

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

DEVOLUTION DEAL FOR CORNWALL

It's a **big deal**
for Cornwall

letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/bigdeal



The Government and Cornwall Council have negotiated a proposed Devolution Deal. If it is accepted, Government would give additional powers and funding to Cornwall Council. The deal would give Cornwall Council more funding to invest in Cornwall's future, and more control over the decision-making that affects Cornwall's residents and businesses. The proposed deal could bring in £390m of extra funding to spend on homes, transport, our environment and protecting the Cornish language.

If Cornwall Council is to receive more powers and funding, it will need to change the way the council is governed, from the current system of a Council Leader, elected by the 87 Cornwall councillors every year, to a Mayor directly elected by the people of Cornwall every four years.

Cornwall Council want to know what people think about the proposed deal and required change in how the council is governed or led and will be holding public meetings in a number of places and will share details of the public events [here](#).

Cornwall Council would also like the opportunity to visit people in their own 'place and space'. If you would be

interested in hosting a meeting at your church to discuss the deal and what it could mean for Cornwall and the diocese please contact Beverley Hill, Cornwall Devolution Deal Communications and Engagement, by email [here](#).

To find out more about the proposed deal and what it could mean for Cornwall, visit the council [website](#) or you can also attend one of the public meetings.

To have your say on the proposed Cornwall Devolution Deal you can complete the consultation survey [here](#).

The consultation is open until midnight on Friday 17 February 2023.

Paper copies of the consultation survey questionnaires are available on request, for people who need it, by [email](#) or by phone: 0300 1231 118.

The results of the consultation will be considered by Cornwall Council before any decision is made to proceed with the proposed deal, including making the required change to the council's governance to that of a directly elected Mayor.

CORONATION OF HM KING CHARLES III

News may have reached you of changes to the circumstances of the former Duke of Cornwall and events planned to take place in May this year!

We understand that there will be liturgical material produced and available for use in churches, to be available from February, along the lines of that published for the accession and funeral last year. We will distribute further material and information as we receive it, but that is all we know at the moment.

In the meantime, the Coronation liturgy used for the late Queen is available [here](#).

CELEBRATION OF LAY MINISTRY

**Truro Cathedral
18 March, 11am**

420 people hold lay ministry roles in the Diocese of Truro. Join Bishop Philip and Bishop Hugh in celebrating the contribution they make to both our local churches and the diocese.

[Book a place here](#)

CMD PROGRAMME 2023

JANUARY

Hearing God's Voice Through the Psalms

Thursday 19 January,
9.30am-12.30pm, Epiphany House
Led by the Revd Howard Peskett

Practise listening to God through three very different psalms, a lament, an earthquake psalm and a justice song. There will be reading, writing, listening and silence. There will be discussion about resources on the psalms, reading and singing psalms, using the psalms and difficult psalms. Deepen your understanding of these universal songs as revelation from God through human experience.

BOOK HERE

Handling Conflict Constructively

Tuesday 24 January,
9.30am-4.15pm, Online
Led by Bridge Builders

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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FEBRUARY & MARCH

The God Who Walks Slowly: Reflections on Mission & Ministry in a World of Speed

Revd Dr Benjamin Aldous

This four-session short course offers an opportunity to reflect theologically and personally on mission and ministry in a world increasingly turned towards speed, power and success. Drawing on the work of Japanese ecumenical theologian Kosuke Koyama, Ben Aldous will introduce participants to some key themes in Koyama's work through his book *The God Who Walks Slowly* published by SCM Press. Participants will receive a copy of the book.

Dates for the four sessions are:

Thursday 23 February,
10am-2.30pm, Epiphany House

Thursday 2 March,
2pm-4pm, online

Thursday 9 March,
2pm-4pm, online

Thursday 30 March,
10am-2.30pm, Epiphany House

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APRIL

An Established Church in a Country of Nones. What are we to do?

Thursday 27 April,
3pm-4.30pm, Online

Led by Canon Professor Mark Chapman

A look at the recent Census, the implications for Christian ministry today and how that differs from the past.

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MAY

Bishops' Study Day - Save the Date!

Tuesday 9 May

Details to be confirmed.

Canon Law

Tuesday 16 May,
9.30am-11.30am, online

Led by the Revd Canon Paul Arthur

A general overview of what canon law is and its status. The employment status of ministers of religion and how that affects our work. A significant part of the discussion will examine marriage preliminaries, legalities and registration.

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JUNE

You Cannot Eat the View

Thursday 8 June,
10am-12 noon,

All Saints Highertown, Truro

Led by the Revd Andrew Yates

This CMD session will explore how the Nazareth Manifesto (Luke 4 v 17 -19) can be lived out in a Cornish setting.

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CHURCH PLANTING THEOLOGY CONFERENCE 2023



The Centre for Church Planting Theology and Research is hosting 'A Theology of Planting?', the first academic conference that specifically addresses church planting and starting new churches to be held in the UK. The conference is being hosted by the Centre for Church Planting Theology and Research based at Cranmer Hall.

The conference will be held in person in Durham on March 20 - 22, 2023. The three days will be a mix of plenary sessions - including input from

missionary theologians Cathy Ross and Stefan Paas - and breakout sessions in which theologian-practitioners will be presenting papers. Alongside all this there will be plenty of time to network, share ideas, and enjoy Durham city and surroundings.

Their hope is that this conference will provide an ideal opportunity for theologians and practitioners to come together to reflect on the learnings from starting new churches.

For more information and to book a place please visit the website [here](#).

CMD GRANT REMINDER

Up to £250 annually is available for CMD expenses (for both stipendiary and self-supporting ministers). This includes course costs and travel.



Devon & Cornwall Regional Conference

How do we flourish in a church with barriers

An evening conversation on Zoom

Thursday 16 February
7pm-9pm

Keynote Speaker:
The Ven Canon Pete Spiers

REGISTER HERE

CONTACTLESS GIVING

A Digital Rollout Programme is underway in the Church of England, and we are pleased to say that the Diocese of Truro has been successful in securing 50 contactless giving devices worth £23,000 at a significantly subsidised rate.

If you would like to be considered to receive one of these devices for your church you need to apply, and the application process will open on 23 January 2023. Training will be provided to the 50 churches selected to receive the devices. The devices will be delivered in May 2023.

Contactless giving has proved very successful in a number of churches around the diocese, enabling people to give to the church when they are carrying little or no cash. They are particularly useful for special events, coffee mornings, and occasional offices and for use by visitors to the church, bringing in significant extra funds.



Please consider whether your church could benefit from one of these devices. Recent data suggests that most churches, large or small, would benefit.

Look out for further information on our website and social media so you are ready to apply from Monday 23 January.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of contactless giving or are unsure whether this would benefit your church, you can email your [Generous Giving Advisors here](#).

CLERGY SPOUSE QUIET DAY

Saturday 11 February, 10am-4pm

This quiet day will be shaped through poetry and creativity, with a visit to Old Kea Church for inspiration and stillness. Please bring wellies and waterproofs in case of wet weather and muddy paths.

In the morning we will journey through landscape where Saint Kea once

walked and in the afternoon there will be opportunity to undertake a creative task if you wish.

More details to follow once you have registered.

Please email [Ruth Mounstephen](#) if you wish to attend.

EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES

Pioneering Practices for an Adaptive Church

January 18, 3pm, online

A webinar with Dustin Benac. How do communities of faith respond to uncertainty and shifting organizational environments?

[Book here](#)

CHURCH SUPPORT WEBINARS Creating sustainable models of mission through innovation

January 26, 2pm, online

[Book here](#)

Cross-cultural evangelism: Britain as a mission field

January 31, 2pm, online

[Book here](#)

CHURCH URBAN FUND

Growing Good Toolkit training for group leaders

February 13, 7pm-8pm, online

February 20, 12pm-1pm, online

[Book here](#)

Made for You Conference

March 25, 2023, 9am-5pm

St Martin's Church, Liskeard

A one day conference for women with

Lou Fellingham and friends

[Book here](#)

[More external courses here](#)

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