

Diocese of Chester

IME 2 Events 2025-2026



This document details the IME 2 events taking place this academic year, including a brief summary of the topic and details of who is required to attend. Please ensure that you have registered for each event via the Eventbrite link. Where meals are provided, please ensure that you include your up-to-date dietary requirements as well as any access needs.

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| Deacons' Welcome Evening Jenny Bridgman and others | All new curates |
| Wednesday, 9th July 2025, 18:00 – 21:00 | Church House, 5500 Daresbury Park, Daresbury WA4 4GE |
| Welcome for new deacons: Introductory information about IME 2 in the Diocese of Chester, and a chance to meet Church House Ministry Team staff and reflect on how to inhabit these first few weeks of ordained ministry. | |
| Book here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1304128486409 | |

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| Deacons' Induction Jenny Bridgman and others | New stipendiary deacons SSM deacons if available |
| Wednesday, 10th September 2025, 09:30 – 15:30 | Church House, 5500 Daresbury Park, Daresbury WA4 4GE |
| Induction for new curates into IME 2 in the Diocese of Chester. A full day of information, reflection and opportunities to ask questions. Also includes a tour of Church House. | |
| <i>NB: This event includes a light lunch.</i> | |
| Book here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ime2-deacons-induction-day-tickets-980064508327 | |

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| IME 2 Annual Gathering Hilary Ison | All curates All training incumbents |
| Saturday, 20th September 2025, 09:30 – 15:30 | St John's Parish Centre, School Lane, Hartford CW8 1NP |
| Hilary will lead a day on trauma-informed ministry with particular reference to caring for one another as curate and training incumbent within the demands of ministry. Hilary was a member of the Tragedy and Congregations Project, and you can read more about this work here: https://tragedyandcongregations.org.uk/team/ | |
| <i>NB: This event includes lunch.</i> | |
| Book here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ime2-annual-gathering-tickets-1309760812849 | |

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| Moving On Jenny Bridgman, Mike Gilbertson | All stipendiary final year curates |
| Thursday, 2nd October 2025, 13:00 – 16:00 | Church House, 5500 Daresbury Park, Daresbury WA4 4GE |
| <p>Information afternoon for final year curates who will be applying for their next post in the months ahead, including how to complete a role application, interview preparation etc.</p> <p><i>NB: This event includes lunch.</i></p> <p>Book here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ime2-moving-on-year-3-curates-tickets-1309769468739</p> | |

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| Working Together Simon Chesters | New curates and training incumbents |
| Thursday, 9th October 2025, 18:00 – 21:00 | Foxhill, Tarvin Road, Frodsham WA6 6XB |
| <p>An evening for new deacons and training incumbents to reflect on working well together, and anticipate some of the pitfalls and challenges around this.</p> <p><i>NB: This event includes a meal.</i></p> <p>Book here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ime2-working-together-tickets-1309775777609</p> | |

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| Healing Ministry Timothy Hupfield | All curates |
| Tuesday, 14th October 2025, 19:00 – 21:00 | Veranda Room, St Peter's Church, Ashley Road, Hale WA15 9BU |
| <p>Exploring the ministry of healing within our contexts, including the underlying theologies of this ministry and its practical outworking. Timothy is the Healing Adviser for the diocese.</p> <p>Book here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ime2-healing-ministry-tickets-1309780030329</p> | |

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| Schools, RE and Worship Jen McIlveen | All stipendiary curates SSM curates if available |
| Wednesday, 19th November 2025 | Church House, 5500 Daresbury Park, Daresbury WA4 4GE |
| <p>Jen will enable us to reflect on how we engage with our local schools in ministry. She is Christian Character and CPD Officer for Chester Diocesan Board of Education.</p> <p><i>NB: This event includes a meal.</i></p> <p>Book here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/schools-re-and-worship-tickets-1309783430499</p> | |

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| Growing Missional Leaders Peter Froggatt, Jenny Bridgman and Simon Chesters | All stipendiary curates SSM curates if available |
| Wednesday, 21st January 2026, 0930 – 1530 | Foxhill, Tarvin Road, Frodsham WA6 6XB |
| <p>A day to reflect on how we nurture and grow vocations to a range of ministries, with particular focus on how we encourage others to join in the world of God in the world around us, with focus on the Five Marks of Mission. Peter is Director of Outreach for the Diocese of Chester.</p> <p><i>NB: This event includes a meal.</i></p> <p>Book here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/growing-missional-leaders-tickets-1309835115089</p> | |

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| Buildings for Mission and DAC Faculties Caroline Hilton and Sheena Wilson | All stipendiary curates SSM curates if available |
| Thursday, 5th February 2026, 09:30 – 16:00 | Foxhill, Tarvin Road, Frodsham WA6 6XB |
| <p>Thinking through how to best care for and make use of our buildings. Caroline is DAC Secretary, and Sheena is Lead Officer for Buildings & Environment.</p> <p><i>NB: This event includes a meal.</i></p> <p>Book here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/buildings-for-mission-and-dac-faculties-tickets-1309847431929</p> | |

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| Weddings, Marriage and Baptisms Lisa Moncur and Rosie Woodall | Year 1, and any curates yet to attend this session |
| Saturday, 14th March 2026, 09:30 – 15:30 | Foxhill, Tarvin Road, Frodsham WA6 6XB |
| <p>Exploring some of the key themes around practical aspects of conducting weddings and baptisms with Rosie, Canon Precentor at Chester Cathedral, including legal advice from Lisa, the Diocesan Registrar.</p> <p><i>NB: This event includes a meal.</i></p> <p>Book here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/weddings-marriage-and-baptisms-tickets-1309865024549</p> | |

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| God of all the World - a focus on our worldwide links Graham Buttanshaw and Lesley Bentley | All stipendiary curates SSM curates if available |
| Wednesday, 29th April 2026, 09:30 – 15:30 | Foxhill, Tarvin Road, Frodsham WA6 6XB |
| <p>Promoting a world-wide perspective on God and the Church, and the particular diocesan links with Congo and Melanesia. Graham is a member of the Diocesan Aru Boga Chester Committee, and Lesley is Chair of Partners in World Mission.</p> <p><i>NB: This event includes a meal.</i></p> <p>Book here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ime2-pwm-tickets-1309890320209</p> | |

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| Sacrifice and Salvation: Reading Hebrews Today Loveday and Philip Alexander | All stipendiary curates SSM curates if available |
| Wednesday, 13th May 2026, 09:30 – 15:30 | Foxhill, Tarvin Road, Frodsham WA6 6XB |
| <p>Deepening our engagement with scripture through study of Hebrews in a modern day context. Loveday and Philip are world-renowned Biblical scholars and active members of a church within the diocese. Loveday is also an ordained priest.</p> <p><i>NB: This event includes a meal.</i></p> <p>Book here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ime2-sacrifice-and-salvation-reading-hebrews-today-tickets-1309902546779</p> | |

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| Practising Presidency Alex Williams and Andy Stinson | All deacons being ordained priest in 2026 |
| Thursday, 21 May 2026, 18:00 – 21:00 | Church House, 5500 Daresbury Park, Daresbury WA4 4GE |
| <p>An evening exploring some of the theological and practical considerations around presiding at (or celebrating!) communion. Andy and Alex are two local incumbents with different perspectives on Holy Communion.</p> <p><i>NB: This event includes a light meal.</i></p> <p>Book here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ime2-practising-presidency-tickets-1374058799859</p> | |