

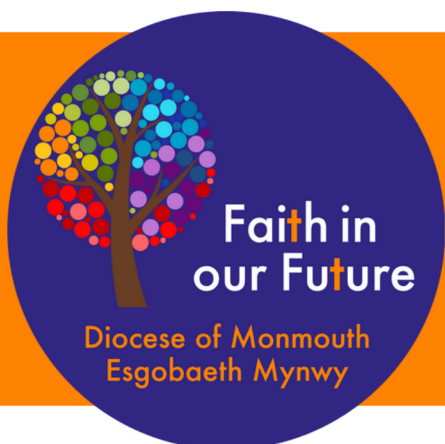


— PASTORAL ASSISTANT

PASTORAL ASSISTANTS AND MEMBERS OF A PASTORAL CARE TEAM DEMONSTRATE THE FAITH OF ALL CHRIST'S PEOPLE BY SHOWING CHRISTLIKE LOVE AND CONCERN FOR OTHERS. THEY DO SO BY UNDERTAKING PARTICULAR PASTORAL TASKS, BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE CHURCH BUILDINGS. THEY WORK WITH OTHER MINISTERS, PARTICULARLY LICENSED PASTORAL MINISTERS AND CLERGY.

The work of a Pastoral Assistant will depend on the needs of the local church and will include some or all of the following:

- Representing the love of God and God's care for the whole person and creation.
- Listening to, praying for, and being present with the sick and suffering.
- Visiting the sick and housebound on behalf of the church.



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The 7 step process to become a Pastoral Assistant



- 1 You sense a call to a particular ministry or are approached by someone who thinks you may be the right person
- 2 Arrange a discussion about your sense of call and details of the role with a member of clergy or other relevant person
- 3 Complete a DBS check and Safeguarding Training (Level A and Level B or E)
- 4 Training is arranged (usually at ministry area level)
- 5 At the end of the training, the learning mentor, Ministry Area Leader (if not the same person), and you will decide if commissioning should proceed
- 6 The commissioning is agreed and minuted by the Ministry Area Council and the Bishop is notified
- 7 You are commissioned as part of a service of public worship