



WORKING TOGETHER TO GROW OUR CHURCHES

“ Accompanied Ministry Development has re-invigorated my sense of calling and helped me to feel part of something bigger again. It has also given my parish and me some fresh ideas. ”

REVD SHERRY BRYAN, BODMIN

DIOCESE OF TRURO VISION
**ACCOMPANIED
MINISTRY
DEVELOPMENT**



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DISCOVERING GOD'S KINGDOM
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WHAT WE ARE DOING

The Diocese of Truro is committed to 'Discovering God's Kingdom, Growing the Church'. We have created a special programme called Accompanied Ministry Development to encourage Christian communities to flourish. It will encourage, equip and accompany churches and clergy.

Accompanied Ministry Development includes parish events, Clergy Colleges, Ministry Development Team meetings and a Parish Programme. Participants focus upon the following five themes, each central to church life:

God's People: *Who are we? What has God called us to do?*

God's Reconciliation: *How do we live out this reconciliation with each other and demonstrate his love?*

God's Good News: *How is the gospel proclaimed in word and deed?*

Living for God: *How do we live for God every day, not just on Sundays?*

Worshipping God: *How is our worship a witness to the Gospel?*



Priests will attend five residential colleges each lasting four days. Each college will concentrate on one of the five themes. We have also prepared a parish programme so that you can get involved and reflect on each of the themes.

GETTING INVOLVED

Before Accompanied Ministry Development begins Bishop Tim or Bishop Chris will visit to explain the programme and what it means for you.

CLERGY COLLEGES

Then your vicar will spend four days away at the first of five Clergy Colleges. These residential are carefully planned around the church calendar to reduce pressure on parish life while also allowing priests time for study and reflection. Following each college your vicar meets with an advisor or mentor who will help them reflect on the college and its relevance for the parish.

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT TEAM

About two weeks after each college, your vicar meets with other leaders in the parish to reflect together on the theme. The Ministry Development Team acts as a bridge between the Clergy College and the Parish Programme. It will also help form a group within the parish that is positive about growing the church.

PARISH PROGRAMME

The Parish Programme forms the core of Accompanied Ministry Development because it involves the whole church. For each theme we have prepared resources for small groups, young people and for worship services. In addition, parishes are encouraged to work on a local focus, for example, tourism or schools.

GROWING THE CHURCH

Accompanied Ministry Development takes shape according to the needs and aspirations of each local congregation. We will help churches identify how they want to develop and provide help for particular projects, all with the aim of 'Growing the Church'.

FROM US TO YOU

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BISHOPS

“ As we move further into this new century it is important we all work together to ensure our Christian communities flourish.

Across the Diocese of Truro we have committed ourselves to ‘Discovering God’s Kingdom and Growing the Church’. In fulfilling this vision for the church, there is a real need to reinvigorate the whole people of God in our worship, our discipleship and our mission.

Accompanied Ministry Development is a very significant initiative and investment by our Diocese. It will encourage, equip and accompany churches and clergy as we seek to rise to the challenge of growth.

There are many good things happening in our parishes and this programme is a chance to celebrate what you have already achieved and motivate us all to learn more as we continue on our journey to bring others to God. We look forward to sharing the stories of what God has done as we work together for his kingdom and the good of others.

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