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Dear Steward of the Gospel & their teams,

The Vicariate for Evangelisation is commissioning and funding a new and exciting set of events aimed at developing and supporting teams & Stewards of the Gospel in each parish. You are invited to six formation days, please see the details below. Bishop Alan is fully supporting this course and will attend as many days as he can as he has a high regard for our Stewards and the work that they do for our Diocese.

Please look carefully at the course and dates and decide who in your teams or parish will benefit. Please do give them every encouragement to attend. The expectation is that the benefits will be fed back to wider teams for use and dissemination in the parish.

It is essential to the renewal of our Diocese that we equip those involved spiritually and practically to continue and build up the efforts that are already happening. The course will be useful for Stewards that joined at the beginning of the initiative and for a parish that doesn't have a Steward but would like to send someone along to begin this role.

This course is not a repeat of the previous training that was given at the introduction of the Stewards of the Gospel initiative. It is organised by the Vicariate for Evangelisation to support parishes and is separate to the renewal and restructuring proposals by the Department for Development.

We strongly urge you to get involved in this, it is a great opportunity to support each other in building up networks of disciples in our Diocese. Of course our priests are invited to attend any of the days and would be very welcome.

It would be very useful for me if you would sign up to all the days you are able to attend as soon as you can with this doodle link (or please email me). <https://doodle.com/poll/aadpp8m5s9exv22a>

The Course will:

- Provide guidance, information and formation
- Enable growth personally and spiritually through sound Catholic teaching
- Explore working possibilities
- Facilitating discussion and fellowship among the Stewards

We will achieve this by:

- Encouraging intercession and prayer
- Providing professional speakers
- Providing practical resources and ideas to take back to the parishes
- Encourage collaboration within the parish

15 September: The first session will cover the new Role of the Steward based on the Role Card that was received at the Re-commissioning. If you haven't received your Re-Commissioning pack they will be available during the course. The day will be informative and interactive.

27 October: The second session will cover Spirituality & Prayer. To provide a platform for the Stewards of the Gospel to explore the concepts of Spirituality, its relation to prayer, different ways of practicing prayer and promoting it in their parishes.

We want the course to be **organic**, to change and grow with the parishes, so we want your **input**. We want to meet people where they are at and offer what is needed. Please therefore let us know what you would like to see most as a subject in the course, **we are listening**.

Please see the table below of the **dates and venues**. The **times** for the days - will begin with an optional Mass at 9.15 am, welcome & coffee at 9.45 am to finish at 3.30 pm.

Dates	Venue	Speaker
2018		
15 September	Cathedral Hall	Teresa Carvalho Role of the Steward
27 October	Ursuline Brentwood	Vron Smith Spirituality & Prayer
8 December	Our Lady & St George, Walthamstow	Leadership & Formation
2019		
26 January	Cathedral Hall	Michelle Moran Parish Evangelisation Teams
2 March	Cathedral Hall	Await input from Stewards
4 May	Cathedral Hall	Await input from Stewards

I have **enclosed invitations** for the Formation course and the Readers Enrichment Day. Please pass this information to those who you think may be interested or are part of your team. Also, I have enclosed a **schedule of our future dates**, please note these in your **diaries**.

Parishes, their Stewards & teams, together with our clergy, are **a vital element** of growing **God's presence in our communities** – But we all need **skills** and an opportunity to **develop** them, **share** them and **build** ourselves. That way we are **stronger together** and more effective – Please come to as many as you can.

We look forward to **journeying** with you and your parish towards **Christ**.

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