

Praying for Ministry Trinity 2025



Ember Days are times when we are called to pray for everyone in ministry, service and leadership, and for all exploring a call to ministry. Our next Ember Days are on 25, 27 and 28 June. Please pray especially on those days, and throughout this season as we license Lay Ministers and ordain deacons and priests.

Over the past months we have experienced a wonderful wave of people discerning a calling to lay and ordained ministry. If you think that God may be calling you, please talk with the leaders in your Mission Area and explore more about vocation and ministry on the Diocesan website <https://dioceseofstasaph.org.uk/vocations-and-ministry/> or scan the QR code below.



*Holy God, in Christ you make all things new.
Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives, make known your heavenly glory,
by the power of the Spirit.
Amen*

Photo from St Asaph Diocese Goes Wild



Ephesians 4.1-6

I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.



Photo from Shore to Shore

Discernment to ministry is a process involving you, other ministers, family and friends, but most of all God. Ministry is wider and more diverse than commissioned, lay licensed or ordained roles and can involve helping with church events or children's work or being on the Church Committee or a role in the MA or wider community. There is no scale of importance for God. He knows us and calls us appropriately.

John L Bell, Scottish hymn writer and minister, wrote in one of his songs of the call to serve God. May this be our prayer and our call today and we discern where God is calling us.

"Take O take me as I am

Summon out what I should be

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me."

Pam Powell Canon Chancellor and Diocesan Director of Ordinands.



The Revd Pam Hallam seen here with Bishop Gregory.

God of love, you call us into the fellowship of your church.
Hear our prayer for your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry, each may be an instrument of your grace.

Please pray for

- those who are currently exploring their vocation and our team of Vocations Advisors
- vocations to the ordained ministry from younger candidates, and for those who will exercise leadership in the church of the future as we face the coming retirement of a large proportion of our clergy
- vocations to the licensed lay ministries – reader, evangelist, pastoral chaplain, youth and children's chaplain
- an increase in commitment to discipleship and Christian maturity
- all the people of God in churches across our diocese as we seek to serve God in a variety of contexts – work, home, community, church
- those who are exploring and exercising a commissioned ministry.

Those preparing to be ordained to the diaconate on 28 June 2025

David Dobbs Ian Williams
Jampa King Glyn Wise
Sharon Morgan

Those preparing to be ordained to the priesthood on 28 June 2025

Pam Hallam

Those currently in training

Rob Dawson
Cheryl Hesketh
Elin Douglas Jones
Sarah Namirembe
Vicki Stait
Paul Tipney-Hicks
Reuben Zwiggelaar

Those being licensed as Lay Ministers on 31 May 2025

Mark Cooke (Pastoral Chaplain)
Lucy Farrar (Pastoral Chaplain)



Mark Cooke



Lucy Farrar



David Dobbs



Jampa King



Sharon Morgan



Ian Williams



Glyn Wise

Those commencing training this year

Deborah Catterall
Sharon Dean
Hazel Lobo
Rhys Parry
Joshua Schoch