



# Ministry Experience Scheme (MES) Pastoral Assistant positions

## Applications are to the Scheme

The Scheme is designed for candidates from anywhere in the Church of England seeking experience in the Diocese in Europe as part of their vocational journey to ministry and discipleship in the Church of England.

Several churches (in Belgium, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, Portugal, Austria, Germany) have expressed interest in hosting an intern from September 2025. In arranging placements for people this year we will also need to take account of restrictions that may arise (especially for UK passport holders) due to the UK's departure from the European Union. We hope however to make 6 appointments.

Please respond to the following questions honestly and fully.

## 01

### Applicant contact information

Title

Surname

Forenames/s

Any former name/s

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

Email address

Telephone

Current address  
(house number, street  
name, town)

Country

Postcode

## 02

### Emergency contact details (close relative or friend)

Title

Surname

Forenames/s

Relation to applicant

Email address

Telephone

Current address  
(house number, street  
name, town)

Country

Postcode

## 03

### Information about applicant: section one

Nationality

Any additional countries where you have long term residence rights

Date of baptism / confirmation

Marital status

(If married)  
Date of marriage

Home church

Diocese you are connected with.

Does your DDO (Director of Ordinands) know you are making this application?                      Yes                      No

## 04

### Information about applicant: Section Two

**Details of churches and chaplaincies in which you have worshipped with dates and details of any voluntary work or particular ministry which you have undertaken (name of church/chaplaincy and brief description of the context and church style)**

**Could you speak about your practice of prayer and understanding of spirituality?**

**Please tell us about which styles and traditions within the Church have influenced you.**

**If you have lived, studied or worked outside your home country, please give details.**

**Please give details of languages spoken. There is no requirement for proficiency in any language other than English.**

**What strengths and gifts would you bring to the church where you are placed and to the scheme?**

**Normally MES in the Diocese in Europe is seen as a full time commitment. Occasionally it is possible for people to undertake the MES on a part-time basis alongside other study or work. Are you applying for a fulltime or part-time place on MES? If part-time, what other commitments will you have?**

**Please tell us about your understanding of your Christian vocation.**

**Recent education in detail and current institution if at present studying. Please list any formal qualifications (with dates) that you have obtained after the age of 16. If you are still currently involved in study when do you expect this to come to an end?**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Qualification</b>
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**Work experience: please include periods with no work, and dates**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Place of work</b>	<b>Details</b>
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**Please tell us about yourself – your interests and hobbies, your hopes for and your current involvement in the church.**

**Do you have a preference for any particular country?**

**What interests you about this placement? What would you hope to gain from it?  
What would you bring to it?**

**Is there anything you think we should know about you as we consider your application that you have not said in answer to any other question? These might include previous or current health issues, particularly any which could be affected to by moving to or living in a foreign country, or family commitments you have.**

**Information  
about  
applicant:  
section three**

Church/Chapel where you  
regularly worship:

Name of Priest:

How long have you  
worshipped here?

All PA positions are offered on condition of an Enhanced DBS clearance.  
Have you been through a recent clearance process which has enabled  
you to work with children and vulnerable adults? Please click the  
appropriate box

**Yes**

**No**

How did you hear about  
the Ministry Experience  
Scheme?

Do you have any additional  
needs that might require  
extra support at work?

**References**

Please give contact details for 2 referees one of whom needs to be an Anglican priest or deacon. Your referees will need to be people with whom you have recently been in contact (i.e. during the last 6 months). They must not be related to you. They should be able to comment on your character/personality and any experience of working in a team.

**Referee one**

Title

Surname

Forenames/s

Email address

Telephone

Current address  
(house number, street  
name, town)

Country

Postcode

**Referee two**

Title

Surname

Forenames/s

Email address

Telephone

Current address  
(house number, street  
name, town)

Country

Postcode

**Where to send this form?**

**Please return this form to: Dr Clare Amos, Director of Lay Discipleship and Ministry Experience Scheme Coordinator**

**Email:** [clare.amos@europe.anglican.org](mailto:clare.amos@europe.anglican.org)

**Post:** Diocese in Europe, 14 Tufton Street, London, SW1P 3QZ, United Kingdom

- Closing date for applications: 31 March 2025
- Interviews (probably by Zoom) late April.

Please note that appointment will be subject to enhanced DBS disclosure.