

Ad Clerum 3e.1b

The Authorisation of local Ministry Development teams. (LMDTs)

As part of the Diocesan commitment to encourage every baptised disciple of Christ to discern and exercise their God-given gifts, the diocesan Local Ministry Scheme makes provision for the mandating of Local Ministry Development Teams (LMDTs).

The original Local Ministry Scheme defined such teams as “a group of people who are recognised by the congregation as people with talents to work collaboratively with the clergy to develop the vision of the parish and meet the need for ministry in the parish. Each member of the team has different gifts, hence a different ministry, but together they will enable more people in the congregation to develop their discipleship and offer their talents to ministry.”

A LMDT’s purpose is to be a catalyst for ministry and mission in the local area, being a think-tank, helping to shape the vision of the parish and playing a part in implementing its Mission Action Plan. Crucially their role is to encourage others to exercise their gifts, as well as being a sign of the shared ministry of lay and ordained people. An LMDT may be in a single parish or in a multi-parish benefice, and may be ecumenical.

Once PCC approval has been given, members undertake some initial training, after which the Team receives the Bishop’s Mandate to exercise its ministry. A LMDT also receives the support of a consultant, and commits to on-going training. It may renew its mandate after the initial four-year period.

To enquire about the LMDT scheme, please contact the Revd Jeanette Gosney, 01727 818141, jgosney@stalbans.anglican.org

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