

## Young Vocations in Peterborough Diocese

*"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." 1 Tim 4:12*

**Revd Jema Ball**  
**Young Vocations Officer**  
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Jema is Associate Vicar of the Oundle benefice and gives a little time each week to oversee the Young Vocations Team. Our vision is to see a sustained increase in the number of young people in this diocese offering their gifts and skills to serve the church. The Young Vocations Team exists to work with church leaders and youth workers to help make this vision a reality. The team offers support and advice to young people exploring vocation, and can help with signposting to training opportunities, including our young leader training, *Inspire*, and our diocesan Ministry Experience Schemes *Xpect* and *Echo*.

Please contact us, we would love to hear from you!



**Jema Ball**  
Young Vocations Officer



**Pete White**  
Diocesan Youth Officer



**Becky Wills**  
Youth Missioner



**Chad Chadwick**  
Youth Missioner



**Steve Benoy**  
Director of Ordinands

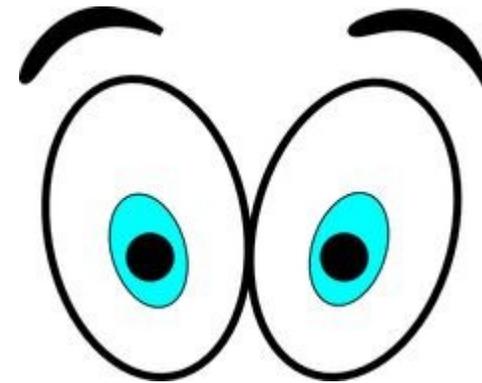


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# Meet the Vocation & Formation Team



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As a diocese we believe that a key to being a church which is growing in spiritual & numerical strength is to pray and work for more people to offer to serve as lay and ordained ministers. This is because ministry is about the whole church joining in God's kingdom work. And so we long to see more clergy and lay ministers with a vision for and confidence in the gospel, working collaboratively & prayerfully with the whole people of God to see people and communities transformed by Jesus. We welcome inquiries from anyone at any age, whilst we are especially looking to increase the numbers of people exploring ministry in their teens and twenties.

**Revd Canon Steve Benoy**  
**Director of Ordinands**  
**Vocation & Formation Team Leader**



Steve is the first port of call for you if you spot someone whom you think may have a vocation to ordination. Clergy dispersed around the diocese are the real talent spotters! He has a team of Assistant Directors of Ordinands, parish clergy who help discern vocation. He keeps in touch with and supports our ordinands training at various colleges and courses, and oversees arranging curacies.

As Team Leader, he works closely in discerning vocations with our Lay Vocations Officer, in the formation of new clergy and lay ministers with our Curate Training Officer & Ministry Training Officer, and in encouraging young people to consider a life in ministry with our Young Vocations Officer and her team. He is based at Bouverie Court and welcomes the opportunity to visit clergy new in post, as well as to speak generally about vocation & ministry on Sundays or at other parish events.

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**Revd Dr Carys Walsh**  
**Curate Training Officer**



Carys oversees the curate training programme which aims to foster an environment where curates can develop good working and pastoral relationships so that their vocations will flourish. Learning takes place through group training days and there are opportunities for theological reflection with peers in smaller groups during residential. She is assisted in the review and assessment process by a team of current and retired parochial colleagues who act as Assistant Curate Training Officers.

**Revd Dr Andrew Coleby**  
**Ministry Training Officer**



Andrew's main responsibility is overseeing the training of those offering for the various categories of licenced lay ministers in the diocese: Readers, Lay Pastoral Ministers and Lay Evangelists. We are also trying to develop new categories of licenced lay ministry, for example, lay chaplains, in order to grow lay ministry across the diocese.

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**Revd Jenny Opperman**  
**Lay Vocations Officer**



Jenny was licensed as an Lay Pastoral Minister in 2006 and subsequently trained for ordination in 2012. She is the first port of call if you spot someone who might value a conversation about vocation, but where things remain fairly unfocussed. She oversees a team of lay and ordained people who serve as Vocations Advisers dispersed around the diocese who assist her in this early exploration, and works closely with the Wardens of Lay Ministries in the discernment and selection of those who feel called to Licensed Lay Ministry.

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