

St Albans Pioneer Training Pathway Application Form for 2021/22

Name:	
Address:	
Tel:	
Email:	
Date of Birth:	
Occupation:	
Church:	
Parish:	
Have you been Confirmed in the Church of England?	
Have you been Baptised?	
Have you completed C of E Safeguarding & which Certificates?	

Please provide details of your Incumbent, Priest-in-Charge or Chaplain so we can write to them for a reference. Please ensure you have discussed this course with them prior to applying.

Name:	
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1. What excites you about pioneer ministry?

2. What characteristics do you think you have to make a good pioneer?

3. What makes you want to join the St Albans Pioneer Training Course?

4. If your application is successful, what would be your idea / project that you would work on alongside the training? (This doesn't need to be fully worked out, just an outline will be sufficient).

5. On a separate sheet, please provide a brief outline of your faith story, with a note of any church ministry you have been engaged in, of special interests or community involvement, and any initiative at church, work or in the community that you have started.

Meeting with a Vocations Adviser

As a training Pioneer Enabler, you may be discerning what is next for you. There are now a number of Pioneer pathways within the diocese. Details are below if you would like to discuss further with a Vocations Adviser.

Pioneer Reader ministry and Ordained Pioneer ministry are important vocational pathways for pioneer ministry.

When Reader ministry was introduced in the Church of England in 1866 its purpose was to make the church present where it was not due to new urban areas developing in the industrial revolution. This historic pioneering dynamic of Reader ministry is just as crucial for the church's mission today as it was in the 19th Century.

Ordained Pioneer ministry recognises the ancient tradition of the church dating back to the New Testament to create New Worshipping Communities that are culturally relevant to new people and allows for sacramental ministry to be as much part of New Worshipping Communities as for existing church communities.

The age limits at the time of ordination/Reader licencing are as follows:

- 53 – Stipendiary ordained ministry
- 58 – Ordination as a Self-Supporting Minister (SSM)
- Under 70 – Licencing as a Reader

All those enrolling on this course who are eligible within the age limits to explore at least one of the above ministries will be able to meet with a Vocations Adviser. Meeting with a Vocations Adviser is a great way of enabling people to discern the direction that God is calling them in. For some there is a sense of God's call, but an uncertainty of where this is leading, and meeting with a Vocations Adviser can facilitate the discernment process of where God is leading them. For others there is a sense that God is calling them to a particular ministry, and meeting with a Vocations Adviser can enable them to explore this sense of calling. For those wishing to explore Reader or ordained ministry, it is necessary to meet with a Vocations Adviser.

Are you already meeting with a Vocations Adviser?

YES/NO

If yes, please provide the name of the Vocations Adviser, and specify which ministry you are exploring:

- Reader
- SSM Ordained ministry
- Stipendiary Ordained ministry
- Not sure

If no, and you are eligible within the age limits and would like to meet with a Vocations Adviser, then please place an 'x' in the box below to give your consent for your details to be passed to a Vocations Adviser.

If you have placed an 'x' in the box above, please select which ministry you intend to explore:

- Reader
- SSM Ordained ministry
- Stipendiary Ordained ministry

- Not sure

The Diocese of St Albans is opposed to racial discrimination and harassment, whether verbal, physical or attitudinal, whether intentional or inadvertent, at all levels of the church in the Diocese. Diocesan Synod approved the Race Equality Policy, which can be found here:

<https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/Race-Equality-Policy.pdf>

We therefore welcome applications from people of all ethnicities

What is your ethnic group? (Place an 'X' in the relevant box)

White British	
White Irish	
White Other	
Asian British	
Bangladeshi	
Pakistani	
Indian	
Chinese	
Other Asian	
Black British	
Black African	
Black Caribbean	
Other Black	
Mixed: Asian/White	
Mixed: Black African/White	
Mixed: Black Caribbean/White	
Mixed: Other	
Other	
Prefer not to say	

This section enables us to be aware of any disability/specific needs that will need to be catered for to make the training accessible for you

Do you consider yourself to have a disability or condition that will need to be accommodated to make the training accessible for you? YES/NO

If yes, then please place an 'X' in the relevant box below:

Autism/Asperger's	
Blind or visually impaired	
Deaf or hearing impaired	
Mobility/physical disability	
Specific learning difficulty	
Long term health condition (please specify)	

Other (please specify)	
<p>What support, if any, is required to help you achieve your full potential in this training?</p>	

Signed:	
Print Name:	
Date:	

The deadline for applications is Thursday 15th July 2021.

Please return this form to the Julie Cirillo by emailing jcirillo@stalbans.anglican.org or pioneer@stalbans.anglican.org

During the COVID crisis please contact shughes@stalbans.anglican.org if you are unable to email your application and an alternative postal address can be provided.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Sue Hughes (Hub Host) on shughes@stalbans.anglican.org