

## **Training courses for a Bishop's Commission for Mission** **September to December 2018**



The BCM programme has been developed to support the work of parishes and deaneries by equipping lay people for service. The aim of this is to give participants the skills and knowledge they need to pursue their vocation more effectively, whilst at the same time giving them a bigger vision for how God might use them to bring in his kingdom. Those who complete the programme will have a greater confidence in what they are doing, and will be better equipped to bring a missional focus to bear on their area of ministry and their life. Many people today would not come near a church but will have contact with Christians. Through the BCM programme the aim is to equip people to share the love of Christ with those around them.

BCM is a programme not a course. It is designed to help shape you and your vision for ministry as you go through it, rather than simply offer you material. It is designed to be completed in a term, rather than over two or three years.

The training is delivered over twelve sessions. Usually, the first three sessions are delivered on a launch day. Then there are a series of up to six evenings or daytime sessions. Finally the closing two sessions are usually delivered on a Saturday morning.

Those who sign up for BCM will need to commit to attending all sessions: inforthere is real value for the cohort and the small group working in everyone being present each time. They are also required to keep a diary and complete a portfolio of activities, which results in a final reflection of a thousand words demonstrating how you are integrating the programme in your ministry.

There are 5 streams of BCM being offered from September 2018 which include Worship, Pastoral, Disciple Maker, Witness and Children and Young People.

If you are interested in being trained in a particular role, and for more information, please email Joanna Heath (Youth, Children and Families Development Worker for the Avon Valley Partnership)

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