

"Fishermen know that the sea is dangerous and the storm terrible, but they have never found these dangers sufficient reason for remaining ashore."
Vincent van Gogh

Headway is a two year programme of seminars and conversations exploring the art of leadership. It is for clergy and other licensed ministers who would like to form a learning community, reflecting together on their own practice of leadership. The group will meet at Foxhill House once a month for two years, beginning in February 2019.

We will engage with contemporary thinking and writing on leadership, exploring ways in which our ministry might be, among other things, "post-heroic", collaborative, resilient, and self-aware. Headway offers a safe space for us to reflect theologically on different aspects of our leadership, before applying these to our own contexts and roles.

Headway is facilitated by David Herbert (Continuing Ministerial Development Adviser), Helen Scarisbrick (Vicar of Gee Cross) and Jenny Bridgman (Associate Vicar of Timperley and Assistant DDO).



Draft Programme:

Feb 5th 2019	Bishop Peter: Ideas of Leadership
March 5th 2019	Helen Scarisbrick: Embracing Chaos
April 9th 2019	Jenny Bridgman: Finding your Leadership Style
May 14th 2019	Eve Poole: Leadersmithing
June 4th 2019	David Herbert: Systems Thinking & Emotional Intelligence
July 2nd 2019	Helen Scarisbrick: Flourishing Systems
Sept 10th 2019	Jenny Bridgman: Time Wisdom
Oct 1st 2019	John & Olive Drane: Leadership beyond McDonaldisation
Nov 5th 2019	David Herbert: Power and Authority
Dec 3rd 2019	Helen Scarisbrick: Power - the Light & Dark

Sessions for 2020 will focus on topics including leading through story, vulnerability, wellbeing, confidence and resilience. Additionally we will have two days led by two people who will be reflecting on their experience of effecting change, including a day led by Marian Sudbury, who works for the Department for International Trade working for the Northern Powerhouse.

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Previous Headway participants say...

"A brilliant opportunity to develop and reflect on your own leadership style in a safe, supportive and challenging group. Great to share the highs and lows of leadership with clergy colleagues who know where you are coming from!"

Jane Proudfoot

"Headway has been an encouraging and informative series of well-paced workshops that have supported me through the transition from curacy to a full year of first incumbency. We sought to scrutinise aspects of leadership in complex parish situations, with a biblical perspective and alongside honest personal reflections of power, vulnerability and wellbeing. Headway is a learning community in which we have got to know each other well: where many years of wisdom and experience are shared, struggles aired and inspiring ideas exchanged. Headway has challenged my practice, widened my perspectives, grown my knowledge and encouraged me to try new approaches which have resulted in renewed confidence and flourishing."

Andrew Knight

"It has been extremely enjoyable. The leadership has been first-class, the discussions have been engaging, and the fellowship has been wonderful. I feel that I have been fortunate to take the course and would certainly recommend it."

Blair Kirby

"From Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz to Nelson Mandela, to a clip from the film Pitch Perfect called 'The Cup Song' - various thoughts and areas of leadership were opened up to us by the creative insights of Helen, Jenny and David. I've gained confidence, learned how to celebrate failure, wrestled with imposter syndrome, reflected on my vulnerability and considered my resilience to name but a few areas of teaching. With genuine sadness I click my heels three times and return home. Thank you Headway."

Veronica Green

Headway

Exploring the art of leadership

