NN18 0EH	Launde Abbey, East Norton, Leics. LE7 9XB	St Peter and St Andrew Church Corby, Beanfield Avenue, NN18 0EH
Details	Reflective Practice Groups Curates will embark on theological reflection in groups with a facilitator.	Curate Training Residential Curates will learn about Pioneering Parishes as an approach to Church growth and enabling and inspiring mission to be part of the culture of the whole parish. Note to TIs - Please release curates from the service rota for this Sunday	Reflective Practice Groups Curates will embark on theological reflection in groups with a facilitator.

Ordination Retreat for 2026 Ordinations: Wednesday 24th - Sunday 28th June

02 Optional Training Days

Year 2 and 3 Curates need to choose an additional from the list below an additional **FOUR** training days to attend.

Please book onto these days by 10/09/2025 through Lesley-anne.marriott@peterborough-diocese.org.uk

Date	Session Title	Facilitator	Brief Description
03/09/2025	Bereavement Ministry	Paula York and Jane Burns	An opportunity to consider how to approach the more challenging aspects of funeral ministry (eg. suicide, infant death, accidental death).
19/11/2025	Rural Ministry	Matt Jefferies	Matt Jeffrey is the CEO of the Arthur Rank Centre who offer training, support, advocacy, and resources, for the rural church nationally.
04/02/2026	Estates and UPA Ministry	Paula York, Michelle Cotton and Ben Lewis	Re-thinking mission and ministry for areas of social and economic deprivation. Issues such as church and class, difficult discipleship, reaching those with addictions and in crime will be explored.
04/02/2026	Chaplaincy Ministry	Evie McNally	How does chaplaincy ministry differ to that of parish? What are the tools of a chaplaincy kit bag? What does the day of a chaplain look like and might you be suited to it?
04/03/2026	Pioneer Ministry	Ali Williams	Find out about Pioneer Ministry, learn about different pioneering and the values of pioneering in order to connect with people who currently have little or no connection with church.
29/04/2026	Church Planting	+Debbie Sellin	As our Bishop, +Debbie is well placed to facilitate a conversation about church planting models, and how they might work in the context of our diocese.
20/05/2026	Younger and More Diverse	Charlotte Nobbs	A deeper dive into the theology and practice of intergenerational mission & ministry in your context.

Yr 1: School Placement

All Yr 1 curates will be expected to spend one week ideally in a Church of England School where they will find out about the relationship between the Church and the School and how the chaplain/parish priest can support and further build that relationship in a way which enables young people to grow in faith.

Curates will submit a theological reflection following their placement which can be added in to portfolios.

Yr 3: Experience

After Priesting ordination curates may have the option of arranging a placement in conversation with their Training Incumbent and the IME 2 Officer, where the discernment of 'next steps' is beginning to lead in a direction which experience is very limited (for example, university/hospital/prison/police chaplaincy) and there is a clear benefit from spending a dedicated period of time in that context. There may also be a reason for spending time in our link-diocese - if this is even a possibility please speak to the IME 2 Officer as soon as possible.



Year 1

Being a Deacon...

Yr1 Being a Deacon



THE ORDINAL - revisit this regularly

Deacons are called to work with the Bishop and the priests with whom they serve as 'heralds of Christ's kingdom'. They are to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, as agents of God's purposes of love. They are to serve the community in which they are set, bringing to the Church the needs and hopes of all the people. They are to work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless, reaching into the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible.

Deacons share in the pastoral ministry of the Church and in leading God's people in worship. They preach the word and bring the needs of the world before the Church in intercession. They accompany those searching for faith and bring them to baptism. They assist in administering the sacraments; they distribute communion and minister to the sick and housebound.

Deacons are to seek nourishment from the Scriptures; they are to study them with God's people, that the whole Church may be equipped to live out the gospel in the world. They are to be faithful in prayer, expectant and watchful for the signs of God's presence, as he reveals his kingdom among us.

Yr1 Core Training Events

	September		October	November
Date	10/09/2025	17/09/2025	01/10/2025	05/11/2025
Time	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm
Location	Bouverie Court NN4 7YD	Bouverie Court NN4 7YD	Bouverie Court NN4 7YD	Bouverie Court NN4 7YD
Session	Induction	Being a Deacon	Understanding ourselves for Team Working – The Enneagram	Portfolios and Reviews
Facilitator	Morna Simpson	Paula Challen and Iain Osbourne	Helen Watts	Morna Simpson
Details	A session for all new curates to meet key people in the diocese including safeguarding, communications, vocations, mission and a visit to the library.	This is an opportunity to reflect on the transition to life as a Deacon, to think through the theology of the diaconate, and to help you make the most of your time as a Deacon, as the underpinning for the rest of your life in ordained ministry.	An opportunity to learn about how and why you might respond to things in the way that you do, and to think about ways of handling difficult conversations.	There will be an opportunity to find out about expectations around portfolios and to begin to build the portfolio. The Review process will also be explained, and all of your questions shall be addressed.

Yr1 Core Training Events

	November	January	February	April
Date	26/11/2025	28/01/2026	25/02/2026	29/04/2026
Time	6-9pm	10am-4pm	6-9pm	6-9pm
Location	The Vicarage, 21 Church Hill, Finedon, NN9 5NR	Bouverie Court NN4 7YD	The Vicarage, 21 Church Hill, Finedon, NN9 5NR	The Vicarage, 21 Church Hill, Finedon, NN9 5NR
Session	Check-in	Children and Youth Ministry	Check-in	Check-in
Facilitator	Morna Simpson	Chad Chadwick and Charlotte Nobbs	Morna Simpson	Morna Simpson
Details	This will be an opportunity to share experiences so far and to pray for one another.	Intergenerational ministry: theology and practice for a younger and more diverse church.	This will be an opportunity to share experiences so far and to pray for one another.	This will be an opportunity to share experiences so far and to pray for one another.

Yr1 Core Training Events

	May	June
Date	13/05/2026	03/06/2026
Time	10am-4pm	10am-4pm
Location	Bouverie Court NN4 7YD	Peterborough Cathedral PE1 1XS
Session	Mission Project Planning	Sacraments
Facilitator	Charlie Nobbs	Rowan Williams
Details	Curates undertake a mission project in their second year. This session begins the planning and prayer for a contextually appropriate project. By the end of the session, you will have a much clearer idea of what to do and how to start.	An opportunity to think about the theology around Baptism and Holy Communion and prepare for celebrating Holy Communion for the first time.

Year 2

Being a Priest...

Yr2 Being a Priest



THE ORDINAL - revisit this regularly

Priests are called to be servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent. With their Bishop and fellow ministers, they are to proclaim the word of the Lord and to watch for the signs of God's new creation. They are to be messengers, watchmen and stewards of the Lord; they are to teach and to admonish, to feed and provide for his family, to search for his children in the wilderness of this world's temptations, and to guide them through its confusions, that they may be saved through Christ for ever. Formed by the word, they are to call their hearers to repentance and to declare in Christ's name the absolution and forgiveness of their sins.

With all God's people, they are to tell the story of God's love. They are to baptise new disciples in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and to walk with them in the way of Christ, nurturing them in the faith. They are to unfold the Scriptures, to preach the word in season and out of season, and to declare the mighty acts of God. They are to preside at the Lord's table and lead his people in worship, offering with them a spiritual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. They are to bless the people in God's name. They are to resist evil, support the weak, defend the poor, and intercede for all in need. They are to minister to the sick and prepare the dying for their death. Guided by the Spirit, they are to discern and foster the gifts of all God's people, that the whole Church may be built up in unity and faith.

Yr2 Core Training Events

	October		November
Date	01/10/2025	15/10/2025	12/11/2025
Time	6-9pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm
Location	The Vicarage, 21 Church Hill, Finedon, NN9 5NR	Bouverie Court NN4 7YD	Bouverie Court NN4 7YD
Session	Check-in	Reconciliation and Confession	Legalities
Facilitator	Morna Simpson	Morna Simpson and Mark Donnelly	Anna Spriggs
Details	This will be an opportunity to share experiences so far and to pray for one another.	This session will look at some of the complex issues surrounding reconciliation, from its history within the Church, to recent developments in understanding and practice. The session will also include personal experience which can have an impact on how we understand reconciliation when in ordained ministry.	The thought of spending time on 'Getting Confident with Legalities' may leave you cold.... But worry not! This is a day of fascinating information, invaluable resources, a quiz and a prize! Everything you need to know about open graveyards and where to turn when you have reached the end of your knowledge.

Yr2 Core Training Events

	January	April	June
Date	17/01/2026	22/04/2026	17/06/2026
Time	6-9pm	6-9pm	6-9pm
Location	The Vicarage, 21 Church Hill, Finedon, NN9 5NR	The Vicarage, 21 Church Hill, Finedon, NN9 5NR	The Vicarage, 21 Church Hill, Finedon, NN9 5NR
Session	Check-in	Check-in	Check-in
Facilitator	Morna Simpson	Morna Simpson	Morna Simpson
Details	This will be an opportunity to share experiences so far and to pray for one another.	This will be an opportunity to share experiences so far and to pray for one another.	This will be an opportunity to share experiences so far and to pray for one another.

Year 3

Continuing the Journey...

Yr3 Continuing the Journey



Yr3 Core Training Events

	September		October
Date	10/09/2025	24/09/2025	08/10/2025
Time	6-9pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm
Location	The Vicarage, 21 Church Hill, Finedon, NN9 5NR	Bouverie Court NN4 7YD	Bouverie Court NN4 7YD
Session	Check-in	Next Steps	Discernment
Facilitator	Morna Simpson	Morna Simpson	Morna Simpson and Haydon Spenceley
Details	This will be an opportunity to share experiences so far and to pray for one another.	An opportunity to think about applying for, and interviewing for, a position of responsibility. This will be followed up by an optional interview on another occasion with one of our retired Bishops and one of our Archdeacons.	An opportunity to think about how we hone skills of discernment and use them in ministry for the growth of disciples and the Church.

Yr3 Core Training Events

	January		April	June
Date	07/01/2026	21/01/2026	15/04/2026	10/06/2026
Time	6-9pm	10am-4pm	6-9pm	6-9pm
Location	The Vicarage, 21 Church Hill, Finedon, NN9 5NR	tbc	The Vicarage, 21 Church Hill, Finedon, NN9 5NR	The Vicarage, 21 Church Hill, Finedon, NN9 5NR
Session	Check-in	Discipleship	Check-in	Check-in
Facilitator	Morna Simpson	Stuart Burns and Liz Rawlings	Morna Simpson	Morna Simpson
Details	This will be an opportunity to share experiences so far and to pray for one another.	An opportunity to think about how we build disciples in our contexts and how we draw others into ministry for the growth of the Church.	This will be an opportunity to share experiences so far and to pray for one another.	This will be an opportunity to share experiences so far and to pray for one another.

