

ARCHBISHOP'S CERTIFICATE

A course for everyone who wants to grow in discipleship

*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may proclaim the excellence of Him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.
1 Peter 2:9*



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Overview

The Archbishop's Certificate is education for lay people in the parishes of the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide. It is designed to support the development of lay leaders in areas that will lead to spiritual growth, encourage sharing faith, build practical skills that serve faith communities, and equip leaders to use gifts and skills with confidence.

The Archbishop's Certificate, held from May 2026 – April 2027, consists of seven modules:

1. The Lay Leader's Toolbox
2. Handling the Bible
3. Understanding Pastoral Care: a tender care that transforms lives
4. Enriching Spirituality – finding God in our everyday lives
5. Praying with the Psalms
6. Listening for God
7. Being Anglican



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- Participants who complete four of these modules (usually Modules 1 – 4) will be awarded the Archbishop's Certificate.
- The certificate contributes to the educational needs of licensed lay ministers, readers and assistants, and anyone who wants to develop skills and confidence in ministry.
- People can study one, a few or all modules, in any order, based on their interests and needs. Four completed modules are required to complete the certificate.
- Each module consists of four 90-minute sessions held over four weeks. Some of the modules will be offered as part of a five-day intensive at St Barnabas College. More information and registration links can be found in the module descriptions.
- All modules are held in our parishes, face-to-face, with an emphasis on learning in companionship.
- Everyone enrolled the certificate can join the St Barnabas College library as community members at no cost.
- The certificate and all its modules are offered at no cost to participants.





The modules

Module 1 – Lay Leader's Toolbox

Led by Ms Caralyn Lammas

Mondays, 9.30am – 11.00am, 27 April, 11, 18 & 25 May

St Martin's Anglican Church, Campbelltown

This module is for lay leaders throughout the diocese who want to learn:

- leading Morning and Evening Prayer and other non-Eucharist worship.
- reading from the Bible and speaking aloud, writing and reading intercessions, and using a microphone and an AV system.
- how parish governance works, chairing meetings and facilitating group decision-making.
- preaching the Gospel and generally.

Participants will be able to ask questions, share experiences and build the confidence and skills needed to lead services.

[Register for M1 here](#) or scan the QR code



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Module 2 – Handling the Bible

Led by Bishop Tim Harris

Thursdays, 7.30pm – 9pm, 11, 18, 25 June & 9 July or

Fridays, 10.30am – 12noon, 12, 19, 26 June & 10 July 2026

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Kensington

This module is an introduction to the Bible, how we received it and how it speaks to us today.

Participants will learn:

- the Bible as we have received it
- the Bible as communication: hearing and reading
- the Bible in context
- the great Biblical narrative
- meaning and significance
- the living word that speaks to us today

[Register for M2 here](#) or scan the QR code





Module 3 – Understanding Pastoral Care: A tender care that transforms lives

Led by Rev'd Dr Gethzi Devasagayam

Tuesdays, 9.30am – 11am, 4 – 25 August 2026

St Luke's Anglican Church, Adelaide

This module introduces pastoral care as essential for the holistic wellbeing of a person. It aims to prepare participants for providing a caring presence with competence and confidence. It covers basic biblical principles of pastoral care. It pays attention to skills pertinent to attentive listening and various possible pastoral responses. Participants will learn about the practice of pastoral care in differing contexts and cultures through the analysis of biblical and other texts and resources. Discussions based on case studies and role plays will aid this understanding. The module will prepare participants for the complexity of encountering difficult spiritual questions in the face of bitter experiences like trauma, death and bereavement.

[Register for M3 here](#) or scan the QR code





Module 4 – Enriching Spirituality: finding God in our everyday lives

Led by Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson

Fridays, 11am – 12.30pm, 11, 18 & 25 September, 9 October 2026 (no session 2 October)

St Peter's Cathedral, North Adelaide (Cynthia Poulton Hall)

In this course, we will explore ideas from Ignatian Spirituality. We will use the Examen, or Review of the Day, each week to begin our exploration of finding God in our everyday lives. We will spend time with methods of prayer that use scripture, particularly stories of Jesus found in the Gospels, such as lectio divina and imaginative prayer. We will ponder the question that Jesus asked Blind Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?", finding there a rich source of nurture for our lives of prayer. We will look at Ignatian ways of reflecting on decisions that we need to make in everyday life and at times when profound discernment is needed. We will also explore ways of praying for others; intercessory prayer.

[Register for M4 here](#) or scan the QR code



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Five-day intensive at St Barnabas College

The following modules will be taught over five days on
22 – 28 September 2026:

- Being Anglican 22 September (see next page for module information)
- Lay Leader's Toolbox 23 September
- Handling the Bible 24 September
- Understanding Pastoral Care 25 September
- Enriching Spirituality 28 September

For more information or to enrol, [go here](#), or scan the QR code.





Module 7 – Being Anglican

Led by Rev'd Sally Sandford-Morgan

St Richard of Chichester Anglican Church, Lockleys

The four-week short course will be scheduled in early 2027. To study Being Anglican as a one-day course, use the links for the 5-day intensive, above.

This module introduces students to the main characteristics of Anglicanism through the lens of worship and spirituality, church life, and mission. Students will examine the ways in which various strands of the tradition have developed historically, and what it means to be Anglican in Australia today.

On completion of this module, students will be able to:

- Identify key characteristics of Anglicanism
- Outline the historical roots of different traditions within Anglicanism
- Demonstrate how Anglican understandings of mission relate to ministry in a parish, school or chaplaincy context
- Express their own identity and vocation as Australian Anglicans

