



# THE DEEPENING DISCIPLESHIP PROJECT

He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christ's followers in skilled servant work, working within Christ's body, the church, until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.

*Ephesians 4: 11-13 (The Message)*



The Deepening Discipleship Project is a new accompanied learning community beginning in **September 2023** to support the growth and development of the ministry of God's people in local churches across our Diocese.

This learning community is the first step for those who are interested in developing their ministry and would like to explore their calling to either:

- **Licensed Lay Minister (Reader)**
- **Authorised Lay Minister**

If you are exploring a call to ordained ministry speak to our Diocesan Vocations Team as this learning community may be ideal for you too.

**10 months**  
**Space to explore your calling and gifts**



Mentoring in Context



Online Local Formation Groups



Structured Practical Tasks



Three one-day gathered retreats

At the end of The Deepening Discipleship Project and on completion of your Safeguarding Training you will be eligible to be authorised in a Celebration of Lay Ministries Service.

### Ongoing Learning and Support

After authorisation you will be welcome to join a number of **optional modules** (which will be open to anyone). If you wish to go on to Licensed Lay Ministry (Reader) then there will be 10 months of compulsory modules to complete before licensing.



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*Growing like Jesus where you are*

