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Learning for Life

Certificate in **Theology & Ministry** Prospectus



Helping all Anglicans to know and love God
with all their heart, soul and mind
&
to proclaim the gospel with clarity and
confidence

Recommended for Ministry Support Teams, Licensed Lay Leaders &
Preachers, Small Group leaders
Anglican Diocese of Tasmania

Recommended books for your theological library

Upon enrolment in the *PTC* course Moore College will supply you with a Booklist of recommended books. Please bear in mind that they are not required reading in order to pass the *PTC*. Rather they are given as recommendations in subject areas in which you choose to do further reading and research. It is reasonable to assume that perhaps the majority of those who enroll in this program hope to exercise some form of ministry of the Word long term. In that event, you will want to gradually build a basic theological library for both your studies and ministry. This is an important (and expensive!) long term investment in your ministry, and we want to offer some guidance in your book choices. There will be some overlap with the list supplied by Moore College.¹⁴

You can view our recommended theological books on the Riverlinks Anglican Church website under Certificate in Theology & Ministry: www.riverlinks.net.au

Theological lending library for CTM students

Thanks to a generous gift from BCA of second-hand books, there is a library of commentaries and theology books kept in the Riverlinks church office from which CTM students can borrow. We are not able to post them out, so you would need to go into the office in Launceston to borrow something. See the list of books available to borrow at the Riverlinks Anglican Church website under Certificate in Theology & Ministry: www.riverlinks.net.au

¹⁴ Further recommended reading will also be provided with each of the diocesan-based units of the program.

How to enroll in the Certificate in Theology and Ministry program

1. Speak with your Rector or Enabler about your intentions.
2. Arrange for a suitable person to be your Mentor for the program. This will normally be your Rector or Enabler. **Please ensure you and they first read and agree to the responsibilities of a Mentor as set out in the document, 'Directions for Mentors', which may be found on the Riverlinks Anglican Church website: www.riverlinks.net.au**
3. Download the enrolment form for the Certificate in Theology and Ministry from the Riverlinks website: www.riverlinks.net.au
Return the completed form **with payment**¹² **by the 10th of the month preceding the start of each term** to Riverlinks Anglican Church, 399 West Tamar Highway, Riverside TAS 7250.
4. The Riverlinks office will register you in the program and enroll you with Moore College for the nominated *PTC* unit(s). They will send you your study book(s), your free copy of their booklet 'How to Study,' and general information about your *PTC* studies.¹³

How long will it take to complete the Certificate?

It depends on the number of units you study per term, the number of terms you enroll in per year, and whether or not you repeat units because you've failed the assessment or elected to take two terms to complete any unit (in both cases a re-enrolment fee applies – see under 'Fees'). At the rate of one unit per term for four terms per year, without any re-enrolments, the Certificate can be completed in two years at a cost of just \$435.

Time limit - In order to encourage progress in the program and completion, a **MAXIMUM of FIVE YEARS** has been set for finishing the certificate. Extensions may be granted on a case by case basis and only in extreme circumstances.

¹² Payments can be made by cheque, cash at the Riverlinks office, or direct deposit by arrangement.

¹³ **Moore College now offers an Online Learning Environment for PTC students.** The OLE is now available for Introduction to the Bible, NT1, OT1, Ephesians, Promise to Fulfilment. Features include discussion forums, quizzes, e-Readings, interactive maps, printable discussion questions and summaries. Access to the OLE is given through a registration process that requires **your email address** with enrolment. This is asked for on your CTM enrolment form.

Rationale

The launch of the Certificate in Theology and Ministry coincides with the launch of the Bishop's *The Imagine Project*. It is the conviction of the Bishop that a sound biblical foundation must underpin and sustain the future ministry and mission of our diocese and its leadership. This Ministry Certificate will establish a consistent standard of biblical and theological formation across the Diocese for non-stipended church leadership and authorised lay ministry in particular.¹ We live in a global and local environment that is constantly changing and whose challenges grow increasingly complex. It is more important than ever that those who minister the gospel of Christ are well grounded in the unchanging and life-changing words of Christ. In any and every age, the Bible's own assertion about its nature and purpose stands true:

'All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correcting, for training in righteousness, in order that the person of God may be competent, fully equipped for every good work' (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

The Certificate in Theology & Ministry

The program has three components:

1. Bible & Theology

The six units of the Moore College *Preliminary Theological Certificate (PTC)*

2. Ministry & Mission

Two diocesan-based units

3. Tasmanian Bible Forums

Annual participation

What if I have already completed some study elsewhere?

Those who have done prior preliminary theological course subjects with other colleges may apply to the Diocesan Director of Ministry Services for exemption from units 1-5.² In order to receive the Certificate in Theology and Ministry, units 6 (*PTC* elective), 7 (Diocesan elective) and 8 (Diocesan unit) must be completed. You must indicate this option on the enrolment form and attach any supporting documentation such as transcripts, outlines of subjects completed, etc.

¹ Completing the course does not guarantee any ministry or role within a local church. Discernment for vocations, roles and ministries always lies with the local church in the first instance and then, in some cases, with the Diocese.

² Where exemptions from any of the six *PTC* units are granted, you would not be eligible for the *PTC* award from Moore College.

Ordained persons and ordination candidates

If you are an ordained person or ordination candidate in this diocese, you are required to sit the exam for each of the six Preliminary Theological Certificate units. In other words, the Alternative Assessment path is only available to those who are not ordained or seeking ordination in this diocese. In order to receive the PTC award from Moore College and the Certificate in Theology & Ministry from this diocese, a pass will be required in those exams.

Moore College Department of External Studies
Preliminary Theological Certificate (PTC) ³

Term 1 ⁴	March 1	Enroll by 10 th February
Term 2	June 1	Enroll by 10 th May
Term 3	September 1	Enroll by 10 th August
Term 4	December 1	Enroll by 10 th November

*** Enrolments must be received by the 10th of the month preceding the start of each term.

On studying the PTC course

There are no prior educational requirements for the PTC course. Generally, students should plan to spend at least five hours each week studying the subject in order to successfully complete it. Upon enrolment in the first subject, Moore College provides a very helpful 'How to Study' booklet, free of charge. In addition to private study, many people find it beneficial to complete the course as part of a study group. This is especially true if the group is led by someone who has done the course or an equivalent. It is hoped that the majority of participants in the Certificate in Theology and Ministry program will be part of a local Certificate study group for mutual learning, encouragement and accountability.

³ Exams are optional though a pass is required for all six subjects to gain the PTC award. One two and a half hour exam is the only assessment for each subject. The prospect of an exam can provide extra incentive to do the study. Moreover, the discipline of revision for exams helps you retain what you have learned, and the exam itself helps you assess your progress in the subject. However, an **alternative assessment path** is available from the Diocese, in which case you do not gain the Moore College award but can still achieve the Certificate in Theology and Ministry (providing the alternative assessment is passed). The alternative assessment for each of the six PTC units can be found on the Certificate in Theology & Ministry page on the Riverlinks website under 'Alternative Assessment for Units 1-6'. Go to www.riverlinks.net.au **Not available for ordination candidates or ordained persons in this diocese.**

⁴ Moore College PTC 10 week terms are followed by a two week assessment period. You can choose one or two subjects per term, and enroll in as many or as few terms per year as is practicable.

Tasmanian Bible Forums

Concurrent with the units of study the participant in the Certificate in Theology and Ministry program will attend ONE (1) Tasmanian Bible Forum day for EACH YEAR they are involved in the program. TBFs are held annually on a Saturday in three regions of the diocese for all Anglicans and Christians from other churches (see the Diocesan website for details). The day involves three interactive sessions led by an experienced and gifted Bible teacher, morning tea/lunch, and fellowship with others around the Word of God. The purpose of the day is to complement local parishes' existing training programs, assist with theological and biblical formation in the diocese, model Bible reading and learning that faithfully engages with the biblical text and applies it to our personal and corporate Christian lives, and help equip people for their ministry in the local church.

Upon successful completion of the six (6) PTC subjects, Moore College awards the Preliminary Theological Certificate. Upon successful completion of a further two (2) diocesan-based subjects and annual participation in the Tasmanian Bible Forums, the Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Tasmania awards a Certificate in Theology and Ministry. Where alternative assessment is successfully taken for the six PTC units and the rest of the Certificate program successfully completed, the Bishop will award a Certificate in Theology and Ministry.

Fees ⁸

Unit 1	(Taste & See introductory unit)	\$40
Units 2-8	(per unit) ^{*Except Unit 7.3 & 7.4}	\$50
Unit 7.3 & 7.4 ⁹		\$10
Re-enrolment Units 1-6 ¹⁰		\$45
Re-enrolment Units 7.1 & 8		\$30
Tasmanian Bible Forums ¹¹		\$15

⁸ The fees represent considerable savings on the standard cost of the units due to generous subsidies provided by Diocesan Ministry Council, in order to make this program as accessible as possible. **It is generally expected that your parish will pay one third of your fees.**

⁹ Unit 7.3 is \$10 when the course notes are downloaded from the website. As explained in this Prospectus under unit 7.3, an additional \$20 is required for a printed copy of the course notes, totaling \$30 for the unit. Unit 7.4 is \$10. The student must also acquire and pay for their copy of the course work book (and any accompanying DVD/CD resource).

¹⁰ Where more time is desired, or a subject failed, students can repeat a subject at a later date. The re-enrolment fee applies.

¹¹ The \$15 is for each TBF day.

FINAL COMPULSORY UNIT**8. Introduction to Christian Ethics**

This unit offers a foundational Biblical basis for a Christian Ethic, briefly examines various ethical models in use today, and briefly explores contemporary ethical issues using different ethical models. The course material includes the handbook, 'The good, the bad & the ethical', by Josh Apieczonek.

Subjects

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| 1. Introduction to Christian Ethics (biblical basis) | 6. Environmental ethics |
| 2. Ethical systems | 7. Marriage and Sex |
| 3. Values, Foundations | 8. Human Rights |
| 4. The Mutual Love Ethic | 9. Compassion |
| 5. War | 10. Sanctity of Life |

NOTE: The assessment for this unit consists of reading the set material, completing questions and exercises contained in the handbook, and writing a paper on an ethical issue and a Christian response. Full details of the Syllabus and assessment are found on the Certificate in Theology & Ministry page on the Riverlinks website under 'Ethics – Unit 8'.

On leading a Certificate in Theology and Ministry group

It is envisaged that, where possible, church leaders with formal theological training and ministry experience will lead or oversee groups through the eight subjects. This method has several advantages, including the mutual encouragement the participants can experience in learning and growing together and in pushing one another forward in their study; and the background knowledge and depth and breadth of knowledge the group leader can bring, filtered through their own life and ministry experience.

This person would probably also function as your program Mentor – see under 'How to enroll...' The Diocese is able to offer Mentors their own copy of the study books free of charge. Their participation in an annual Tasmanian Bible Forum in their region will bring strong encouragement and nourishment in the Scriptures and the day will be free of charge for them.

1. Introduction to the Bible ^{5 6}

An overview of the entire Bible, helpful hints on how to understand its main themes, and crucial principles for interpreting the Bible.

Syllabus

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| 1. The Book of Books | 6. The Kingdom of David & God's purposes |
| 2. Interpreting the Bible | 7. God's purpose renewed |
| 3. From creation to new creation | 8. Jesus the fulfiller of God's purpose |
| 4. Israel and God's purposes | 9. The Gospel for the nations |
| 5. The promised land and God's good purposes | 10. Awaiting the fulfillment – the Apostles' writings |

2. New Testament ^{1 6}

Exploring God's purposes in sending Christ. Getting to know Jesus through the Gospel of Mark.

Syllabus

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| 1. The Gospels: the gospel written down | 6. The reception of the king |
| 2. The coming of the king | 7. What it means for Jesus to be king |
| 3. The kingdom of God | 8. What it means to follow the king |
| 4. The victory of the kingdom | 9. The last week of the king |
| 5. The king of the kingdom | 10. The king is dead: long live the king |

3. Old Testament ^{1 6}

What do the first five books of the Old Testament teach about God and his purposes? What holds them together theologically?

Syllabus

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| 1. Creation and God's purposes | 6. Israel at Sinai |
| 2. Rebellion and judgment | 7. The sacrificial system |
| 3. The patriarchs | 8. The book of Numbers |
| 4. The book of Exodus | 9. The book of Deuteronomy |
| 5. The redemption of Israel | 10. Major ideas in Deuteronomy |

New Testament 1 and Old Testament 1 may be taken in reverse order.

⁵ This subject may be studied over two terms with a 2.5 hour exam held at the end of the second term allowing more time to study this important Bible overview (as with the other units, alternative assessment is available).

⁶ Moore College now provides an **Online Learning Environment (OLE)** for this unit. Please see more details under footnote 13 on page 14.

4. Doctrine 1

We explore the Bible's teaching about God – how we get to know him, what he is like, what he has done for us.

Syllabus

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| 1. The Gospel of God | 6. The God we know (2):
the Trinity |
| 2. Knowing God | 7. The God who creates |
| 3. Sources for the knowledge
of God | 8. The God who saves |
| 4. The Bible as the Word of God | 9. The God who rules history |
| 5. The God we know (1) | 10. The God who renews |

5. Ephesians ⁶

This letter teaches us that we can only understand the present by relating it to what God has done in the past, and therefore to his intentions for the future. Ephesians presents a big picture, with cosmic dimensions, of God and his world for us to take in.

Syllabus

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| 1. Why write to the Ephesians | 7. The new humanity:
out of darkness into light |
| 2. The big picture of God's salvation | 8. The new humanity:
living by God's wisdom |
| 3. The Christian and the Church | 9. The new humanity:
living in the overlap of the ages |
| 4. The mystery in focus | 10. To sum up all things in Christ |
| 5. The new humanity: in church | |
| 6. The new humanity: the old self
and the new self | |

NOTE 1: *These and similar resources can be obtained through a Christian bookstore or direct from the publishers. The CTM student would place a bulk order for the materials needed for their group and recover from the group members the cost of their work book.*

NOTE 2: *The student must include with their enrolment for this unit, details of the course that they wish to lead; just the name of the course where it is one that appears in the lists above; where it doesn't, the course name, length, purpose and outline will be required. The student will receive word of approval to proceed or otherwise, before the term commences.*

Cost of unit

The CTM student pays for their copy of the course work book (and any accompanying DVD/CD resource). The cost of the unit payable to the Riverlinks Church office with enrolment is \$10.

Strategic option

Leading a course also provides the CTM student with the strategic option of training trainers/course leaders – suitable people in the student's church who will in turn train or lead others in the same course. Such a person would be selected by the student after consultation with their Rector or Enabler.

Assessment

The assessment for this unit consists of weekly review and reflection done by the student with a suitable supervisor (eg. Rector, Enabler), that is written down and submitted along with concluding reflections at the end of the term. A statement co-signed with the supervisor confirming that the course has been led and the assessment done will be required and can be downloaded from the Certificate in Theology & Ministry page on the Riverlinks website under 'Assessment for unit 7 options 1-4.' Here the student will also find more specific directions concerning the assessment task.

⁶ Moore College now provides an **Online Learning Environment (OLE)** for this unit. Please see more details under footnote 13 on page 14.

NOTE: The assessment for this unit consists of questions and exercises contained throughout the notes. A signed statement that the reading and assessment have been done will be required. The statement can be downloaded from the Certificate in Theology & Ministry page on the Riverlinks website under 'Assessment for Unit 7 options 1-3'.

OPTION 4 7.4 Leadership Project

This unit provides students with the opportunity to draw on and apply the learning achieved in units 1-6 of the course. It consists in leading an outreach, discipleship or training course within the life of the student's church that runs for a minimum of six weeks (maximum 10 weeks), with weekly review and reflection done by the student and a nominated supervisor (eg. Rector, Enabler).

Course approval

The course that the student chooses to lead must be approved by the Diocese before the student can go ahead. This is to ensure that the nominated course sits comfortably within the theological tenor of the Certificate in Theology & Ministry and is sufficiently challenging for the student.

Examples of approved courses

This is not an exhaustive list. Its purpose is both to give examples and offer suggestions:

Outreach courses

Life of Jesus (Six sessions; DVD-based)	www.lifeofjesus.tv
Christianity Explained (Six sessions)	www.christianityexplained.com
Christianity Explored (10 weeks; DVD-based)	www.christianityexplored.org
Alpha (10 weeks; DVD-based)	www.alpha.org.au
Introducing God (up to 12 weeks; DVD-based)	www.introducinggod.org

Discipleship courses

Life of Jesus (see under Outreach courses)	
Back to Basics (seven-week course in basic Christian belief and living)	www.matthiasmedia.com
Discipleship Explored (eight weeks)	www.christianityexplored.org

Training courses

Two Ways to Live: Know & Share the Gospel (seven sessions)	www.matthiasmedia.com
Growth Groups: A Training Course in how to Lead Small Groups	www.matthiasmedia.com
So Many Questions: How to answer common questions about Christianity (DVD-based)	www.matthiasmedia.com
God's Love in Action: Pastoral Care for Everyone, by Jill McGilvray (Acorn Press, 2009)	

6. Elective

CHOOSE ONE (1) of the following three electives for your sixth unit:

OPTION ONE

6.1 Promise to Fulfilment ⁶

This subject explores the interpretive method grounded in biblical theology from 'Introduction to the Bible' and applies it to key passages such as Genesis 15, 2 Samuel 7, Jeremiah 31 and 1 Peter 1. This subject is particularly useful for those involved in any teaching ministry.

Syllabus

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| 1. Biblical Theology | 6. The Exodus and God's Redemption 2 |
| 2. Jesus and the Old Testament | 7. The King of God's Kingdom |
| 3. Abraham and the Children of Promise (1) | 8. The Covenant of Grace |
| 4. Abraham and the Children of Promise (2) | 9. The Gospel for the Nations |
| 5. The Exodus and God's Redemption 1 | 10. The Eternal Inheritance |

OPTION TWO

6.2 Prayer Book

An historical and theological exploration of how and why Anglicans have met together for church.

Syllabus

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| 1. What really is worship? | 6. The Prayer Book from 1552 to 1662 |
| 2. Why gather together? | 7. Modern Anglican Prayer Books |
| 3. The Lord's Supper | 8. Morning and Evening Prayer |
| 4. The first English Prayer Book | 9. Baptism and Confirmation |
| 5. The second English Prayer Book | 10. Occasional services |

OPTION THREE

6.3 Christian Worship

What is the biblical meaning of worship? How will that meaning be expressed, especially in church?

Syllabus

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| 1. Worship in the Old Testament | 6. Continental Reformation liturgies |
| 2. Worship under the New Covenant | 7. British Reformation liturgies |
| 3. Why the early Christians met together | 8. Modern liturgies |
| 4. The Lord's Supper | 9. Hearing God's Word |
| 5. The development of liturgies | 10. Singing together |

⁶ Moore College now provides an **Online Learning Environment (OLE)** for this unit. Please see more details under footnote 13 on page 14.

Diocesan-based subjects

The Certificate's seventh unit is an elective chosen by you from a choice of four. The eighth unit – Introduction to Christian Ethics – is compulsory for all.

7. Elective

CHOOSE ONE (1) of the following four electives for your seventh unit:

OPTION 1- 7.1 Biblical Preaching

Syllabus (two parts: A & B)

Part A: Theology of preaching

The text for this part of the subject is *Speaking God's Words: A Practical Theology of Preaching*, by Peter Adam (IVP, Leicester, England, 1996). This book builds confidence in biblical preaching by laying a firm theological foundation for it. Building on this foundation, the book then examines the preacher at work.

Three biblical foundations of preaching

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| 1. God has spoken | 3. Preach the Word |
| 2. It is written | |

The preacher at work

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| 4. Preaching as a ministry of the Word | 6. The preacher's purpose |
| 5. The preacher's Bible | 7. The demands of preaching |

NOTE: The assessment for Part A consists of a brief written discussion on a set question for each of the seven chapters that seeks to apply the topic to our task today as preachers. Full details of the assessment are found on the Certificate in Theology & Ministry page on the Riverlinks website under 'Assessment for Unit 7 options 1-3'.

Part B: Preparation for preaching

This section introduces a simple and effective tool for sermon preparation that involves identifying the Scripture passage's movements, big idea, big question, and context, as well as exploring the application of the passage to your hearers.

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| 8. The Preaching Pyramid | 10. Illustrations and Application |
| 9. Introductions and Conclusions | |

NOTE: Part B of this unit is delivered and assessed by participation in a preaching training day or Saturday workshop.⁷

⁷ Cost of the training day or workshop will vary, depending upon if and when we engage specialists for the day. Costs will be kept to a minimum.

OPTION 2 7.2 An Introduction to Pastoral Care

This unit is normally (though not only) done in a group. The text is 'Equipped to be a Caregiver: Basic Training for Pastoral Care' (An ACEF Australia Firm Foundations Lay Ministry Course), developed by Graeme MacRobb.

Syllabus

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| 1. Living out the Second Greatest Commandment | 6. Travelling with those on the Grief Journey |
| 2. Becoming a Caregiver like Christ | 7. Loving and Caring for those who are Depressed |
| 3. How not to Care | 8. The Caregiver Caring for Oneself |
| 4. Caring ministry in times of Crisis | 9. The Church - A Community for Caring |
| 5. Understanding the Grief Journey | |

NOTE: The assessment for this unit consists of completing the weekly Home Assignments contained in the course manual. A signed statement that the reading and assignments have been done will be required. The statement can be downloaded from the Certificate in Theology & Ministry page on the Riverlinks website under 'Assessment for Unit 7 options 1-3'.

OPTION 3 7.3 Christian Mission for Tasmanians

This unit explores important lessons on mission in the example of Jesus and the practice of the early church, and important lessons on Christian missions around the world and in Tasmania. It examines Jesus' enduring call for his church to be making disciples of the nations, including Tasmania.

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| 1. Introduction | 9. Acts: chapter 21-28: a good start |
| 2. Loving Tasmania | 10. Acts chapter 29: from Paul to the Present |
| 3. Loving God | 11. The Development of Christianity in Tasmania |
| 4. A Great Sadness | 12. Lessons Learned from 2000 years of Christian Mission |
| 5. Back to First Principles | 13. Acts chapter 30: The Great Commission Here and Now |
| 6. Matthew 28: Jesus' Great Commission | |
| 7. Jesus the Disciple-Maker | |
| 8. Tuned in to Mission Control | |

The course notes for this subject are downloadable free of charge from www.riverlinks.net.au, or a printed copy is available for \$20 from the Riverlinks Parish office.