WHAT DOES THE PROGRAMME COVER?

There are six modules available:

- Remembering the people of God and the Old Testament;
- Challenging the world and ourselves: ethics and mission in the modern world:
- Following Jesus through the New Testament;
- Believing the teachings of the Church: questions of faith and doctrine;
- Exploring our identity through the history of our Church;
- Responding in the power of the Holy Spirit: spirituality, prayer and worship.

WHO IS IT FOR?

The programme is for anyone who is interested in learning more about their faith. We hope that the modules will help you to:

- Know the Scriptures better
- Pray with greater depth and urgency
- Talk about your faith with more confidence
- Think about how we show God's love in action
- Reflect on how our churches fit into today's context
- Consider your own participation in the Church

You can do just one module, all six, or any number in between. They are independent, so you don't have to do them in any particular order or in a single year.

You can choose whether to complete assignments, and what sort of assignment to do – they aren't all essays!

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

Two of the key areas of Vision 2026 are Making Disciples and Being Witnesses. We believe that knowing the Scriptures, understanding what we believe, and thinking about how we show this in our daily lives are crucial to our journey of Christian Discipleship and our ability to be Witnesses to Jesus Christ. We hope that these modules will help you to do this.

Each module will consist of ten hours teaching over five sessions, together with reading, activities and optional assignments. The assignments available include practical and more reflective activities, as well as writing essays. The tutors will comment on your assignments, but they won't be 'marked'. Each module has a tutor and one or more learning assistants, who will help you to identify your learning goals and choose assignments, and will support you in your learning.

At the beginning of each term, we will also offer a session on study skills, including theological reflection; we hope these will help you to get the most out of your chosen modules and support your discipleship journey.

All the sessions begin at 7 pm and finish at 9.15, including a short drinks break. The dates and venues are shown on the booking form enclosed with this leaflet and available to download from the Diocesan website.

WHAT WILL IT COST AND HOW DO I BOOK?

We will invite module participants to make a donation towards the costs of running the programme – but we want everyone who would like to participate to be able to do so, so please don't let money be a barrier. Contact us if you are worried about this.

Application forms can be downloaded from the Discipleship pages of the Diocesan website:

www.blackburn.anglican.org /routes-of-faith-programme

Or contact Mandy Stanton, Discipleship and Lay Ministry Development Officer:

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Places on this programme are limited, so don't leave it too late – but we hope to run the programme again in the future.

If you have any questions about the programme, please give Mandy a call for an informal chat

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3: 16-19





