Riverside at St Jude’s is the diocesan leadership programme designed to help refresh and refocus leadership in ministry. It combines applied teaching in various core areas of leadership along with reflective learning and the setting of personal goals in small groups.

The programme considers the challenges of church leadership across traditions within a framework that is shaped by Christ and his Kingdom, as well as drawing on best thinking from wider leadership expertise. Since the launch of Riverside in 2013, a wide range of clergy from across the Dioceses of London and Ely have attended, including those relatively new-to-post and those with significant experience.

Riverside is for clergy of incumbent status (including chaplains) who will normally have been in their current ministry for at least two years. Commitment to attend the full programme is essential for anyone who wishes to participate. All participants will have the opportunity to receive personal support or coaching in specific areas of development, provided by experienced mentors.

“The course was a much-needed turbo boost. It was packed with inspiring tutors examining key issues in day-to-day ministry of London clergy. The time commitment seemed daunting at first. It soon became evident that the yield was going to be far greater than the investment.”
Christine Robinson, St Anselm, Belmont

“I commend this Riverside course to you as an investment and as time well spent equipping yourself the better to serve the Gospel and fulfil your most holy calling”.
The Rt Revd Dr Graham Tomlin, Bishop of Kensington
Ordained ministry is at different times satisfying, demanding, stretching and enriching. The calling never changes, but the contexts in which we exercise ministry does. We need to invest regularly in our own development as priests and leaders of God's church, so that we continue to grow, are able to serve God's people well, and reflect the glory of God in our lives as well as our work.

The programme is led by the Diocese of London’s Director of Ministry and Area Directors of Training and Development (ADTDs) along with Bishops and other senior clergy.

For more information, speak to Neil Evans, Director of Ministry, and to book your place for 2020, please register on Eventbrite: www.riverside2020-feb-apr.eventbrite.co.uk; or email Ruwani Gunawardene: riverside@london.anglican.org

"A wide range of input and speakers from across the church spectrum, delivering hugely helpful practical training for parish ministry, often (alas) untaught in our theological colleges. Having come to London after sixteen years ministering elsewhere, it would be great to see more dioceses rolling out courses like this.”
Charles Clapham, St Peter Hammersmith