

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

CALLED TO FLY, FLOAT & FALL

By Revd Jane Vaughan-Wilson, DDO

On Saturday afternoons, if I can, I go for a walk from my house in Penzance, around Mounts Bay. The Bay always like a postcard with St Michael's Mount in the background, the sea always different, the light and colours ever changing, the wind usually blowing.

Sometimes the sea is full of people – those who feel compelled, called, to put on wetsuits, stand on pieces of board and variously attach sails to themselves. The speedy wind-surfers, the acrobatic kite surfers and the crazy sail surfers, tenuously attached to both a tiny board (with hydrofoil) and a small sail in their hands. All surfing the sea, riding waves and wind. Bold and not afraid to fall and they fall often. They are great fun to watch and for me they have become a regular image of what it means to be called by God into discipleship and into any form of ministry. To not be afraid. To take risks with myself, to trust the elemental and that which is beyond my control.

Many of us experience God's call upon our lives and we have our own language and images to describe this experience. Right now I am a kite surfer! At this moment in time the seas can feel rough, the waves big and challenging, but still we feel called, compelled to explore.

The Diocese of Truro, wants to honour the call of those who feel called to explore ministry in all its variety and offers different ways to do this.



The first thing - always – is talk to someone. A friend, a parish priest, a reader, someone you think will understand.

If you know of someone that would like to explore their vocation they can do so by contacting the following people:

Ordained Ministry
Jane Vaughan-Wilson
Steve Robinson

Reader Ministry
Sally Piper

Local Worship Leading
Lydia Remick

Local Pastoral Ministry
Sarah Welpy

Chaplaincy
Dom Whitting

Pioneer Ministry
Lindsey Morgan-Lundie

UKME Champion
Patrick Gilbert

FOUNDATIONS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND SENS KERNEWEK

The next **Foundations in Christian Ministry** course will run from September 2022 to June 2023.

This one-year part-time programme of formational study will provide space for people to explore their vocation and grow in Christ. Participants will learn about the Bible, theology, spirituality, pastoral care and mission. They'll enjoy the fellowship of other Christians at the Saturday Study Days and will share in worship and hospitality.



We are also taking applications for our next **Sens Kernewek** cohort that will begin in January 2023. Meetings take place once a fortnight on week night evenings. This six-month programme focuses on learning scripturally and theologically from our lived experience, sharing together in Bible study and prayer. Participants may attend both the Foundations course and Sens Kernewek together (where relevant).



The course is intended both for the exploration of potential vocations and the deepening of existing ministries. Participants will already be active leaders in their church communities.

We are inviting applications for both of these courses now. If you know of someone that may be interested they can contact **Melanie Pomery** for information.

EXPLORING LAY MINISTRIES

Encouraging others to explore their vocation

Pastoral Ministry

All who would follow Christ are called to love our neighbours but God also calls some, through their gifts of inspired listening and understanding, to public ministries of care.

The Diocese of Truro recognises that individuals may be called to exercise just such a public ministry by visiting those in need, as well as offering other ministries of care and welcome such as administering home communion, baptism or marriage preparation and bereavement support.

We offer a training course **Key Skills in Pastoral Care** that covers the core skills needed in Christian pastoral work, those of: listening to others, understanding our own feelings and needs, reflecting on the Christian significance of what we are doing, working in a team and understanding confidentiality.

In addition we offer ongoing support, training and advice to all LPMs and Pastoral Teams.

More information about Pastoral Ministry can be found [here](#).

Worship Leading

Some individuals may be gifted in leading others in worship. Local Worship Leaders (LWL) may be authorised to assist at a Eucharistic or other services led by ordained or licensed ministers; they may devise and lead Services of the Word (BCP or Common Worship), special services, new forms of worship such as Café or Messy Church, under the authority, scrutiny and guidance of their incumbent. They are not licensed to preach.

We offer the **Sunday Plus training** course which is designed to train Local Worship Leaders to lead worship, not

just on Sundays, but at anytime, covering subjects such as service structure, the church year, using technology, all age worship, learning styles and prayer. There is also an ongoing package of training and support available.

More information on Worship Leading can be found [here](#).

**SAVE THE DATE
LAY MINISTRIES
CELEBRATION 2023**

Saturday 18 March
Truro Cathedral

ONLINE CMD PROGRAMME

Talking Alpha

How to run it effectively

Thursday 5 May

2.00pm-3.30pm

Join Sam Gristwood, the Head of **Alpha UK** for the South of England and Revd Ed Hodges, Vicar of St Matthews, Exeter, as they discuss Alpha and how it can be used.

They will unpick a variety of approaches to Alpha and the difference Ed has seen running the programme in the South West compared to HTB.

[Book here](#)

Talking Vocations

Thursday 19 May

10.00am-11.15am

Join the Revd Jane Vaughan-Wilson, Diocesan Director of Ordinands, as she talks to people about their own personal vocation journey.

[Book here](#)

Bishops' Study Day

Let All Creation Praise the Lord - A Christian response to climate change

Tuesday 7 June

9.30am

A day to reflect together on the theological and practical implications of God's call on our lives to care better for God's creation.

[Book here](#)

Financial Planning During your Ministry and Beyond

Thursday 16 June

9.30am-1.00pm

The aim of this seminar is to help clergy (and their partners) demystify financial matters, and to help you plan for your financial future no matter how far you may be from retirement.

We will be welcoming subject experts from The Church of England Pensions Board, clergy pension and housing teams; plus independent financial advisers from Ecclesiastical Financial Advisory Services.

The speakers will address personal financial planning issues and questions that in their experience face most clergy.

Key themes for the day:

- General financial planning hints and tips
- The importance of planning ahead
- Housing options including buying property (or remortgaging) during your ministry and how the church can help with retirement housing
- What to expect from the clergy pension scheme and considering the options for saving more
- Protecting your family
- Saving and investing hints and tips including tax efficiency, investment risks and ethical investment options

During the sessions, you will have the opportunity to ask the experts your financial questions.

After the session, should you wish, you will be able to arrange for the speakers to contact you at a convenient time for a one to one discussion about your circumstances.

[Book here](#)

ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW

Volunteers needed!

We are looking for clergy to help on our Church weddings stand in the weddings tent at the Royal Cornwall Show. The show this year will take place from Thursday 9 – Saturday 11 June and we would like to invite members of clergy to take part for half a day on a rota basis.

You will be working together with a member of the Generous Giving Team.

In previous years this event has been a great opportunity for conversations with couples exploring marriage and who are considering getting married in the church, as well as some in depth pastoral and missional conversations.



If you would like to be involved with this event please contact **Christine Salaman**, Generous Giving Advisor.

MENOPAUSE POLICY

As part of our ongoing commitment to embed clergy wellbeing into our everyday practices and policies, Louise Court, Director of HR, is looking for two or three priests to help her draft a new clergy menopause policy, and build on the good work already done by the staff menopause working group.

If you are interested, please contact Louise on 01872 247217 or by **email**.

TALKING PIONEERING

In person at
Huddle, TR11 3DX

THURSDAY MAY 12
7.30PM - 9.00PM

Mission and the Market Place

A conversation exploring new
ways of sustainability.

Register here

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EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Divided Brain and the Sense of the Sacred

Theos Think Tank
21 April. 12.30-1.30pm, online
Book here

Thy Kingdom Come 2022

26 May-5 June
Resources and guidance are available on the website **here**

Pusey House 2022 Theological Conference

Descent of the Dove
4-6 July 2022

Descent of the Dove: Knowing and Loving in Spirit and Truth will consider the person and work of the Holy Spirit, and the inevitable transformation which any knowledge of, faith in, or encounter with, the Holy Spirit both invites and enables.

Book here

Broken Rites is an inter-denominational group offering support and information to separated and divorced spouses/partners of clergy and ministers. They can offer 1:1 or group support, more information is available on their **website**.

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