

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

ESTATES MINISTRY

As part of our 'CMD Bitesize' series we had the pleasure of chatting to Sara Barron, Executive Director for **National Estate Churches Network** about her role and the importance of estates ministry.

Rev Sara Barron is a Baptist Minister pioneering in Looe, having moved there four years ago after sensing a call to Cornwall. During her first years in Looe, Sara has spent time listening to the community, seeking to see where God is at work and joining in. Prior to this, Sara spent 16 years in a large housing estate called Leigh Park where she lived and worked alongside her husband Barney and their four children.

It was at Leigh Park that Sara discovered the biggest, most loving and accepting God and a community of people who were loyal, open and 'in it together'. This experience together with her work at CURBS and her own personal journey to faith brought Sara to the role with NECN.

NECN is excited to be a support and encouragement to those living and working in low-income communities across England and Wales. They seek to highlight relevant resources through their website, monthly newsletter and social media and offer support through local groups - connecting together to share in the highs and lows. They offer conferences, webinars and visits to sharpen learning and share good practice. NECN is an



ecumenical network that brings people together and encourages collaboration.

NECN's membership includes church and community leaders and workers, clergy, residents and others who live, work and serve God on housing estates across England and Wales.

A recording of the conversation with Sara Barron is available to view. Please email **Mel Pomery** for a copy.

Information about NECN is available on their **website**.

CURBS is a small Christian charity set up in 1996 in response to the need for resources and training for church-linked children's workers in inner cities and on outer urban estates. They provide a range of children's resources suitable for use in church settings.

GUIDANCE FOR PARISHES FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF HM THE QUEEN

The Church of England has released the official guidance for churches following the death of HM The Queen. You can find the information **here**.

The official Church of England Prayer, liturgy, and other resources are also available on the Church of England website **here**.

The Church of England's Online Book of Condolence is available **here**.

BISHOPS' STUDY DAY 19 OCTOBER 2022

Exploring Mental Health

Wednesday 19 October
9.30am - 3.45pm

Royal Cornwall Pavilion Centre,
Wadebridge, PL27 7JE

BOOK YOUR PLACE

CONTINUING MINISTERIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Joy of Sex and the Church of England

**Thursday 3 November,
3.00pm-4.30pm
Online**

Led by Canon Prof Mark Chapman, Vice-Principal, Ripon College, Cuddesdon, Professor of the History of Modern Theology and Canon Theologian of Truro Cathedral.

This illustrated talk discusses the changing approaches, through the twentieth century, of the Church of England to sex, sexuality and sexual pleasure. It shows how the church addressed issues of contraception and homosexuality from 1920 to the 1980s. This will be of particular interest to anybody who has participated in the LLF process.

Book here

The Gospel according to Matthew; its context, its theology and its message, and how we preach it.

**Tuesday 8 November,
2.00pm-4.00pm
Old Cathedral School, Truro**

This Bible study will be led by Robert Evans. Robert has degrees from Oxford, Cambridge and London, and is recently retired from an academic career in New Testament theology and biblical interpretation.

His last book was *Reception History*,

Biblical Interpretation and Tradition. He comes from St Ives, was a curate (early 1980s) in Wadebridge and St Columb Minor, and now lives in Coverack.

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Handling Conflict Constructively

**Tuesday 24 January 2023
9.30am-4.15pm
Online**

We're delighted to welcome back Bridge Builders to lead this session for us.

Tension in church life can be sparked by many different things: personal-ity clashes, changes in buildings or patterns of worship, unexpected crisis events, unpopular decisions by the leadership, arguments about doctrine, disreputable behaviour – to name just some. The impact of the tension can be anything from minor individual disagreements to painful and long lasting divisions.

Leading through times of tension can be challenging, as we deal with our own anxieties as well as those of others. This online workshop provides an opportunity to reflect on our own experiences of conflict, the challenges of leadership through the current context of change and uncertainty and the importance of effective and constructive communication in times of tension.

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CMD Bitesize Webinars

Below are just a couple of the CMD webinar recordings we have available as resources. If you'd like to watch either of these please email **Mel Pomery**.

Talking Alpha How to Run it Effectively

Sam Gristwood, the Head of Alpha UK for the South of England and Revd Ed Hodges, Vicar of St Matthews, Exeter, discuss Alpha and how it can be used. They unpick a variety of approaches to Alpha and the difference Ed has seen running the programme in the South West compared to HTB.

Becoming a Community Changer

Joff Phipps, Social Justice Missioner, All Saints Church Truro, chats to Ian Curnow, Chief Executive of Konnect Communities CIC about his work, empowering local communities and creating social enterprises. They discuss how to make a difference, what are the first steps and who are the organisations that can help.

CMD GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Diocese of Truro is committed to offering each clergyperson an annual grant to help towards the cost of CMD.

For more information or to access your grant please contact **Rebecca Evans** or **Mel Pomery** in the Ministry Team.

CELTIC QUIET PLACES

Do you have a church in your benefice that is under-used, perhaps a bit isolated, but still very dearly loved?

Would you consider allowing it to be part of a new directory of Celtic Quiet Places which could be promoted on the internet?

The idea, which has come from Canon Pat Robson and is supported by Bishop Philip, is to see if it might be possible to create a network of small churches that both locals and tourists alike could visit: places where they can spend some time alone in peace and quiet, enjoying the atmosphere of an ancient holy place and the beauty of the countryside around it.

The directory would be made available on the internet so that visitors could plan their walks and car journeys accordingly, and would include a photograph of the church, a sketch map showing how to find it, times when it would be open, the availability of outdoor seating, wheel-chair accessibility, car parking and details of toilets available, if any.

If you are interested in taking part or have any ideas or suggestions, please contact Pat via email **here** or call 07867 577416 or 01726 882366.

Read the full story here.

School Governor & Trustee Opportunities

This is an exciting time to be a Trustee or Governor.

We believe you could provide a vital role in our schools helping to shape the future for the next generation.

If you have the time, professional skills, energy and commitment for this rewarding role we would love to hear from you.

For an informal chat contact Clare Kendle, Education Governance Lead, on 01872 309261 or by **email**.

RETIREMENT HOUSING

Many of you will know about the CHARM scheme that offers clergy with at least 15 years' of stipendiary service the opportunity to rent a modest home in England and Wales at a subsidised rate when they retire. It also provides other support, services and advice on older persons' shared ownership and mortgage products.

CHARM is currently experiencing unprecedented demand for their services and housing, as well as volatility in the housing market, and other challenges. As a consequence, retirement moves are now taking them at least 2 years to plan well and they are asking that if you are considering retiring in the next 2-3 years, and



might need their services, please get in touch with them as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. You can ring them on 020 7898 1824.

The Church of England also offer guidance and support on retirement housing more generally and you can download their guide (including information on CHARM) [here](#).

PREPARING TO RETIRE WELL

The first session of our 'Planning to Retire Well' group took place last week at Epiphany House.

The small group of clergy met to discuss their questions and concerns; providing support for each other in

what can sometimes be a challenging process for clergy and their families.

If you'd like to be part of the group, even if you're still a few years from retirement, please contact [Mel Pomery](#) for more details.

ADDITION TO COMMISSIONING PRAYER

The Right Reverend Graham Usher, who is Bishop of Norwich and the Bishop who oversees the Church of England's work on Creation Care, has written to commend an addition to the Commissioning part of the liturgy of Baptism/Confirmation/Renewal Vows. This idea comes from the Bishop of Oxford who has introduced it in his diocese, and it is supported by +Philip and +Hugh for Truro Diocese.

The invitation is to add an additional question which draws on the language of the fifth mark of mission and which

is inserted between "Will you acknowledge Christ's authority..." and "May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith..." as follows: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth? With the help of God I will.

This isn't a change to the baptismal liturgy itself, but is offered as a way of recognising and deepening our national vision to be missionary disciples, our priority to cherish creation, and work towards net zero.

EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES

CMS

Pioneering Parishes: Starting out

20 September, 7.30pm

[Book here](#)

Pioneer Practice Pioneer Practice with Jonny Baker & Gavin Mart

20 September, Falmouth

21 September, Looe

[Book here](#)

Church of England Webinars

Follow the Star 2022: Explore 'The Great Invitation' resources to support your church this Advent and Christmas

20 September, 12pm

[Book here](#)

Devon & Cornwall Regional MOSAIC Group

How do we flourish in a church with barriers?

5 October, 2.00pm & 7.00pm

[Afternoon booking](#)

[Evening booking](#)

LICC

Navigating Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion

18 October, 7pm

[Book here](#)

Church Army

Envoy: Making evangelism a way of life

Various start dates

[Book here](#)

[More external courses here](#)

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