

**2024-25**



**CANTERBURY DIOCESE  
MINISTRY EXPERIENCE SCHEME**



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# WHAT IS IT?

If you are aged 18 to 29 and want to discern more clearly the calling God has for you, then a Ministry Experience Scheme (MES) year will give you the opportunity to discover your unique gifts and skills through Christian ministry and leadership experience.

Our curriculum is delivered through the New Wine Discipleship Year (with a strong Anglican flavour!). NWDY is all about learning to love Jesus Christ, by being immersed in God's word, filled with God's Spirit, and sent out to build God's kingdom in our cities, towns, and villages. Each week will consist of both teaching (more information in the curriculum section) and practical application in an area of ministry – and over the year, you'll also head away for two residential trips. The first is a residential based in the UK in the first term, and the second is our Discipleship Year Bible Week in Spain! You will also have opportunities to serve at regional and national New Wine conferences, along with the New Wine in summer.



# WHAT'S ON THE CURRICULUM?

01

### **How has God uniquely revealed Himself in Scripture?**

This includes the big picture story of the bible, and an in depth study of a book of the bible.

02

### **How is God experienced today through the Spirit?**

This includes training in how we minister to one another through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and spend time in his presence both individually and collectively.

03

### **How is God calling us to a life of joyfulness and holiness?**

This includes understanding our identity in Christ, and how this understanding changes how we live here and now.

04

### **How does God meet us through the spiritual disciplines?**

This includes how we put into practice spending time in the presence of God.

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### **How does God work in and through his church to build his kingdom?**

This includes training in how to help someone start following Christ, disciple others through God's word, and engage in culture.

# WHO'S IT FOR?

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Anyone aged 18-29 who wants to give a year to:

- 01 Develop a secure understanding of your identity in Christ
- 02 Grow in reading and understanding God's word
- 03 Increase in godliness, self-discipline, and joy
- 04 Be equipped to use your spiritual gifts to serve God's church
- 05 Spend a year in church-based ministry
- 06 Experience the adventure of overseas mission

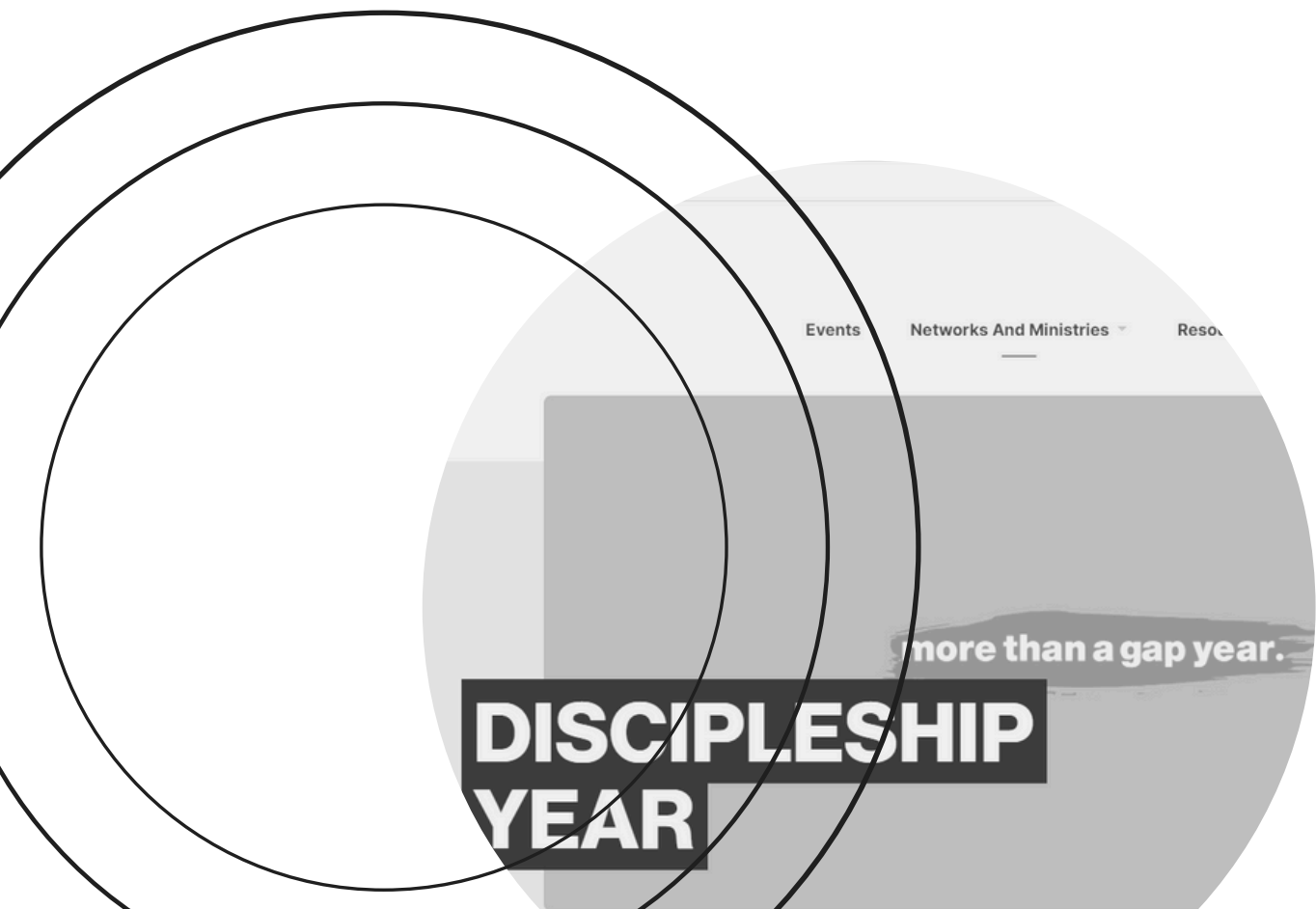
# WHAT DOES IT COST?

If the participant is on the Church of England Ministry Experience Scheme the year costs them nothing\* as fees, accommodation, expenses and an £88 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 (£3,400).

- New Wine receive £750 per participant towards residentials and admin. SMB receive £1250 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

- If you are not apply for the Church of England Ministry Experience Scheme but still want to do the Discipleship Year (maybe you're not part of a Church of England church for example) please get in touch with Stephen.



# WHERE IS IT?

September 2024 sees the eleventh 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 18-29 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.

The national DY programme consists of two residential trips, and two conference serving opportunities.

The first residential (28th-30th of October) is at Kingswood Dearne Valley in Derbyshire! It covers the core topic of identity in Christ. This is often a life-changing three days for people, where God does a profound work of revealing afresh his love and power in our lives. We spend time in worship together, and the teaching is always working through a book of the Bible, asking God to apply his word by the power of his Spirit. There are also seminars on various topics relating to how we put into practice our call to follow Jesus.

The second residential is based in Spain and covers the topic of kingdom life. This is a five-day trip to allow more time for bible teaching and seminars, hosted in a beautiful location! Similar to the first weekend, there will be plenty of time for worship, practical seminars and workshops, and working through a book of the Bible – with other talks and sessions as well. This is held in February.

There is also the opportunity to serve at two conferences. Everyone serves at New Wine in summer – your team place, catering, camping, and ticket are all included in the year. There is also the chance to serve at another conference run by New Wine – either the New Wine Leadership Conference, one of the Women's Conferences, or the Worship Tour.



## 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.

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)

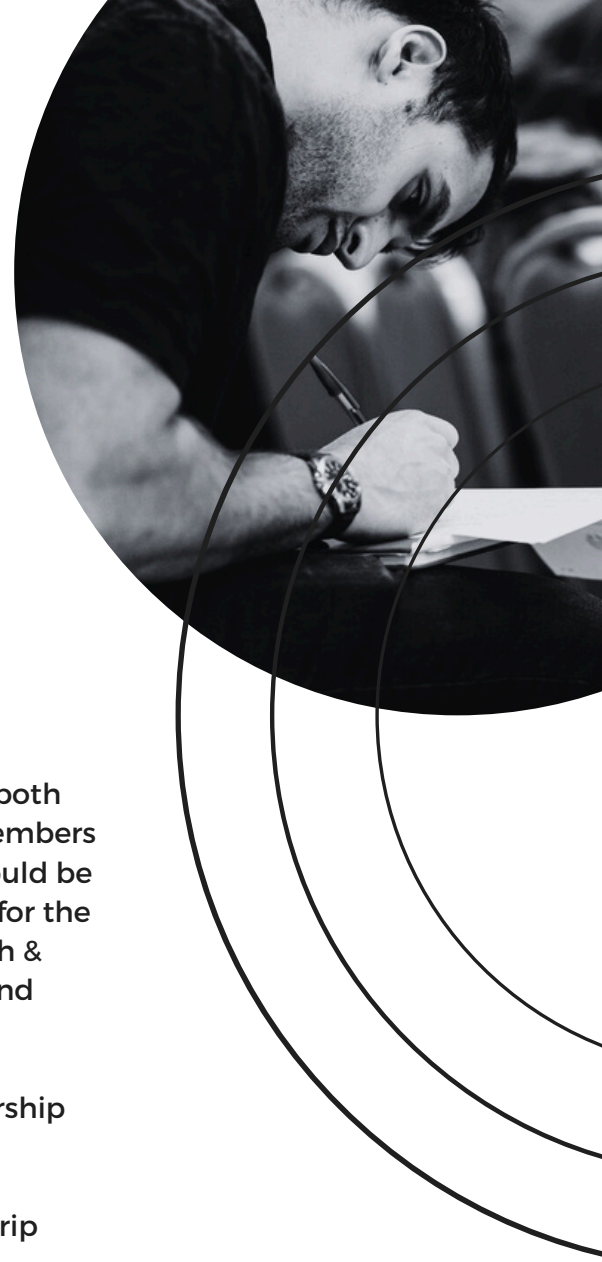
## GK CHURCH

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.

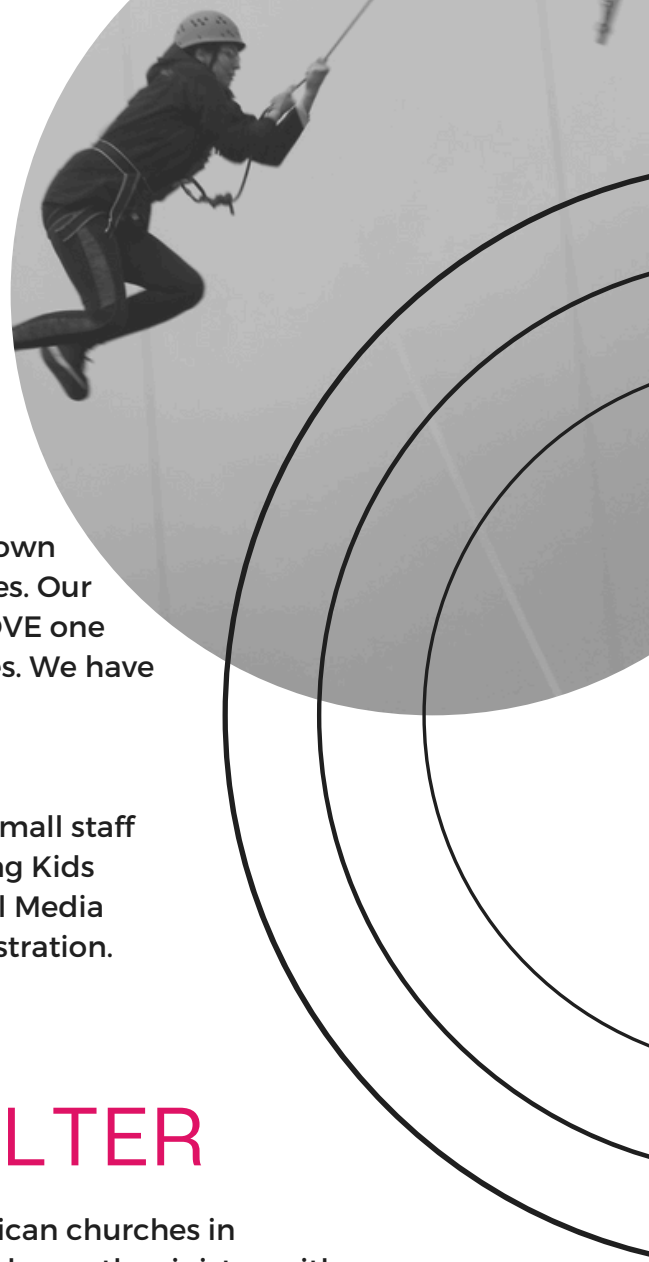
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# L'ARCHE CANTERBURY

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 Canterbury Dioceses' Head of Vocation The Revd. Jon Marlow at points through the year.



## TEACHING PROGRAMME

# TEACHING DAY

0900 | Arrival - Coffee & Catch up

0915 | Worship

0945 | Huddle Time

1030 | Teaching Session #1

1215 | Lunch

1330 | Teaching Session #2

1515 | Doctrine - 39 articles

1545 | Prayer and close



# 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/get-involved/discipleship-year/](https://smb.org.uk/get-involved/discipleship-year/)

## APPLY NOW

To apply now visit [new-wine.org/discipleship-year](https://new-wine.org/discipleship-year) and click on '[Apply Now](#)'.

## INTERVIEW

Upon successful application Stephen will be in touch to discuss available placements and arrange an interview for you in conjunction 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.

