

CMD Grant - Case Studies

The Revd Emma Durose, Priest-in-Charge, St Just-in-Roseland and St Mawes

‘Eighteen months ago, I started training as a Jungian Analyst at the Jung Von Franz Institute in Zurich. I had reached a point in my life and ministry where the Church traditions which had harboured me safely and securely for many years were no longer sufficient. A personal experience of suffering led to an increasing desire to explore the deeper mysteries I was encountering in my heart and faith but I was struggling to find an adequate language to express and articulate these new concepts in my inherited theological tradition. In Jungian Psychology I began to explore a rich language of symbols and images, dreams and myths, transcending conscious thought, time and space. I discovered a new lens through which to view theology and religion which, subsequently, reignited the fire in the old lenses. I found my relationship with God’s creation and humanity deepening into something far more simple, contemplative and healing. Pre-Covid, as well as regular analysis, supervision and seminars, I would normally have two-week block courses, twice a year at the Bethanien Monastery run by the Dominican and Chemin-Neuf Communities in the Pre Alps, Switzerland. This year I am grateful to be able to put the CMD grant towards the fees of the block course on Zoom. Meeting and learning with people from across the world is tremendously stimulating and it enriches and informs both my parish work and therapeutic pastoral ministry. Someone recently said of dreams that they are God’s love letters to us, and on this adventure, I am in constant awe at God’s infinite variety of love letters to us.’

The Revd Paul Beynon, Rector of the Lostwithiel Benefice of Parishes

‘Like most busy clergy, my schedule came to an abrupt and sudden halt during the first national lockdown on March 23rd, 2020. During that first lockdown I was confronted with the unfamiliar and slightly disconcerting prospect of not being governed by the demands, expectations, and pressures of ministry, and having time to recharge, renew and develop my own spiritual life! And so, I enrolled on an online course sponsored by Udemy, who were offering a two-part series of lectures by Professor N T Wright. The courses themselves are entry-level theology, but as a means of personal development and ongoing study, I found them incredibly interesting and beneficial.

We are all experiencing uncertain economic pressures, so the CMD grant is an incredible resource and I encourage all those who are searching for meaningful ways to develop themselves during these unprecedented times to make use of the grant available.’