

# MINISTRY MATTERS FROM OUR DIOCESE



Welcome to Ministry Matters from the Diocese of Truro ministry team

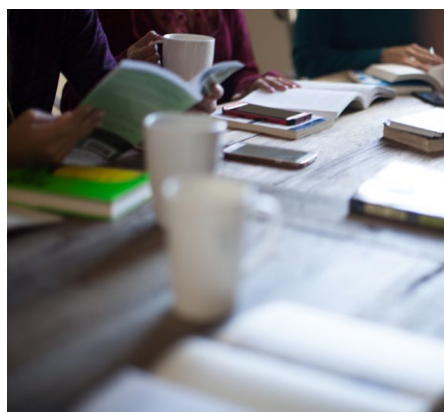
Updating you on Ministry news within the diocese together with information and links to learning opportunities.

## CMD GRANTS FOR CLERGY

**The Church of England emphasises that the purpose of CMD is to “strengthen a culture of lifelong learning in the Church”. The Diocese of Truro is committed to such provision as evidenced in our current online CMD.**

However, we appreciate that individual clergy may have specific and bespoke training needs which can best be met by sourcing externally provided CMD opportunities. We therefore offer each clergyperson an annual grant to help towards the cost of this CMD provision.

To access your grant or if you have any questions about the processes involved please contact Mel Pomery, Ministry Programmes Coordinator or Rebecca Evans,



Ministry Development Officer. Other grants are also available, including Ministry Bursary Awards from Ecclesiastical Insurance.

The next deadline for application is September 30, 2020. More details are available [here](#).

We've also compiled a list of other possible grants which may support you in your training. View the list [here](#).

## LOOKING AFTER OUR MENTAL HEALTH

In a CMD session at the beginning of the Summer entitled Trauma Informed Ministry, attendees were encouraged to write their own Lament. This activity was very well received and we recently spotted this [LICC blog](#) on the same topic

which may be of interest. A recent report commissioned by BBC Children in Need explores how poor transport and internet services damage rural children's mental health. The article and report are available [here](#).

## CLIMATE SUNDAY RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Local churches are encouraged to hold a local Climate Sunday any time during a one-year period starting on September 6 (the first Sunday in the annual season of Creation Time/ Season of Creation). Free resources and information is available [here](#).

Doxecology is a unique new album of worship songs that celebrate the wonder of creation, acknowledge our failures, and anticipate a glorious restoration in Christ. An accompanying study guide is also available. More information is [here](#).

For information on the Diocese of Truro's Environment work click [here](#).

## CONFIRMATION SERVICE: CANDIDATES SOUGHT

The next Confirmation Service will take place at the Cathedral on Saturday, November 7 at 4pm.

If you have any candidates for this please let the Bishop's Office know via email [here](#). They can then assess demand and look at numbers for the cathedral, ensuring that we're complying with current restrictions.

# ONLINE TRAINING AVAILABLE

## Everyday Faith in partnership with Christian Aid Salt Network

### Radical Leadership: Inspiring leaders to re-think impact - 5-9 October 2020

A festival of online events to equip you in your faith, leadership and work. The free week-long programme is full of inspirational, pioneering and courageous lessons from the frontline of organisation leadership.

As the country looks to rebuild from the impacts of Covid-19, many of us will be facing fresh challenges in our work and leadership. The festival will explore what role faith and leadership holds as we navigate these difficult times and seek to build back better than before. Speakers will include: Krish Kandiah, Home4Good; Amanda Mukwashi, Christian Aid; Simon Locke, The Body Shop.

For more information and to book a place click [here](#).

## College of Preachers

The College of Preachers is a network of preachers drawn together by a shared belief that good preaching matters. This autumn they are running a series of online workshops (please note, there is a charge for these):

### Preaching to a Re-formed Congregation – Monday, September 21, 14:00-16:00;

**Festival of Preaching** (via YouTube) – Tuesday, September 29, 10:00-16:15;  
**Preaching Advent to Epiphany** – Tuesday, October 6, 10:30-15:30;  
**Preaching on healing in the time of COVID-19** – Tuesday, October 13, 14:20-16:30.

More information is available on the college [website](#).

## Jubilee Centre

### Reimagining Church Buildings, Wednesday, September 23, 13:00-14:15

The event will reflect theologically on church buildings and explore the opportunities as well as challenges which they bring.

The panel will include architect and Cambridge Paper author, Nigel Walter, Dr Dee Dyas (Director, Centre for the Study of Christianity and Culture at the University of York), Bishop John Inge (author of A Christian Theology of Place) and Dr Anne Dawtry (Archdeacon of Halifax).

For more information and to book click [here](#).

### Preparing for Advent & Christmas 2020: Comfort and Joy

In recent weeks the national team has worked with dioceses and others on a new Church of England Advent and Christmas theme to

reflect the current Covid context. They hope that Comfort and Joy will better enable us to reflect where the country is and will be by the end of this year.

There will be a range of content available: reflections from public figures; resources to download and share; online services and events; music; printed materials. For more information [click here](#), this page will be updated in early September with more information on content and resources.

Available on the THEOS website, an [introduction to Black Theology](#). In this long-read, guest writer Anthony Reddie unpacks the meaning and history of Black theology.

Also available is this video from Church Army: [‘before you dismiss me...’](#)

LICC: October 8: [Am I Just My Brain?](#) Brain-imaging scientist Dr Sharon Dirckx, senior tutor at the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics, explores the fundamentals of human identity: what, and who, am I?

October 19: [Listening Well: Disability, Theology and Life](#) Join researcher Amy Plender this October to wrestle with identity and purpose – and see them through the eyes of those with life-altering conditions.

## HARVEST 2020 CELEBRATIONS: RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO CHURCHES

2020 has been a difficult year for the farming community and, more than ever, people are aware of the vital role that farmers play in feeding the nation.

Arthur Rank Centre has launched their Harvest 2020 campaign: ‘Thank you to our farmers!’ encouraging churches to use their harvest celebrations as an opportunity to say Thank You. The

centre has produced a selection of resources to help shape your celebrations. Register [here](#) to get involved and gain access to a number of great, free resources: Biblical reflections on harvest; prayers to use during a harvest celebration; a poster to promote your celebration; branded images to use on your website and social media.

On the website there are also helpful suggestions for ways in which you and your church community could celebrate either in households or as a gathered church. They’ve also just launched their first photography competition, ‘Images of Harvest’. What images does the word ‘harvest’ conjure up for you? To enter on their website click [here](#).

## ONLINE CMD PROGRAMME

We look forward to welcoming you to our Online CMD events starting again in September.

Bishop Hugh will be hosting the fourth part of our Clergy Conversations on Tuesday, September 29, 09:30-11:30, where we will be exploring 'What kind of church are we called to be? What are we doing to make it happen?'

To book on to this Clergy Conversation please click [here](#).

Other forthcoming online sessions include:

**Time Management**, Tuesday, October 6  
**Preaching and Teaching on Generosity**, Tuesday, October 13  
**Franciscan Spirituality**, Tuesday, October 20  
**Working in Teams**, Tuesday, November 24

To express an interest in any of the sessions, email Melanie Pomery: [melanie.pomery@truro.anglican.org](mailto:melanie.pomery@truro.anglican.org)

# CPAS - RESEARCHING FOCAL MINISTRY

Canon Ian Parkinson of CPAS is keen to hear from parishes where primary responsibility for a congregation has been given to a recognised local leader other than the incumbent.

In some places this is referred to as Focal Ministry, elsewhere Local Ministry, and by various terms in other places. Those taking on such responsibility might be SSM or OLM priests, LLMs, authorised ministers or other trusted local lay people.

Ian is keen to uncover stories of

where this has been attempted, some of the particular challenges faced and the impact of such initiatives. He is hoping to be able to produce a resource in which some of these stories might be told as a way of helping others who are contemplating similar initiatives.

If you are an incumbent who has taken such an initiative in your own benefice, or someone serving as a Focal Minister (or whatever term you prefer!), and if you are willing to have Ian contact you, then please drop him a line at [iparkinson@cpas.org.uk](mailto:iparkinson@cpas.org.uk)

## TRANSFORMING MISSION: STAY UP-TO-DATE

Transforming Mission is changing the way they send out their seasonal updates and increasing the frequency so that people can stay up to date with their projects.

Transforming Mission continues to grow from strength to strength.

Follow and support their journey by clicking the signup link [here](#).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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