

How does the course work?

The course will be delivered by a partnership between CMS & the Dioceses of Salisbury, Bath & Wells & Truro. This gives a rich mix of contexts and approaches. There are six module weekends: two experienced pioneer practitioners co-facilitate each module. The modules run from Saturday morning 9am to Sunday 1pm. Learning is hybrid - a mix of online, onsite and streamed over the year. The course is hosted by the local Hub leader and a chaplain offers pastoral care.



What are the dates for the module weekends?

In 2023: 15th/16th July, 16th/17th September and 18th/19th November

In 2024: 20th/21st January, 16th/17th March and 11th/12th May

Where do modules take place?

Two modules will be online so you will be at home. Two modules will be streamed between Salisbury, Truro and Flourish House in Wells, where the Bath and Wells cohort will be together. One module will be held in the Diocese of Bath and Wells close to the border with Salisbury. For two exciting modules all students will be together in person held in venues in the south of the Diocese.

How will you evaluate my learning?

We set two tasks after each module. In them we ask you to demonstrate what you've learned in whatever way suits you best. You get positive written feedback on your work and advice on how to extend your thinking or practice.

How do I apply?

Register your interest as soon as possible with Tina Hodgett (details below). If you want to talk to someone first who has done the course she will sort that out for you.

There will be **taster sessions** on:

Thursday 11th May 7.30-9.30pm online

Sunday 14th May—2-4pm in person.

There is a simple application form to complete.

Deadline: 28th May 2023

After you apply we will invite you for a conversation with the course leader and representatives of the Church Mission Society so we can discern together if this is the right course for you. If you are accepted there will be an **induction session on Sunday June 18th 6.30—9pm online**. If you would like a look at some outcomes from the 2021 course, go here:

<https://prezi.com/view/91oCWKCFMNA7yDNlbQTP/>

Want to find out more?

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CMS Certificate in Pioneer Mission

2023-4

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...looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross....

Hebrews 12:2

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What is pioneer mission?

- learning to pay attention to what God is doing in the world and joining in
- which means reading the local context and valuing the local culture, then
- sharing the gospel in appropriate ways
- and partnering with local people to create a new contextual Christian community for people who wouldn't normally join one.



Last year's cohort at the rural module Sept 22

Is the course for me?

Are you:

- someone who starts things?
- pioneering something?
- looking to develop your understanding of mission for your context?
- excited by the idea of sharing ideas and experience with other pioneers?
- looking for an opportunity to study locally?
- able to commit to six weekends and twelve evenings, as well as time for preparation, reflection and demonstrating your learning?

...then the course may be for you.

Inclusion

We are committed to inclusivity. We hope you will find this out for yourselves, but let us know if you have particular requests or suggestions on what you will need to thrive or how we can improve our practice in this area. We have an Inclusion Adviser and you can contact her via Tina Hodgett (contact info overleaf).

What will I learn?

The course consists of six modules:

- What is pioneer mission?
- The Bible in context
- Doing theology
- Mission spirituality
- Mission ecclesiology
- Pioneering in the rural church

You will be part of a small group where you can grow deeper relationships and a support network. This will meet on two evenings between each module and be facilitated by a pioneer practitioner.

Cost

Students selected from Truro Diocese - fees will be sponsored, with the exception of travel, accommodation and meals on the two weekends away from the Diocese. Students applying from other church backgrounds will be charged £40 per module plus other expenses for the weekends away, these will be kept to a minimum wherever possible. Your church may be willing to contribute.

How can I use what I've learnt?

When you have completed the Certificate you may feel called to be recognised by your local parish or benefice as a Local Lay Pioneer. This means you can pioneer in your local community under the oversight of your church leadership team following a short service of recognition in your local church or deanery. If this route isn't right, there will be others!

Meet a former student:

It's been such a valuable experience to look at mission in the local context. To take the written words out of the text books and apply that learning to the place that I live. It's opened my eyes to what's unseen in my community. Challenging my understanding of what it means to live on the margins of society. Learning about mission in a creative and inclusive way supported by like minded people has been an amazing experience.

Lindsay in her garden



'This course achieves more transformation in one year than most courses in three.'

Farhad Chermahini, MA researcher

'Completely transformative. Completely changed my approach to mission. Built back my confidence. Built back my faith in church too.'

Lindsey Morgan-Lundie, student and artist