

MINISTRY MATTERS FROM OUR DIOCESE



Welcome to Ministry Matters from the Diocese of Truro ministry team

Updating you on Ministry news within the diocese together with information and links to learning opportunities.

BISHOP OF ST GERMANS LOOKS FORWARD TO CLERGY CONVERSATIONS WITH YOU

REVD HUGH NELSON

It is so good to be with you all. I am very much looking forward to getting to know you and to working with you.

One of the challenges of this strange time is the way that the enforced closure of much that we took for granted has required us to innovate.

While so much of church life has been closed, we have had to be more creative than ever in finding new ways to nurture our church communities and serve those amongst whom we live.

Our diocesan priorities include the call to become 'A Church that unashamedly embraces an innovative pioneering culture' and that has been happening in real time over the last three months. This creativity is one blessing to come out of lockdown - and something we must build on.

I know that, with this in mind, you have already had two **Clergy**



Conversations to share and learn from each other.

I am looking forward to joining you for the third one on Tuesday, July 21, when we'll be looking together at the easing of lockdown and how we can journey together effectively in a new mixed economy of Church.

To book on to the next Clergy Conversation please click **here**.

NOTE: The new Bishop of St Germans, the Revd Hugh Nelson will be consecrated at Lambeth Palace on Wednesday, July 15 at 11.30am.

CLERGY WELLBEING

In the middle of this pandemic, you may feel slightly overwhelmed by the amount of information and advice on health and wellbeing you are receiving, on top of all the advice about church buildings and future services etc.

To try and support you, and help you navigate your way through the many resources that exist, Archdeacons Paul Bryer and Audrey Elkington have, with the help of Church House staff and Bishop's Advisor in Pastoral Care and Counselling, Jane Vaughan-Wilson, compiled a summary of resources they think may be of most relevance. This directory, or menu, is not exhaustive by any means (you may want to download it and add your own links for your own purposes), but we hope you will find it useful. At present, it focuses on mental and physical, rather than financial wellbeing, but that does not mean that the latter is any less important. If you do have any financial concerns or problems at this particular time, please do contact either Paul or Audrey, and they can signpost you to some specific sources of help.

We will update this list regularly, so if you have any suggestions, do contact one of us with your feedback. You can find it on our website **here**. The latest version of the clergy handbook is available on the diocesan website **here**.

If you have any queries, email Louise Court, HR Director **here**.

FOUNDATIONS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY COURSE OPEN TO NEW APPLICANTS

The Foundations in Christian Ministry Course 2020/21 is open for applications.

From gathering around fresh-from-the-oven pastries at Epiphany House, to closing reflections with Bishop Philip on Zoom, the participants on the diocese's first ever Foundations in Christian Ministry course have been on quite a journey together over the last year.

Back in September, the cohort of students met for the first time – 16 lay people who serve in their churches up and down Cornwall, drawn together to be equipped and encouraged in their ministries.

Over the seven Saturday sessions the students have engaged in theological study and biblical learning, explored spirituality and 'kingdom living', and gained practical skills in leading small groups and

pastoral care. They have discussed, debated, listened, challenged, reflected, journaled, prayed and shared with one another throughout the course, and all have emerged changed in some way.

Participant Anthony White from Probus Church reflects that "it is important to hear points of view beyond the bubble of tradition we may find ourselves in" so as to nurture a growing and deepening faith. On the Foundations Course, he has experienced "discussions [which] are honest and often challenging, but all within a supportive environment."

For some on the course, this year has been the first step on a new vocational journey, listening and discerning what kind of ministry God may be calling them into. There has been time to explore local worship leading, Reader ministry and ordination for those who have felt a nudge that way and it has been exciting to begin those journeys with new friends. For others, like

Charlotte Irwin from St Agnes Church, it has been just as important for "equipping us for what we seem to be doing already", and the fruits of a year of study might be instead a fresh confidence and energy in an established ministry.

The next Foundations in Christian Ministry course in our Diocese runs from September 2020 to June 2021, and applications are invited now from anyone who you think might be interested. Those who are uncertain may take a word of encouragement from participant Amy Wheeler of the Callington Cluster: "if anyone wants to expand their knowledge of theology, or find their calling in ministry, or get a grounding in study and reflection, this is definitely the course they should do."

If there is somebody in your congregation that may be interested in joining this course, or who may just like some further information, please ask them to contact Sally Piper via email: sally.piper@truro.anglican.org



ONLINE TRAINING AVAILABLE

LEADERSHIP IN LOCKDOWN (3): BACK TO THE FUTURE

'A crisis involves unexpected problems and unprecedented opportunities. Wise leaders ensure they address both.' This webinar, run by CPAS, will explore how we can lead through the next two months to make the most of the missional opportunity before us. Can we embrace the possibility not simply to return to how things were, but to look back in order to build a stronger future.

To book a place click [here](#). The next webinar will take place on:

Wednesday 15 July 2-3pm

CHURCH OF ENGLAND WEBINARS EVANGELISM & DISCIPLESHIP Coming out of lockdown with a new mission initiative - July 15, at 2pm.

This is a busy time for many clergy but for others it might be an opportunity to reflect on barriers that have prevented the change and creativity they'd love to try out. Revd Dr Michael Moynagh and Heather Cracknell will talk about the Loving First Missional Journey, which can act as a map for starting a new mission initiative with the potential to become a fresh expression of church for your parish. To register click [here](#).

EVERYBODY WELCOME TO THE FUTURE

Following on from our CMD session 'Opening the Doors' with Bob Jackson, please click on the following link to view the Everybody Welcome to the Future guide <https://www.cpas.org.uk/download/3613/everybody-welcome-to-the-future> Bob Jackson and George Fisher have done a great job of researching what is happening with online church during the lockdown. The guide provides practical ideas and links to resources to help churches reflect on how to make the most of the opportunity that this season affords. If you would like to listen to the recording of Bob Jackson's session Click [here](#).

HEADING NORTH: ARCHDEACON AUDREY TO LEAVE DIOCESE IN 2021

Archdeacon Audrey Elkington will sadly be leaving the Diocese of Truro in February 2021.

After nearly ten years serving the diocese as Archdeacon of Bodmin, she will be returning north to Tyneside. After a good rest, she will explore how she may be of use to God through non-stipendiary ministry.

She will be very much missed. Bishop Philip said: "We will be very sorry to see Audrey go, although obviously pleased that she is following her calling. In addition to her great knowledge, diligence and devotion to her office, I am also personally very grateful to her for all the friendship, support and

encouragement she has shown me, and I know I am not alone.

"It's not unexpected to any of us that Audrey doesn't want a fuss, but we look forward to embarrassing her just a tiny bit in the new year."



ONLINE CMD PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Thank you to everyone that has attended and supported our online CMD offering. The programme will continue in this format for the foreseeable future and we look forward to welcoming more of you to the sessions.

Our next session is 'I packed it myself' on Thursday, 23 July, 9.30am, which will look at how churches can engage creatively with overseas workers. [Click here](#) to book on to this session.

If there are any topics that you

would like to see covered in our CMD programme please send your suggestions to Rebecca Evans, rebecca.evans@truro.anglican.org

Also coming soon:

July 21, Clergy Conversations Part 3, As lockdown eases, how are we journeying together effectively in a new mixed economy of Church?
Covid-19 and children - exploring trauma (date tbc)
Celtic Prayer and Spirituality (date tbc)
Stewardship (September)

DIGITAL LABS: USEFUL RESOURCES

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/church-resources/digital-labs/labs-learning-webinars>
Topics include: Receiving Online Donations; Making the most of Zoom; Five Ways To Keep Your Church Connected; Next Steps with

Live Streaming; Introduction to Instagram for Churches; Facebook pages for churches; amongst a number of other useful topics. More is also available on the diocesan website [here](#).

USEFUL RESOURCES

BLACK LIVES MATTER

Read the #BlackLivesMatter blog by Selina Stone, Tutor and Lecturer in Political Theology, St Mellitus College on the LICC website [here](#). Or Sound Cloud have How to fight white supremacy [here](#).

SOUND CLOUD is a place for women to discuss theology. Join in [here](#).

CHANGING CHURCH is a new report based on a survey of nearly 900 churches and organisations and makes clear that they have changed how they operate while maintaining their core mission and vision. Throughout lockdown and the wider challenges, the church has shown great agility and creativity. Read more [here](#).

THE ARTHUR RANK CENTRE is an ecumenical national charity, which resources, trains, and advocates for rural Christians, rural churches and the

communities they serve. Their vision is of confident rural Christians, encouraged to engage in effective mission and ministry. Their website includes a number of useful toolkits on **rural isolation** and **welcome**.

Children's resources available on Facebook with **Ignite Kids**.

THE PARISH RESOURCES website which is provided by the Church of England's National Stewardship and Resources Team has pulled together lots of information on how to encourage giving online as well as more general information about how to support your church financially while your church building is closed.

IT'S YOUR MOVE is an impactful resource tool brimming with advice, activities and real-life testimonies. Over 1.6 million children moving to secondary school have received It's

Your Move, supporting them through that move. With all the disruption to schools this year, supporting children about to take the step to secondary school is more important than ever! https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/its-your-move?gclid=EAlalQobCh-MInergvOzJ6gIVEO7tCh2l8wX-3EAAAYASAAEgLvIPD_BwE

THE GROWING FAITH team from the Diocese of Coventry have created the following resource for families and young people over the summer holiday: <https://www.adventureswithgod.life/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

[A list of external training opportunities are available to browse here](#)
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