



Information for possible participants

Growing Gifts Groups will meet in venues across the Diocese. We can't tell you where yet, or which evening of the week, because we want to respond to where people are and when you are available.

Each session will be participative but no-one will be 'put on the spot'.

To help you get the most out of each session you will be invited to complete some 'linkwork' between each of the sessions. The 'linkwork' may be a few simple questions to think about, a short podcast to listen to or some basic preparation work for the next session. Each 'linkwork' is intended to take no longer than 20-30 minutes.

Illustrative Timetable

Please note that dates, times, and venues are for illustration only.

Sat 11 Jan	Introductions and Setting the Scene
Wed 15 Jan	The Anglican Way: Scripture, Prayer, Theology and Discipleship
Wed 29 Jan	Getting Prepared: Planning Worship or Preparing a 'sermon'
Wed 13 Feb	Elements of Worship or Elements of preaching
Wed 26 Feb	The art/science of leading well or preaching well
Thurs 6 Mar	Safeguarding and Safe Practice in Ministry
	<i>PAUSE and time to 'have a go'</i>
Wed 7 May	Tools for Reflection
Wed 4 June	Worship or Preaching in particular contexts / communities
Sat 12 July	Quiet morning, Sustaining and Growing

All sessions will take place in the evening, 7.30pm - 9.00pm at St Martha's, ABC Heath except Session 6 which will take place at John Cadbury House, Birmingham City Centre, and possibly Sessions 9&10, which may take place in a venue more suitable for retreat time.

Enrolling on Growing Gifts

There is an Enrolment Form to complete for Growing Gifts alongside the Application Form for locally authorised ministry. Your Incumbent can give you a copy to complete once they have discerned with you that this is the right ministry for you.

Role Descriptions, Quiet Morning and Authorisation

During the final month of Growing Gifts you will work alongside your Incumbent to finalise your Role Description, which must be agreed and approved by the PCC. At this point a date is identified for authorisation to be marked during worship. The final sessions of Growing Gifts include retreat time to help you to prepare for this new stage in your discipleship and ministry.

