

3. With other ordinands

Candidates will join with other ordinands studying on the Yorkshire Ministry Course (formerly the Northern Ordination Course) for a number of residential weekends in each of the three years prior to ordination.

Three weekends will run from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon and three will be Friday–Saturday only.

Topics for ministerial formation will include:

Friday evenings

Mission, Ordained Ministry and Preparing for Ordination

Saturdays

Spirituality (all three years)

Preaching, Ecumenical studies, Biblical texts

Racism and Disability Awareness, Child Protection

Reflection on Placements

Sundays

Formational groups (Local Ministry candidates together)

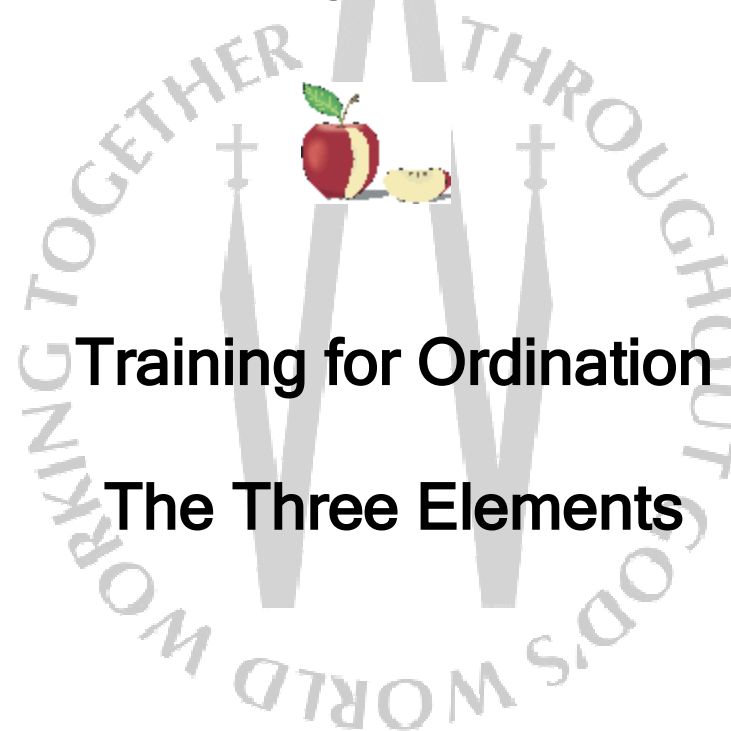
Additionally there is an Easter residential school each year covering Communicating the Gospel Today, Relationships, and Mission in a Plural World.



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Wakefield Ministry Scheme



Training for Ordination

The Three Elements

1. In the parish context

When the parish is within its first three years in the Scheme, the candidate will be actively involved with their Core Group / Ministry Team in the Basic WMS Parish Programme:

Praying Together
Working Together
Exploring Ministry and Vocation

Worshipping Together
Developing Outreach
Developing Pastoral Care

Exploring Discipleship
Developing Community Awareness
Approaching Ethical Questions and Social Issues

This will involve attendance at regular Core meetings, Diocesan sessions three or four times a year, and occasional parish study courses.

In cases where the parish has completed this before the candidate enters training, possibly some years previously, a parish-based component of training will be specially devised.



2. With candidate Readers and Pastoral Ministers

Ordinands will usually take the York St John Foundation Degree in Theology and Ministry, taught alongside those training for Reader and Lay Pastoral Ministry on the Diocesan School of Ministry. This currently takes place on one Sunday per month and takes four years to complete (including one post-ordination year).

The range of modules studied includes:

At Level One

New Testament	Mission and Ministry
Christian Faith in History	Christian Ethics
Elements of Christian Worship	Old Testament



At Level Two

Working Together	Children and Young People
Ministry and Praxis	Ordained Ministry Audit*
Biblical Texts & Preaching	Independent Learning Unit*

These two modules will always be taken in the diaconal year, forming the student's Continuing Ministerial Education in that year