

# 'Faith Empowered'

## an invitation to training in mission and evangelism

We live in strange times! On the one hand the Western world has largely turned its back on Christianity but on the other there has never been a greater need for people to come to know the fullness of life that Jesus promised.

So how do we respond? Many Christians have lost confidence in their faith and are reluctant to bear witness to Christ publicly. However, with some training and encouragement we can become more effective and confident in our witness as Christians. From the very beginning of the Jesus revolution, ordinary Christians have undertaken certain disciplines to deepen faith and to grow in the Christian lifestyle – these things don't happen by accident! And so particular training is the key to building confidence and being ready to speak up for Christ as the opportunity arises.

'Faith Empowered' is a course that will help participants develop their knowledge and understanding of evangelism and mission so they can support their local churches as they reach out and commend their faith in God to other people. The course has been produced by the Church Army UK and has only recently been published. As a result it takes into account our changing culture and the latest research on the best ways of sharing our faith.



- WHEN?** The course begins on 9 August this year and will run for a year – there are ten sessions. Registrations close at the end of July.
- WHERE?** The course will be offered on Zoom so you can participate in your own home. The trainers will be from the UK – see below for their bios.
- TIME?** The course will run monthly from 7pm – 9pm on Tuesday nights.
- CONTENT?** The content of the ten sessions will be as follows: Building Relationships, Sowing Seeds, Listening to Context, Being Church, Reflecting Well, Missional Planning, Enabling Others, Tackling Big Questions, Missional Activity and Learning Through Failure.
- STYLE?** Faith Empowered is focused on putting learning into practice. This is done by helping participants to implement what they learn in their context, and through sessions specifically focused on planning outreach and mission events.
- WHAT NOW?** The Archdeacon for Regeneration and Mission will be doing the course himself, but Vicars are invited to **pass this invitation to a selected lay person** whom you believe has the interest, gifting and commitment to undertake this training.
- REGISTER?** To register email Mark Chamberlain on [arm@anglicanlife.org.nz](mailto:arm@anglicanlife.org.nz).
- QUESTIONS?** If you have any questions, please contact Mark on 0274327474 or email him on [arm@anglicanlife.org.nz](mailto:arm@anglicanlife.org.nz).

## INTRODUCING THE 'FAITH EMPOWERED' COURSE PRESENTERS

### JONNY PRICE

Jonny Price is Church Army's Church Resources Officer, responsible for developing, creating, and curating resources to help churches put mission and evangelism at the centre of what they do. Prior to working for Church Army, Jonny was involved in youth ministry for 15 years, working at a local church and diocesan level. He has also been involved in lecturing and training lay workers, and research into generational trends and evangelism.



### JANE HENDERSON

Jane Henderson is Church Army's Faith Empowered Development Officer. In this role she oversees the rollout of training-the-trainer courses, the iterative development of Faith Empowered, and the promotion of Faith Empowered to dioceses across the British Isles. Prior to this role, Jane was involved in developing youth and children's ministers and ministries in the United Reformed Church and has a long standing association with Church Army as a member of the Mission Community.

