

Diocesan Ministry Team

The Ministry team's work covers a range of activities seeking to encourage, equip and develop the calling of all God's people, including discernment, selection, training and ongoing support for those in a wide variety of lay and ordained ministries.



Chair of the Committee for Ministry Bishop Sam Corley

The Bishop of Stockport oversees the work of the Ministry Team and chairs the Committee for Ministry.

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Executive Administrators

Jane Hood and Jane Gerrard

Jane and Jane ensure the smooth running of the department and are often the first point of contact for enquirers. Jane H administers the IME 2 programme, Foundations for Ministry, lay ministry training, short courses, clergy sabbaticals, pastoral supervision, spiritual accompaniment, and CMD grants, events and queries.



Jane G administers the vocations process including the annual vocations conference (Called to Serve), ordained vocations and deanery vocations listeners, ordination services, the MDR Scheme, and Licensed Lay Ministers.



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Bishop's Advisers for Licensed Lay Ministers

Karen MacMillan and Jeanette Howe

Karen and Jeanette share a full-time post looking after the diocesan community of Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers and Pastoral Workers), including LLM Vocations and Pastoral Worker training. Karen covers the Macclesfield Archdeaconry and Jeanette the Chester Archdeaconry. Both are themselves licensed lay ministers.



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Bishop's Adviser for the Diocesan Discernment of Ordained Ministry Richard Walker

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Bishop's Adviser for Self-Supporting Ordained Ministers
Lyndon Bannon

Lyndon oversees self-supporting ordained ministers in the diocese, dividing his time between individual case work and managing the processes specific to SSOM. Lyndon is an SSM and Assistant Headteacher at Woodchurch High School.

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Bishop's Adviser for Ministerial Development
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Ian looks after the diocesan MDR scheme for clergy, and is currently working to implementing a new scheme which will launch in September 2024.

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Deputy Director of Ministry
Bishop's Adviser for Curate Development and Clergy Transitions
Jenny Bridgman

Jenny oversees curacy set up and IME 2, first incumbent support, support for clergy moving posts, pastoral supervision, clergy pre-retirement planning, and support for parishes in vacancy. She is also the safeguarding lead for the Ministry Team.

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Director of Ministry
Simon Chesters

Simon has oversight of the Ministry team and its work and leads a number of shared areas (vocations strategy, linking the team to the diocesan vision and strategy process, various ministry and regional networks, Foundations for Ministry, etc).

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