

**Interim IME2 Officer - Background paper**

**Introduction**

Following the announcement of the retirement of two key members of the Committee for Ministry, the diocese has commenced a review of the staffing of the Committee for Ministry and is currently seeking to recruit a Director of Ministry to continue this area of work in the diocese. The new post holder will have significant input into the future shape of the department. Therefore, this interim position has become available to continue the important IME work until the review is completed.

The post is open to lay or ordained applicants. There is an Occupational requirement that the post-holder is a Christian in accordance with the Equality Act, 2010.

The post is being offered for an interim period of 12 months. It is anticipated that this will be a half time post and is open to applications for a secondment from a current role within the diocese of Chester.

Applications for secondments should include details of how you would anticipate your current duties to be fulfilled for the duration of the secondment as well as how you might see this role as an area of personal development.

Further details of the work of the department can be obtained from

<https://www.chester.anglican.org/ministry/>

**The Committee for Ministry**

*Developing a coherent approach to all aspects of the learning CfM provides in order to promote mature Christian discipleship and reflective missional leadership across the Diocese*

The vision is one of enabling the ministry of the whole people of God, whether in specific ministries (ordained and accredited lay ministries) or in the central call of all Christians to live out their faith in the world and the church. The CfM also works to support and develop the ministry of parish churches.

The Committee for Ministry is responsible for the areas of:

* Vocation and Selection of Ordinands
* Women in Ministry
* Continuing Ministerial Development
* Spirituality
* Initial Ministerial Education
* Reader Ministry
* Pastoral Worker Ministry
* Resourcing Leadership and Discipleship
* Self-supporting Ministry
* Ministerial Development Review

The current staffing of the department is as follows:

* Director of Ministry (vacant) - Full Time
* Director of Vocations (post held in conjunction with a Residentiary Canon at the Cathedral) - Full Time
* PA to the Director of Ministry and Administrator for IME 4-7, CMD, Headway Leadership course and the Cycle of Prayer - Full Time
* Continuing Ministerial Development Officer (vacant wef 01 August 2021) - Full Time
* Director of Studies for Ordinands (vacant) - Full Time
* Director of Studies for Readers – Part Time
* Warden of Readers – Part Time
* Diocesan Dean of Women in Ministry – Part Time
* Warden of Pastoral Workers – Part Time
* Director of Studies for Pastoral Workers – Part Time
* PA to Diocesan Director of Vocations - Full Time
* Young Vocations Advisers – Part Time
* Prayer and Christian Spirituality Officer – Part Time
* Bishop's Adviser for MDR (vacant) – Part Time
* Bishop's Officer for Self-Supporting Ordained Ministry – Part Time
* Healing Adviser (vacant) – Part Time

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