

Leading housegroups

4 sessions of 2 hours each

For new and existing housegroup leaders, this course looks at and develops skills in leading groups of Christians who come together to grow in relationship with God and with each other.

Youth Leader Training

A flexible modular course designed for all those who are working with, or would like to work with, young people. 5 modules of 6 hours each. Can lead to a Certificate, or credits towards a degree - for further details contact the Youth Adviser, Pam Richards 01291 423378 pam.j.richards@btinternet.com

Training days for Parish Treasurers

For further details, and advice on developing parish projects, grant applications etc contact the Resource Development Adviser, Sharon Smith 01633 267490 sharonsmith@churchinwales.org.uk

Making the most of the Parish Website Scheme

Two workshops of 2 hours each. Can take place in the parish if computer access and suitable internet connection are available, otherwise at the Diocesan Office in Newport, in which case participants need, if possible, to have a wireless-enabled laptop so that they can have a go themselves. Workshop 1 introduces the scheme and shows how to set up a website and input the initial material, how to avoid pitfalls and how to deal with pictures. Workshop 2 explores how to develop a site and how to write well for the web. For further details contact the Diocesan Communications Officer, Janet Bone 01633 267490 janetbone@churchinwales.org.uk and see www.churchinwales.org.uk/parishwebsite

Learning *Alive!*

Short Course Menu 2010

The courses listed in this leaflet are currently available to be run in your parish by arrangement with the Learning Development Adviser

For further details, or to discuss training needs not covered in this leaflet, please contact

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Coming soon...new courses continue to be developed in response to requests from parishes, please check the diocesan website for the latest additions to the menu!

**[www.churchinwales.org.uk/monmouth/
learning/discipleship](http://www.churchinwales.org.uk/monmouth/learning/discipleship)**

Discovering gifts

2 hours

This course looks at how Christians can discover the gifts of God within themselves and grow in relationship with God and with each other. Particularly suitable for meetings of PCCs, MAPping groups etc.

A welcoming church

2 sessions of 2 hours

To improve the warmth of welcome provided by a church. Suitable for a team of people who have been asked to lead the improvement of the welcome given to visitors and newcomers in their church.

Reading in church

2 sessions of 1 ½ hours. The second session takes place in church

To provide confidence and a basic skill in reading in church. Ideal for those new to reading in church, but is also useful as a 'revision' session for those who already read in church.

Leading intercessions

2 sessions of 2 hours

To enable people to be more confident in leading intercessions. It is equally useful for those relatively new to leading intercessions, and those with more experience.

Ways of praying

4 sessions of 1 ½ hours

To explore traditions of prayer, to consider other ways of prayer and to gain insights into spirituality. Suitable both for those relatively new to faith and those who wish to re-consider their prayer life.

Visiting

3 sessions of 2-2 ½ hours (sessions can be arranged some time apart so as to give participants the opportunity to put into practice what they learn in each session)

Session 1 - The practicalities of making a visit

2 ½ hrs

Visiting on behalf of the Church? This session raises awareness of the practicalities involved in carrying out a visit.

Session 2 - Visiting the sick

2 hours (participants should have first undertaken *The practicalities of making a visit*)

To help participants understand the feelings and pastoral needs of the sick.

Session 3 - Visiting the bereaved

2 ½ hours (participants should have first undertaken *The practicalities of making a visit* and *Visiting the sick*)

To help those who visit people who have been bereaved to understand some of the issues, and to give a framework of good practice. NB this is NOT training in bereavement counselling.

Architecture - walls, worship and witness

2 sessions of 2 hours, with a church or cathedral visit in between

In what ways can the church building serve the community? What is the relationship between church buildings and worship? Are churches ever obstacles to faith? Useful for parishes thinking about reordering or new uses for buildings.