

Self-Supporting Ministry in the Diocese of Sheffield.

This information is currently being updated and expanded. However we hope that there is enough information here together with the links to other websites found on the main vocations page of the website.

Please do contact those named below if you require more information.

Self-supporting Ministry is an integral part of the Diocesan strategies. 'Growing the Body of Christ' and 'Re-imagining Ministry for Mission' both refer to an increase in this form of ministry in the future. Revd Canon Jane Bolton is Bishops Officer for SSM and Revd Dr Richard Walton and Revd Karen Cribb were appointed as Bishops Advisors in 2014. Together they are responsible for encouraging and supporting this area of ministry throughout the Diocese.

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The process of vocation discernment, selection and training for Self-supporting ministry are the same as those for Stipendiary clergy. More information about all of this can be found in the Vocations handbook on the vocations page of the Diocesan website.

SSM's currently work in both Incumbent and Assistant roles and this is usually discerned during the selection process. SSM's receive no stipend (salary) or housing from the Diocese. They usually work on a part-time basis and their role and commitment is set out in a working agreement with the parish. Deployment – i.e. where the curacy and ongoing ministry is located, is a matter for discernment with Diocesan Bishops but there is a general understanding that a degree of deployability is necessary.

If you would like to know more and want to explore this area of vocation further please join us at :

"Is it I Lord"

A Morning Conference for those wanting to explore Self-Supporting Ministry

Saturday 11th July 9am – 1pm

St Peters Church Hall, Warmsworth

The conference will be repeated on a Sunday afternoon in the Autumn - the date and venue are yet to be confirmed.