



revised and improved

LIVING FAITH Course

discovering more on your journey of faith **AUTUMN 2017**

- * informative, enjoyable and accessible
- * offers a depth of learning not available within parishes
- * a flexible discipleship course, take as many modules as you wish
- * small, tutor-led, two-hour sessions
- * discussion format with individual study (two to three hours home study per week)
- * choice of course venues around the Diocese
- * all course materials and reader resources supplied
- * optional written assignment opportunity

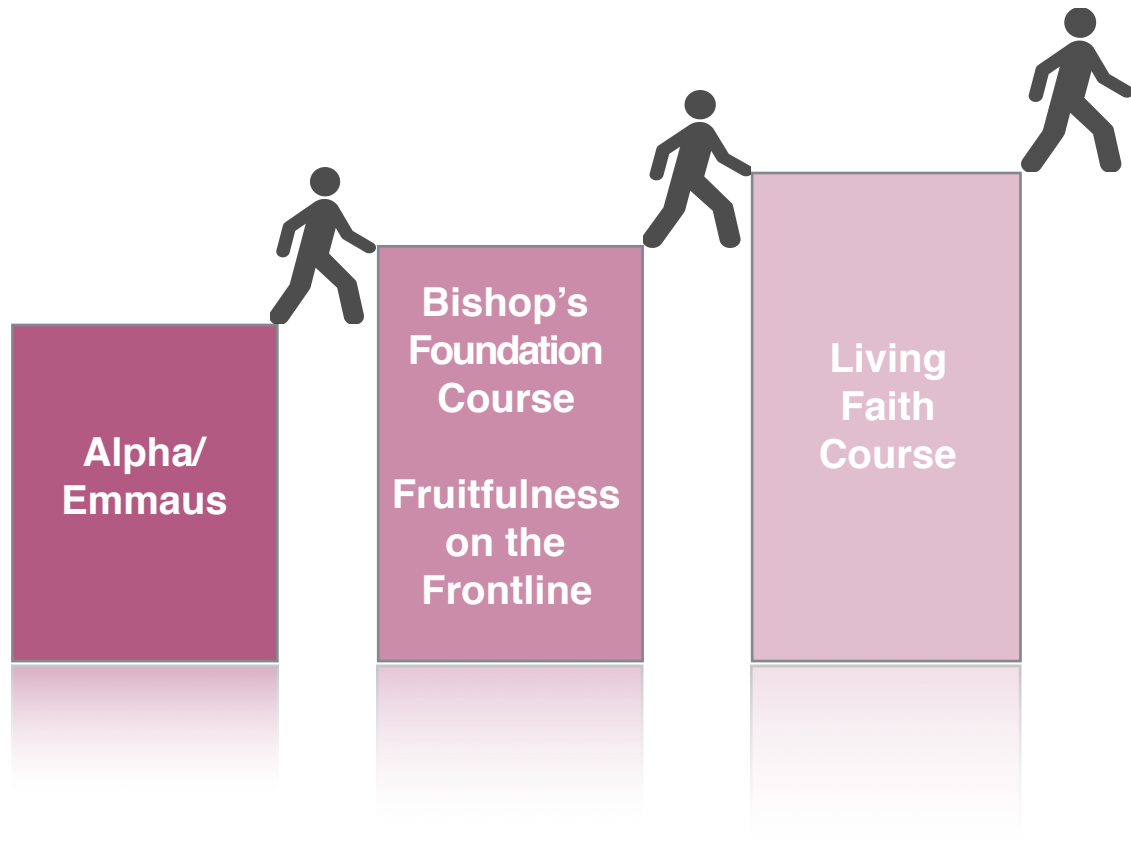
**a discipleship course
tailored for:**

**anyone wishing to learn
more about Christianity**

**an ideal follow-up to the
Bishop's Foundation
course**

**preparation for theological
and vocational training**

your journey in discipleship study



Autumn 2017 course dates and venues

Isle of Wight - All Saints Church Hall, Ryde
starts with module 1, Spirituality and Prayer
7pm-9pm from Friday 22 September 2017

Out of City - All Saints, Denmead
starts with module 1, Spirituality and Prayer
7pm-9pm from Thursday 21 September 2017

Petersfield - Buriton Church Hall
starts with module 1, Spirituality and Prayer
7.30pm-9.30pm from Thursday 28 September 2017

Portsmouth Central - Portsmouth Cathedral
continues with module 6, Challenging Choices - Christian Ethics
7pm-9pm from Wednesday 20 September 2017

(please note: the Portsmouth Cathedral course will restart with module 1 in January 2018)

more about the Living Faith modules

Living Faith consists of six modules on the major practices, topics and themes of Christian belief. Each module takes around 10 weeks to complete with a half-term break. The full course comprises three modules per year for two years. Take as many modules as you wish but we encourage you to consider completing them all, beginning with Spirituality and Prayer. Here is a taste of what you can expect from each module:

Module 1 - *Spirituality and Prayer*

Just revised for the new Autumn term, the first module explores various spiritual traditions and relates them to your practice of prayer in daily life.

Module 2 - *Exploring the Bible - New Testament*

This revised and updated module gives an overview of the formation and theology of the New Testament, and includes a study of the Gospels, Jesus as a teacher, signs of the Kingdom, an introduction to Paul and his first letter to the Corinthians.

Module 3 - *Questions of Faith*

Christian doctrine is about what Christians believe about God. This third module looks at what Christians believe and why.

Module 4 - *Mission Shaped Church*

Rewritten and updated, this module considers the challenges that face the contemporary church in the light of previous church history.

Module 5 - *Exploring the Bible - Old Testament*

The fifth module, with new material sourced for the Appendices, gives an overview of the formation and theology of the Old Testament, along with specialist themes such as prophecy.

Module 6 - *Challenging Choices - Christian Ethics*

Ethics and living a good life in which we are constantly making decisions about right and wrong is a key theme in Christianity. This final unit of the course considers the way in which we make those decisions.

individual study

A study guide given at the beginning of each module contains work to be completed each week: reading and thinking, writing a sentence or two in a box, looking at pictures, maps etc. You should set aside two to three hours between tutorials to do this.

During the tutorials, there will be a discussion of the work done at home. The tutor will also provide additional activities for the group.

application form

The Living Faith course costs £15 per module. You should pay the course fee at the beginning of each module. Simply complete the form below and return it with your £15 per module remittance (please make cheques payable to Portsmouth Diocesan Board of Finance) to:

Patricia Gray, Portsmouth Diocesan Board of Finance, First Floor, Peninsular House, Wharf Road, Portsmouth PO2 8HB.

To find out more, please contact us. Patricia Gray on 023 9289 9656 or MDM@portsmouth.anglican.org

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Email (please print)

Your Parish/Church

Name of Minister

Course Venue (please circle)

Denmead Isle of Wight Petersfield Portsmouth

Data Protection Act 1998 this information will be retained on computer and paper solely for the purpose of this course and informing you of other courses. I agree to this information being held for the above purposes.

I wish to be informed by the Diocese about other courses (please circle)

Yes No

Signed Date.....