



## Creative part-time training for Ordained and Reader ministry



**innovative, both in terms of its content and approach**

**passionate and enthusiastic teaching**

**highly practical and relevant input**

National inspection report





All Saints is creative, mission-focused training for ordained and Reader ministry in the North-West, Isle of Man and East Midlands.

Teaching takes place in centres across all the dioceses of Blackburn, Chester, Derby, Liverpool, Manchester, Sodor and Man and Southwell and Nottingham.

Most of All Saints students, are training for Ordained or Reader ministry and there is often a small number of independent students. Many are training for ministry alongside full-time or part-time work and are preparing for many kinds of ministry - lay and ordained, part-time and full-time, inherited church and pioneer, assistant ministers and those who will be the main leader in a Christian community.



*I am delighted to see affirmation of the course's excellent training ... it is great that the inspection report so strongly affirms the quality of All Saints Centre's training for mission and ministry across the North-west and beyond.*  
Rt Rev Richard Blackburn,  
Bishop of Warrington



### TRAINING FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY

Whether you are training for stipendiary or self-supporting ordained ministry, for pioneer or OLM ministry, All Saints can help you to grow in faith and spirituality and to develop as a Christian leader serving God's mission in the world.



### TRAINING FOR PIONEER MINISTRY

All Saints train people for ministry in the "blended economy" of inherited and emerging church, which includes a specific pathway for those who are training mainly for pioneer work in fresh expressions.



### TRAINING FOR READER MINISTRY

All Saints works with 7 dioceses to deliver high-quality training for Reader ministry, equipping people to be not just preachers and worship leaders but trained members of missional leadership teams in churches and workplaces.

As well as our own All Saints Certificate, we offer a range of programmes that are accredited with the University of Durham – we also have students studying at Masters and doctoral level.



If you train with All Saints you will benefit from

### Excellent teaching

The high standard of All Saints teaching has been commended by our latest national inspection report. Courses are accredited at University level and taught by tutors with a wealth of academic knowledge and experience.

### A focus on practical skills for mission & ministry

Although teaching is accredited at University level, the main focus of the course is equipping people for practical ministry. All our tutors are lay or ordained Christians with years of experience in ministry in church, workplace and mission contexts.

### Training located in the setting of ministry

One of the key features of All Saints courses is that throughout training students are on placement in a church or mission context, whether in their home church or on an external placement.

Assessed work with All Saints is not just about writing essays - many of the assignments involve direct work in a ministry setting (including leading worship, preaching and planning for mission).

### Breadth and variety

As well as a very broad range of people from different church backgrounds being involved in teaching on the course, we train people from a huge range of different church traditions and social settings. A key part of training with All Saints is the experience of people preparing for different types of ministries worshipping, praying and studying together.



The course office is located on the Warrington campus of the University of Chester but teaching on the course takes place across all seven dioceses involved in the course. Modules are taught either on weeknights, at weekends, or at residential schools.

For Reader trainees there are six Sundays spread across the year – these are usually held in Warrington for trainees from Blackburn, Chester, Liverpool and Manchester dioceses and at centres in the Isle of Man and the East Midlands.

## When & Where?

Training for Reader ministry with All Saints takes two years up to licensing, followed by a post-licensing programme delivered in dioceses in partnership with All Saints.

The standard “pathway” for ordination training with All Saints is three years – though quite a number of our students do a shorter training course because of prior study or ministerial training.

Readers and ordinands do some core modules together, with ordinands doing extra modules at residentials and in a third year of training.

Weeknight sessions are organised in three terms with a half-term break in each. Weeknights begin in early September and continue to the end of May.

The number of teaching centres varies from year to year according to student numbers and diocesan and course needs, but the aim is to have a geographic spread between dioceses. Ordinands and Readers train together at weeknight sessions in years 1 and 2, with ordinands (only) in year 3 (which usually means using fewer teaching centres).

For ordinands, there are six **Residential Weekends** beginning on a Friday evening and ending after lunch on Sunday.

Ordinands also attend an eight-day residential Summer School in their first and penultimate years of training, and an Easter School in their final year.

### Online learning

As well as learning in church placements and course sessions, a key part of All Saints training method is via an online learning platform that provides all students with access to a wealth of information as well as being a key resource for communication and for assessment.

Use of IT is an increasingly central part of ministry and while we provide support for IT skills, it is important to note that students on the All Saints course do need regular Internet access.



'Training with All Saints has been incredible. Where the course has succeeded for me is in providing me with the tools to start and sustain my ministry'.

**Harry, now ordained**

'The two years of formation towards being licensed as a Reader have been enormously enjoyable and rewarding. Study evenings and occasional weekend days have flown by. Our course tutors have been, without exception, excellent: academically expert and pastorally experienced, and they have guided us through a comprehensive study programme'.

**Anne, licensed Reader**



'The Course opened up a whole new world to me...

it helped immensely in my walk with God'.

**Victoria, licensed Reader**



'All Saints has been recognised for its excellent teaching, innovative approaches and its commitment to getting training in mission and ministry right for a wide range of women and men. If you are exploring ministry, come and explore it with us'.

**The Venerable Dr John Applegate, Principal**

All Saints are committed to developing ordained and lay ministers in the service of God's mission in the world. Get in touch if you think this could be you.

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