



Retirement within the Diocese of Leicester

We are delighted to welcome you as you begin your retirement in this diocese. The desire of diocesan and bishop's staff is to support you in the mission and ministry to which God is calling you in the context He has placed you. We realise that will look very different person to person, with some stepping back from more active ministry for a season or more permanently. For some the shape of ministry will be more recognisably priestly and for others retirement brings a calling or desire to explore new forms of mission and ministry.

As a diocese we support retired clergy in whatever role they discern. We are available to help you discern what that looks like where you are, rather than just to look at what gaps need to be filled.

Our development and training ethos is that we work with people in their context, and that nearly all training and development is open to all (ordained, lay, actively retired, still exploring). Our hope is that what we offer helps the whole people of God to grow in faith and calling. So, unless otherwise stated, everyone is welcome to all.

The easiest way of plugging into news, events, courses and resources which might be of interest is **Diomail** – each week, a single e-mail of news is sent to all that would like to know what is going on. You can sign up for it here: www.leicester.anglican.org/diomail/

We don't want money to be a bar to what God is calling us all to, and so, in addition to nearly all events being offered without charge, we also have a small pot of money to help equip actively retired clergy in their mission and ministry within the diocese. As with other ordained and authorised ministers, guidelines will help you discern what can be applied for, with a normal maximum grant of £160 in any calendar year. For more information contact Stuart.Burns@LeicesterCofE.org or 07950 366 557.

The Revd Tony Leighton is the Bishop's Officer for Retired Clergy and Widowed Families of Clergy. He works together with a committee of visitors to offer support and companionship to those who need it. Tony is particularly willing to visit those who are either contemplating retirement or have recently done so.

The Retired Clergy and Family Committee additionally arrange a couple of social events during the year which are free to attend and can also offer financial support to dependants of clergy in need.

You are welcome to make contact or find out more. Please contact either Tony Leighton - tony.leighton@leicestercofe.org, or the committee secretary Graham Neville – retiredclergyandfamily@gmail.com.

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Shaped by God is the long-term vision of the Diocese of Leicester. Originally discerned in 2005, with two reviews and renewals since, and aided by identifying nine common marks of mission (with auditing and training focused around each), Shaped by God looks to see every church growing in the depth of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, a growth in the numbers of those disciples, and the Kingdom service which leads from it. The Shaped by God strategy is the umbrella under which all mission and ministry in the Diocese exists; all our energies, both as parish and fresh expressions of Church, as local churches and diocesan officers, flow from what it means to have Shaped by God as our diocesan vision.