

## Exploring Faith – St Asaph Diocese - Course Structure.

	Education Group <i>Deanery, Archdeaconry</i>		Local Ministry Group <i>Parish</i>	Weekend Course <i>Diocesan/ Provincial</i>	Summer School <i>Provincial</i>
<b>Founda tion Year</b>	Faith, The Church and The Future	<b>P</b> <b>O</b> <b>R</b>			
	Introduction to Theology			Theological Reflection (regionally and for all)	
	This is Our Calling			Study Skills (provided regionally and for all)	
<b>Year 1</b>	Beginning NT Study	<b>T</b> <b>F</b>	Reflective Ministerial Practice.	Worship and Preaching	Spirituality
	Worship				
<b>Year 2</b>	Kingdom Ethics	<b>O</b> <b>L</b>			
	Beginning OT Study	<b>I</b> <b>O</b>	Placement	Helping Adults Learn	Collaborative Ministry
	Specialist Ministry Module				
<b>Year 3</b>	Doctrine – God as Trinity				
	Paul (Romans)	<b>O</b>	Critical Ministerial Review	Church History	The Church and the Churches
	Pastoral Practice				
	Church and Society				
			Alternative Years 1-3 for Education for Discipleship = 20/40/60 credit dissertation.		

## Notes:

**Selection of candidates** for specific ministries would normally be expected to take place during the first term of Year 1. At the end of the foundation year, all participants should have made an initial decision to proceed with one of the following focusses – Education for Discipleship (which can be for assessment or not), or Training for Ministry in one of the following areas: Representative Ministry (Priest or Deacon), Reader Ministry, Pastoral Care, Evangelism or Youth and Children's Work.

**Education Groups** bring together students studying for different ministries and for discipleship. They should be locally based, perhaps within a Deanery and are facilitated by a Tutor.

**Local Ministry Groups** allow ministerial trainees to reflect with representatives of the lay and ordained ministry of their local church.

**Weekend Courses** may be run at a Diocesan level and are resourced by the Province. They are not taken for credit. The initial courses on Theological Reflection and Study Skills are provided for all students and will be resourced by the Diocese.

**Summer Schools** will be held provincially as residentials and are resourced by the Province. They are not taken for credit.

Each **Education Group Module** follows a set text book and a module guide for group work and assessment. Each module begins with a Saturday School, resourced at a Diocesan level, before meeting in area groups for 8-10 sessions. A mid term session may be included.

Each term's module is **assessed** by means of 2x750, and 2x1500 word assignments and is worth 20 credits. Assessment and moderation takes place at the Diocesan level.

**Local Ministry Group Modules** last 1 year and have the same assessment process and credits.

The **Specialist Ministry Module** requires that groups be reformed for THIS TERM ONLY to enable all those studying for a particular ministry to train together. Candidates for Priest and Deacon will study with Readers on a course on Homiletics and Hermeneutics. Modules for Pastors, Youth Workers, Evangelists etc. can also be taken and Diocesan training courses such as the Pastoral Assistants or Worship Leaders courses may be used here in accordance with students needs.

The course offers the following pathways:

**Education for Discipleship (unaccredited)** – Study in Education Groups. No assessed work.

**Education for Discipleship (accredited)** – Study in Education Groups, assignments for each module. Dissertation if studying towards Diploma. Attend Weekends on Study Skills and Theological Reflection. Do not attend other Weekends and Summer Schools.

**Training for Acknowledged Ministry** – Pastor, Evangelist etc. As Education for Discipleship (accredited) with the addition of participation in the Local Ministry Group. Those studying for these ministries are expected to study to Certificate level. They may leave the course with a Certificate after completing the Specialist Ministry Module in Year 2. Candidates are of course welcome to stay on and complete their dissertation. Particularly promising candidates at this stage may be recommended for Diaconal ministry as a natural extension of the roles of Pastor or Evangelist.

**Training for an accredited ministry** - Reader and Ordained Ministries - Full participation in all aspects of the course including residentials.