

Option 4: The 'Advanced' Programme

(1 or 2 years)

Who is it for?

A church that completed the WMS Basic Programme some years ago and now wants to build on that; or a church with an established practice of collaborative ministry developed outside WMS, which wants to take up some further training.

What's in the programme?

- Refresher Training on collaborative ministry and teamworking for Core Groups, Ministry Teams, Leadership Teams etc
- A collaborative parish project such as Ministry / Mission Audit
- Choice of an area for parish development, with study, analysis and practical initiatives: worship, outreach, pastoral care or community involvement

In addition to the four options set out above, the Wakefield Ministry Scheme can work with local churches to design and resource individually tailored training programmes for the purpose of fostering shared ministry and enabling parish development in any of the areas of the Basic Programme.

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A Choice of Programmes from WMS

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The Diocese of Wakefield aims to promote the development of collaborative ministry in local churches by means of Lay Ministry Teams and Ordained Local Ministers.

The Wakefield Ministry Scheme offers your parish a choice of programmes to help your church move in this direction. The WMS Officers will be glad to meet with you to discuss the package that would most suit your needs.

All programmes include a combination of practical diocesan teaching sessions and courses and resources provided for use in the parish.

Option 1: The Basic Parish Programme (3 years)

Who is it for?

Churches who are ready to embark on a process of putting in place a pattern of collaborative ministry as the regular framework for developing the church's life.

The programme is centred in the parish on a 'Core Group' or 'Ministry Development Group' of about six to nine people, but is designed to involve the whole church along the way in new initiatives and developments.

What's in the programme?

Year One

- Setting up and initial teamwork training for the Core Group
- Audit of the church's current life, ministry and mission
- Exploration and development of gifts of the whole church

Year Two

- Exploration and development in at least two of the areas of worship, pastoral ministry and outreach.

Year Three

- Exploration and development in the area of the church's involvement with the local community

All years

- Exploration and development in the area of personal and corporate prayer and spirituality

Option 2: The 'Starter Pack' Programme (up to 1 year)

Who is it for?

Churches that have not really looked at shared ministry before and do not feel ready to commit to the full Basic Programme.

A parish that undertook a 'starter pack' course could enter the Basic Parish programme subsequently and be exempted from some parts of it.

What's in the programme?

- An introductory taught course on *Sharing Ministry in the Local Church* (4 or 5 evening sessions)
- Setting up and initial training for a Core Group
- Study and parish development in a selected area, from a choice of Worship, Outreach or Pastoral Care

Option 3: The 'OLM-related' Programme (two years)

Who is it for?

A church that wishes to put forward a candidate for Ordained Local Ministry and *either* has previously done the Basic WMS Parish programme, *or* can demonstrate that it already has an established pattern of collaborative ministry.

Other churches putting forward an OLM candidate will normally be expected to join the Scheme by undertaking the Basic Programme.

What's in the programme?

- Training on collaborative ministry for the candidate and the lay and ordained ministers with whom they will be working
- Participation in a choice of the worship, pastoral care or outreach topics of Year 2 of the Basic Programme
- Participation in the community involvement topic of Year 3
- Collaborative projects in the parish related to these topics.