

# 2023-24



## CANTERBURY DIOCESE MINISTRY EXPERIENCE SCHEME



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# WHAT IS IT?

MES is about growing as disciples of Jesus, learning how to serve him and his Kingdom with the whole of your life, for the whole of your life. It will take you on a life-changing journey of discovery and adventure, where you'll be inspired, get practical Kingdom experience, make life-long friendships, and have a lot of fun in the process! Ministry opportunities include serving children, young people and families.

# WHERE IS IT?

September 2023 sees the tenth year of running the New Wine Discipleship Year program out of SMB Canterbury. Our diocesan MES programme runs through the NWDY curriculum and network.

Any parish can apply to be a placement church and any 18-24 year old can apply to be part of the scheme.

The teaching day is on Wednesdays during term time. The rest of the time is spent on placements.

# WHO'S IT FOR?

Anyone aged 18-24 who wants to:

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| 01 | Grow confidence in who God has made you to be | 04 | Discover, exercise and nurture your spiritual gifts and passions |
| 02 | Discover the purpose he has for your life     | 05 | Be challenged to step out, risk and see God work through you     |
| 03 | Get involved by serving in a local church     | 06 | Experience the adventure of overseas mission                     |

# WHAT DOES IT COST?

- The **Ministry Experience Scheme** costs participants nothing\* as fees, accommodation, expenses and a £80 per week living allowance are provided through funding from the placement church (~£6k depending on accommodation costs), a national grant (£2,600) and a diocesan grant (£3k).
  - New Wine receive £500 per participant towards residentials and admin. SMB receive £1000 per participant.
  - The rest is spent on supporting the participant and paying expenses
- \* For all students mission trips carry additional cost, varying depending on the trip but can be met through fundraising



## PLACEMENTS

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Any parish can enquire about becoming a placement church. They will need to have thought through what ministry opportunities they can offer, what accommodation is available and who would be the placement supervisor and who would mentor. They will also need to consider what type of participants they might receive. Below are listed some parishes that have offered placements in the past.

## SMB CANTERBURY

As a cathedral city with two large universities Canterbury is both ancient and ever changing. SMB is a growing family with members from all ages and stages of life. The successful applicants would be working closely alongside the staff team (approx. 10 others) for the year, engaging in but not limited to, Children's Church, Youth & Schools Work, Student Ministry, Fellowship Groups, Alpha, and supporting our Mercy Ministries (e.g. Make Lunch).

Any applicants with skills in publicity & communication, worship leading, hospitality & catering are also welcomed. We're particularly excited about launching our new Youth Café this September.

There is also the opportunity to go on a short-term mission trip towards the end of the academic year.

[smb.org.uk/discipleshipyear](http://smb.org.uk/discipleshipyear)

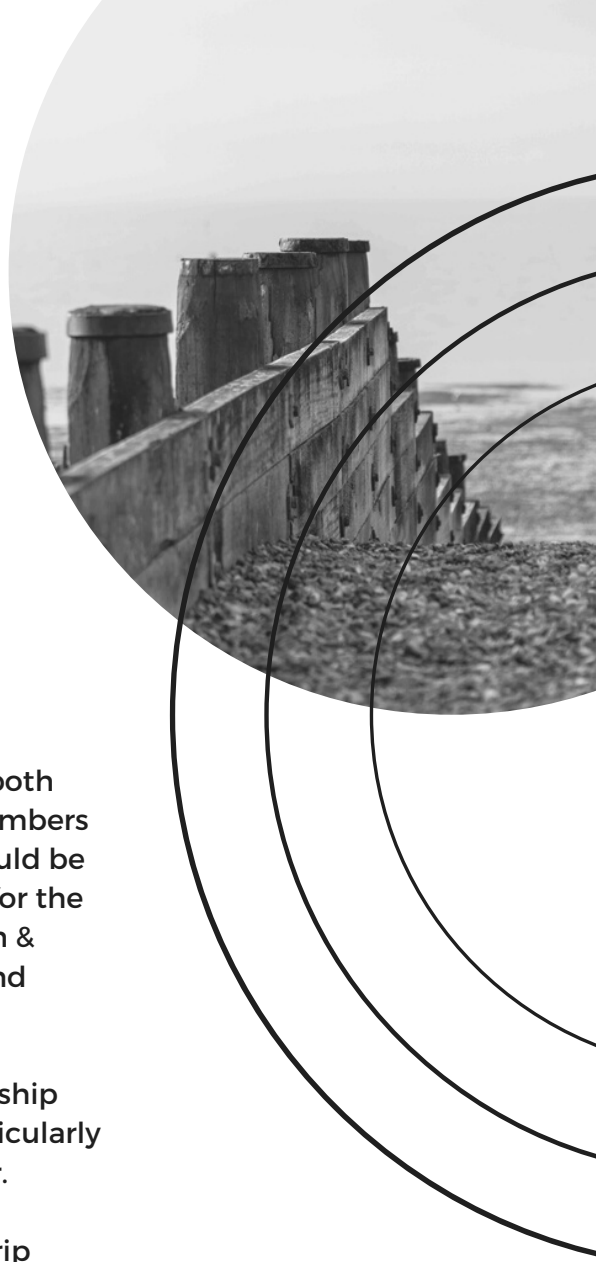
## GK CHURCH

GK Church is one church family serving the two communities of Goudhurst and Kilndown, beautiful villages in the High Weald area of Kent. Our congregations are drawn from both villages and beyond.

Ministry involvement will be discerned together, with opportunities to serve across the full breadth of church life: discipleship (small groups, schools work, teaching), pastoral (all ages), social justice (Community Cupboard, Connect), reviewing & leading areas of worship including music (traditional and contemporary), infrastructure (tasks and decisions around how a church operates).

We will be significantly re-building our ministry with young people (thriving pre-Covid), and a long term aim would be to retain our older teenagers into their 20s, and attract new worshippers of this age range.

[gkchurch.org.uk](http://gkchurch.org.uk)



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# ST LUKES MAIDSTONE

SLM is a multigenerational church close to Maidstone Town centre. We are part of the New Wine network of churches. Our vision is to be a church family that LIVE for Jesus and LOVE one another, LEADING to transformed lives and communities. We have a big heart to reach children and young families in our community.

The successful applicants would work closely with our small staff team and can engage in a mix of ministry areas including Kids Church, Youth Ministry, ALPHA, Worship Leading, Digital Media and AV Production, LIFE Groups and operations/administration.

[stlukes.org.uk](http://stlukes.org.uk)

# ST ALPHEGE SEASALTER

St Alphege Seasalter is part of a Team Ministry of 5 Anglican churches in Whitstable. We have a children and families ministry and a youth ministry, with a small staff team. There will be opportunities potentially to work in community facing ministry of various kinds, children and youth work, in leading worship, working with small groups, and in developing our communications. We are also planning to launch a community hub.

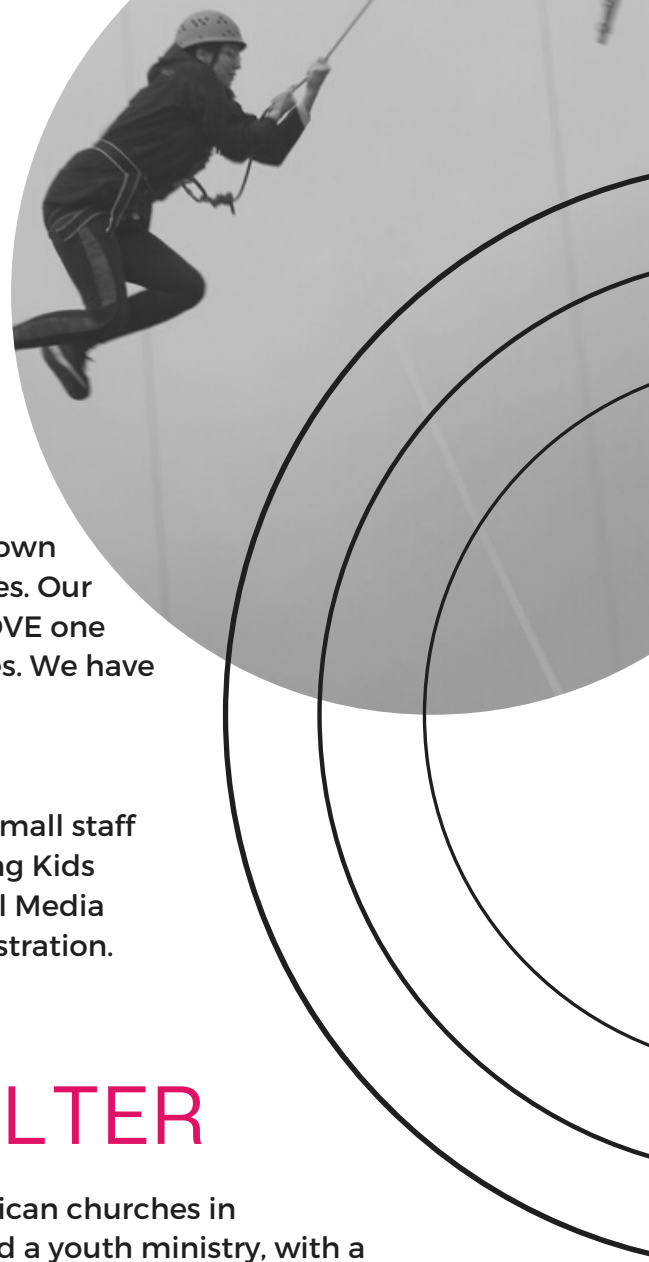
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# L'ARCHE CANTERBURY

This is a new partnership placement between SMB and L'Arche Canterbury. You'd be a Live In Assistant in the L'Arche community (accommodation and food provided) and spend half the week at SMB, on placement and for teaching. This option would also be on the Church of England Ministry Experience Scheme.

Live In Assistants are a valuable part of L'Arche Communities, where life is shared between people with and without learning disabilities. Being a Live In Assistant is not a typical job, although you will gain valuable experience and qualifications in the social care sector which will facilitate your career development.

For more information get in touch with Stephen (SMB) or Liis  
[liis.revell@larche.org.uk](mailto:liis.revell@larche.org.uk)



## TEACHING PROGRAMME

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# COMMUNITY

Whilst most of the time is spent embedded in your church placement, Wednesdays provide a great opportunity for non-residential community, with weekly worship, prayer, lunches and termly retreats.

# MENTORING

Each placement will provide ministry supervision and a mentor, both of whom you will meet with regularly. If you're on the MES pathway you will also meet with Diocesan Director of Ordinands The Revd. Jon Marlow at points through the year.

# CURRICULUM

The teaching year starts 6 September 2023 and ends week beginning 17 July 2024, although students are expected to serve on team at one of the New Wine United weeks.

The Autumn term focuses on building strong foundations as a follower of Jesus. That means that lots of the emphasis is on developing our **SECRET LIFE** with God and becoming more **SECURE** in our identity as sons and daughters of God.

The Spring Term is focused on the Kingdom of God and Mission. This means we'll give a solid theological basis for the Kingdom of God, the ministry of Jesus and sharing the Gospel of Jesus with others. This especially relates to the **FAITHFUL & FRUITFUL LIFE**.

The Summer Term focus is on Calling and Leadership. It builds on the foundations of the previous two terms and aims to prepare the DY students for a life lived for Jesus and his Kingdom in every sphere of life.





## TEACHING PROGRAMME

# TEACHING DAY

0845 | Arrival - Coffee & Catch up

0915 | Worship

0930 | Huddle Time

1045 | Teaching Session #1

1215 | Lunch

1345 | Teaching Session #2

1515 | Ministry

1600 | Finish

# THE WEEK

A typical week on placement might look something like this:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri/Sat
Church / Kids team	Bumblebees setup	Morning Prayer	Hub arrival and catch up	Morning Prayer	Off (except for residential weekends where time will be taken off in lieu)
Student lunch	Staff worship & Ministry meeting	School based ministry	Hub worship	One on ones	
Evening	Staff lunch	Admin	Teaching	Admin	
	Growing Leaders (monthly eve)	Supervision	Lunch	Student set up	
		Youth Café	Teaching & Ministry	Student Night	



Stephen Carter (left) is the training centre manager, sharing hub oversight with Joy Dunton (right).



## APPLICATION PROCESS

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## FURTHER INFO

For more information visit [smb.org.uk/discipleshipyear](http://smb.org.uk/discipleshipyear)

## APPLY NOW

To apply now visit [new-wine.org/discipleship-year](http://new-wine.org/discipleship-year) and click on 'Application Form'.

## INTERVIEW

Upon successful application Stephen will be in touch to discuss available placements and arrange an interview for you with the placement church.

All placements and your place on MES will be subject to references and a full DBS. Safeguarding training will be provided.

