

A course to help you develop and build upon your faith.

Who is it for?

It is open to everyone and is free of charge. You may follow this simply to enrich your own discipleship, or as a foundation for further study to become a Reader, for example.

Some of the units will take you deeper into themes you looked at in confirmation preparation. In other units you will encounter new issues and challenges.

How does it work?

It is designed to be completed in one year. We meet fortnightly for 90 minute workshops and there is some personal study outside of these. Students can also submit four assignments to qualify for the Bishop's Certificate.

Chaplaincies can run the course locally, and there is also an online option open to everyone across our diocese.

"It has been a great opportunity to learn but also share insights with fellow participants from across Europe. It's been quite stretching teaching that's really deepened my knowledge and also been thought provoking and practical. It has been manageable around other commitments and the opportunity to write a short essay after each module has focused my thinking and reading." Richard, Brussels

The course starts on 8th September 2026 with fortnightly sessions at 19.30 CET.

Knowing God

Exploring prayer, taking the Lord's Prayer as our model for Christian prayer.

Building Community

Discovering how our faith in Jesus Christ must lead us to explore the nature of Christian community and the corporate life of the Church.

Growing in Christ

Learning more about who Jesus was, and what he did, how these core Christian teachings developed, and their implications for us.

Living beyond ourselves

We explore why individual Christians and church communities need to engage with the wider church and world, taking account of issues such as ecumenism, our responsibility for creation, and questions of justice and human dignity.

"When I signed up to the Lay Learning Course I realised that this was going to be a challenge, because I had not studied for a considerable time. I have been a committed Christian for 50 years. My favourite areas have been the core areas associated with the Christian faith, these being the Lord's Prayer, the cross, the Eucharist, and the out working of faith in the community. It has been encouraging meeting different people in the Diocese in Europe. The course has given me the desire to study theology further." Jan Billington – Phillips, Holy Trinity Corfu

For more information, dates and how to register please visit:

www.europe.anglican.org/lay-learning-course