

IME 4-7 Events for Year 7 (ordained deacon 2005):

Preparation for a Position of Responsibility / “Year 7” Course

From September 2008 there will be a monthly course for Durham and Newcastle curates in Year 7 (the fourth year post-ordination) covering important areas of parish management and leadership. The course is designed primarily for those who are preparing for – and during the year actually moving into – positions of responsibility, though many areas will be highly relevant for all. Stipendiaries in Year 7 will be expected to attend in full, and all other Year 7 curates will be most welcome to attend, if possible.

The course may also be very relevant for others who recently

- have recently become Incumbents for the first time, or taken House-for-Duty posts
- have recently moved from SSM/NSM into a stipendiary role / position of responsibility
- have moved to the dioceses from elsewhere for a first position of responsibility
- anticipate moving into a first position of responsibility soon (or will be taking on responsibilities for parishes within a benefice)

Given the fluid timescale of moving from curacies – any time from the start to the end of the fourth year – it can easily happen that clergy miss the opportunity to attend courses preparing them for the transition to incumbency. The “Year 7” Course is designed to help with this. Hence it is open to any who have recently completed curacies and would find some input and support relevant, for the whole course or for individual sessions.

The dates and details of the course are given below.

Stipendiaries in Year 7 are expected to attend; if others would like to come, I do need to know numbers – while the timing and length of the nine sessions varies, lunch is always provided, and there will often be hand-outs, so we’ll need to make sure we prepare enough copies.

If you have any questions about the course, please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

If you would like to attend on 11th September, I will need to know by Tuesday 26th August (e-mail is the most helpful format for me in gathering numbers, especially as I’ll be away the preceding week), but messages can be left.

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The IME 7/ Preparing for Responsibility Course Dates:

A sandwich lunch is included in all the following events:

Thurs. 11th Sept. 2008, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm,
Session 1: Introduction / Structures, chairing PCC, church rep. rules (legal issues 1)
Newcastle Church House, North Shields, NE 29 6HS

Mon. 13th Oct. 2008, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm
Session 2: Marriage law (legal issues 2) and marriage preparation
Crossgate Centre, Alexandria Crescent, Durham, DH1 4HG

Wed. 19th Nov. 2008, 11.30 am - 2.00 pm,
Session 3: Buildings, faculties, the DAC, etc. (legal issues 3)
Newcastle Church House, North Shields, NE 29 6HS

Wed. 3rd Dec. 2008, 11.30 am - 2.00 pm
Session 4: Churchyards, and employing staff: (legal issues 4, 5)
Crossgate Centre, Alexandria Crescent, Durham, DH1 4HG

Wed. 14th Jan. 2009 11.30 am - 2.00 pm
Session 5: Supervising others and working with volunteers
Crossgate Centre, Alexandria Crescent, Durham, DH1 4HG

Wed. 4th Feb. 2009, 11.30 am - 2.00 pm,
Session 6: Stewardship, giving, money!
Newcastle Church House, North Shields, NE 29 6HS

Mon. 9th Mar. 2009, 11.30 am - 2.00 pm,
Session 7: Helping others develop in ministry
Crossgate Centre, Alexandria Crescent, Durham, DH1 4HG

Wed. 22nd April 2009, 11.30 am - 2.00 pm,
Session 8: Church audit / healthy church
Newcastle Church House, North Shields, NE 29 6HS

Wed. 13th May 2009, 11.30 am - 2.00 pm,
Session 9: Support in ministry: sustaining networks
Crossgate Centre, Alexandria Crescent, Durham, DH1 4HG