



The Diocese of  
Peterborough

# Certificate in Children's Ministry



in the Diocese of  
Peterborough



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## **Introduction**

From September 2011 Peterborough Diocese is offering the opportunity for those who regularly work with children to undertake some training and receive accreditation. On successful completion of the training you will receive a Certificate signed by the Bishop which will be presented to you by your incumbent. This will give you accreditation for the work you do in your benefice.

## **Bishop Donald writes**

*It is so good when people volunteer to teach the Christian faith to children and walk alongside them in their journey of discovery. Most of us though feel the need for training and support for this sort of ministry. I am delighted the Diocese is now able to offer such training and I encourage anyone who feels they might benefit to apply for the course.*

## **Length of training**

The training can be completed in a year, but can be spread over a longer period, up to three years.

## **Involvement**

You will do four modules (each taught over 6 evenings) and an extended project. There will be a task to complete in between sessions. You will need to complete an assignment following each module and write up your project. Before you start your training you will be expected to undertake an hour's guided observation of children in an educational setting. There will also be a social evening at the beginning to help you get to know other people taking the course.

## **Syllabus**

### **Module 1: Introduction to Studying the Bible**

This module will help you get a grasp of the content of the Bible in its context including the different types of writing, the particular role of the Old and New Testaments, and a variety of ways of "reading" the Bible. Insights into how to study Bible texts will be gained as one Old Testament book and one New Testament book are examined. Consideration will be given to how this applies to working with children.

### **Module 2: Core Skills for Children's Work**

This module will explore specific skills for children's ministry. It will help you to develop your understanding of children and the skills required to nurture children in their journey of faith. It will help you to develop a vision of a Christian community in which children's faith is expressed and valued.

### **Module 3: *Gospel and Community in the New Testament and Today***

This module will look at how the early Christians approached the issues thrown up by the society in which they were placed, and examine how this understanding can help you in supporting children within today's society in which they are placed.

### **Module 4: *More Skills for Children's Work***

This module will build on the work done in Module 2 and look at specific situations including children with special needs, the transitions children experience, behaviour and children's advocacy.

### **Project**

You will agree a specific project to work on with the course leader and your incumbent. This will include the aims of your project; you will write up the project evaluating the extent to which those aims have been met. The four modules will be taught between September and April each year. The project will be done between May and July.

### **Cost**

The cost of the course is £100. Your parish will be invoiced for this.

### **Applications**

You need to have the support of your incumbent and your PCC. You will need a reference from your incumbent and another member of your church.

### **Location**

### **Oversight**

The Certificate is run by the Adult Education Team working with the Children's Missioner

### **When can I apply?**

You can register interest by filling in the form on the back page, by email or by telephone by the end of May 2012. If you would like to talk this through before registering interest please contact Rona Orme, Children's Missioner, Email: [rona.orme@peterborough-diocese.org.uk](mailto:rona.orme@peterborough-diocese.org.uk) or Tel: 01604 887045 in the first instance.

# Expression of Interest in Children's Ministry

		<i>Student No. (office use):</i>
<b>YOUR DETAILS</b>		
Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr etc)		First name:
Surname:		
Postal Address:		
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How did you hear about the module?		
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Please return this form, to: The Diocese of Peterborough Bouverie Court, 6 The Lakes, Bedford Road, Northampton NN4 7YD.		