

Authorised Children's Minister Course

The Authorised Children's Minister Course covers aspects of children's ministry by exploring children's development, spirituality, formation and discipleship; new approaches and current best practice alongside expanding personal skills to enable participants to be visionary leaders within their parish and throughout the Diocese.

The course aims to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills necessary for the successful completion of the course and chosen project, within a safe and supportive learning environment.

The course runs from January to September and includes four Saturday sessions as well as four shorter zoom sessions. There is approx. ten hours of self-directed preparation/study/journal work and two sessions of one hour each with the course facilitator. In total, the course should take no more than 60 hours.

There is no formal assessment for this course, however feedback and evaluations, plus attendance, discussions, achievements, presentation of project and journal will all count to success.

Before starting the Authorised Children's Minister Course, you are advised to discuss this with your Incumbent or vicar to determine if you feel it is right for you. This course is for you if:

- *You have a desire to nurture the discipleship and spirituality of children in the church and local community*
- *You seek opportunities to serve the church in children's ministry, lead through service and inspire others by example*
- *You want to help the church grow through engagement with children and families*
- *You seek to build or develop and strengthen links with church, home and school*

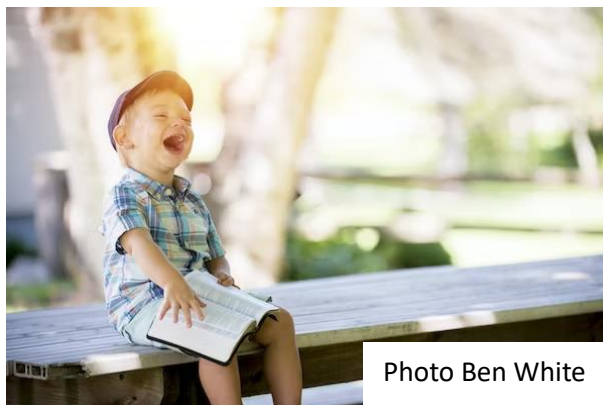


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What Will The Authorised Children's Minister Course Give You?

- *Affirmation of God's call to serve children in your church and community*
- *Training in a supportive learning environment, developed to suit your context and needs*
- *A learning community of like-minded passionate people*
- *Opportunity to develop a project into your children's ministry*
- *Skills and tools to enable your ministry and leadership to flourish*
- *Authorisation by the Bishop of Durham alongside other lay ministeries in the diocese*
- *On-going support as part of a new network of accredited children's ministry leaders*

Course Dates

Session	Date	Hours
1	Sat in Jan	6
2	Feb zoom	2
3	Sat in Mar	6
4	Sat in May	6
5	May zoom	2
6	Sat in June	6
7	July zoom	2
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Commendation from your Incumbent or similar is needed for all participants and all course participants must have a valid DBS certificate and have completed relevant safeguarding training, in line with diocesan policy on safeguarding.

If you feel that The Authorised Children's Minister Course may be for you and would like to discuss it please contact: Sharon Pritchard: sharon.pritchard@durham.anglican.org or Pam Wilson at Pamela.wilson@durham.anglican.org

