

Growing Gifts



A new programme of **training and formation**
for **leading worship or preaching** on an occasional basis

Supporting the church in each place to respond to God's call to share in God's mission.

Recognising and building up the rich and varied gifting from God within the Church.

Equipping lay people across Church of England Birmingham either to lead public worship or to preach in a particular church or parish / community setting on an occasional basis, under the supervision of the Incumbent / Local Minister.



Who is this for?

These will be persons who love God and have a sense of calling to share in this ministry. They will be people who love others and are fruitful in how they live out their faith. They will be persons who are wise, open to new learning and have the potential to adapt and work with others.

What will happen on Growing Gifts?

In the first two months a group of up to 12 people will meet locally for five fortnightly sessions. The 6th session (Safeguarding Training) will take place at John Cadbury House in Birmingham City Centre. In the second two months participants will 'have a go' at leading worship or preaching. There are then two local monthly sessions, with a Saturday 'Quiet Day' at a suitable venue at the end. The programme will be mostly led by Readers from across Church of England Birmingham.

What is the application process?

If you feel you may have a calling to this ministry, please speak with your Vicar / Local Minister who will be able to discern with you if this is the right ministry for you.

The Application Pack includes more information, including an Application Form and information about Safeguarding requirements (including a DBS check). A formal expression of support by the PCC is required in order to join the programme.

When will the programme run?

June - Nov 2024

Jan - June 2025

Sept 2025 - Nov 2026

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