

# 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

## VITAL HELP AT HAND FOR CLERGY AND THEIR FAMILIES

### Clergy Support Trust

**A wide range of grants and services are available to Anglican clergy and their families from Clergy Support Trust.**

Last year the charity helped more than 2,300 households, including more than 1 in 6 serving clergy in the Church of England.

The majority of the Trust's grants are made available for households which meet a simple savings and property threshold. Grants are available to help with emergencies or unexpected

expenses, including help with the cost-of-living crisis.

Clergy Support Trust also provides help with physical and mental health, including diagnostic tests, counselling and help with insomnia or poor sleep.

Mark described how he applied to the Trust: "I asked if they could help with a contribution towards a mobility scooter. An Occupational Therapist visited and advised me on my needs."

"The big difference the scooter has made is I can go to the beach or shopping and have fish and chips on the pier. All this would have been impossible before. To anyone considering approaching Clergy Support Trust I would simply say 'do it.'"

Clergy Support Trust, which is

independent from the Church, confidential and inclusive, can also fund holidays, retreats and respite breaks, fitness and leisure or sabbaticals.

The Revd Ben Cahill-Nicholls, Chief Executive of Clergy Support Trust: "At this challenging time we are helping more people than ever: ordinands with health needs and an e-book library, and our wider grants and services programme is supporting women and men at all stages of ministry, and those in retirement.

"I encourage clergy and their families to get in touch. My team and I are honoured to be there for those whose days are filled supporting others."

Clergy households can find out more via [clergysupport.org.uk](https://clergysupport.org.uk), calling 0800 389 5192 or by emailing [grants@clergysupport.org.uk](mailto:grants@clergysupport.org.uk)

## CHERISH CREATION, CUT CARBON AND SPEAK UP - CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for a clergy representative to join the Diocesan Environment Board. This is the body that is responsible, on behalf of the Bishop's Diocesan Council, for overseeing the development, implementation and effectiveness of the Diocesan Environment Strategy including the ambition to achieve Net Zero by 2030. The Board is made up of representatives from key areas of the work involved in the strategy including diocesan properties, glebe, DAC, creation care and investment.

Until recently, the Revd Steve Morgan sat on the Board as a representative of

parishes and clergy and has been an important voice to help us ensure that the plans and their

implementation reflect the realities of parish life. Now Steve is moving on to a role outside the diocese, we would like to invite his fellow clergy to express their interest in sitting on the Board.

The Board meets on Zoom roughly every six weeks for 1.5 hours. There is



the option to also sit on the Creation Care Group, but this can be discussed, depending on your capacity.

An expression of interest needs to be no more than a paragraph about why you would be interested in joining the Board and if you have any particular experience or skills that would relate well to the work.

If you would like to speak to someone about it first please contact **Kate Cortez** or 01872 360023. Expressions of interest to be sent to Kate by April 21, 2023.

# CMD PROGRAMME 2023

## 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

This session discusses the results of the recent census and the marked decline of people identifying with Christianity and the rise of those who claim to have no religion. Mark Chapman will look at the implications for mission as well as for the traditional 'established' model of the Church of England. Drawing on some of the recent parliamentary interventions during the debate around sexuality, he will raise some questions about whether it is better for the Church to be free from the links with the state or whether establishment is an idea that still has some mileage.

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## MAY

**Canon Law**

Tuesday 16 May,  
9.30am-11.30am, online

Led by the Revd Canon Paul Arthur

This session on canon law for clergy and anyone else who is interested in coming along will consist of a general overview of what canon law is and its status. There will be some discussion of the employment status of ministers of religion and how that affects their work. A significant part of the discussion will examine marriage preliminaries, legalities and registration. The session will be similar to the session offered in 2021 with updates since then.

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## BISHOPS' STUDY DAY

Exploring the Diocesan Vision and Plan for Change and Renewal

Tuesday 9 May

The Pavilion Centre  
Wadebridge, PL27 7JE

The day will be an opportunity to get together in person to worship, learn and grow. We will focus on the Diocesan Vision and Plan for Change and Renewal and there will be opportunities for discussion with your church leader colleagues.

The aims of the day will be:

- to meet together to worship and explore scripture
- to look at what can be done corporately to support the parishes
- to engage in helping shape the culture of the diocese
- to be together and share in hospitality.

The study day is open to all clergy and Readers

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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

Churches play a large part in serving those in need through foodbanks, meals for rough sleepers and other community support. 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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**An Introduction to Trans Theologies**

Thursday 15 June,  
2pm-3.30pm, online

Led by Susannah Cornwall, Professor of Constructive Theologies at the University of Exeter

How can Christians best respond to gender-variant, trans and nonbinary people? This session gives an opportunity to reflect on recent social and medical trends in the care of people going through gender transition.

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## JULY

**To Be a Pilgrim - Quiet Day for Clergy**

Thursday 6 July,  
9.30am -3pm, Epiphany House

Led by Father Jeff Risbridger

This Quiet Day offers the opportunity to take time away from the demands of our usual daily lives to try to deepen our relationship with God through silence, prayer and reflection.

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## CORONATION WEEKEND: CELEBRATE AT YOUR CHURCH



Hosted by the Church of England on Thursday, March 9, 2023, the webinar *Celebrating The Coronation Weekend at Your Church* introduced the national plans and resources for the Coronation Weekend with suggestions on how to use them locally to create a memorable and outward-facing occasion.

You can now watch the recording of the webinar [here](#) where you'll also find key

dates and links to the resources mentioned during the webinar.

The recording includes human-transcribed and proofed closed captions, which are switched on by default.

Please do feel free to share this webinar [recording link](#) with anyone you think might be interested.

The date for the next Coronation Celebration webinar is Thursday, April 20, 4pm-5pm. Capacity for the next webinar has already been increased to ensure everyone who wishes to join can join.

[Register here](#)

## SAFEGUARDING REMINDER

A reminder of the safeguarding requirements for Commissioned and Licensed Lay Ministries is available on the diocesan website [here](#).

Following some recent confusion by some regarding the safeguarding requirements for commissioned and lay ministries we would like to remind you that all lay ministries need to comply with their correct safeguarding requirements in order to continue in their ministry.

The requirements for each role can be viewed [here](#)

# CORNWALL HISTORIC CHUCHES TRUST

## Maintenance and Kickstart Scheme for 2023

All churches are facing immense challenges that have only increased since the Pandemic. General uncertainty is resulting in essential maintenance work being delayed and the shelving of much needed capital schemes.

In order to encourage churches to act sooner rather than later, CHCT has set aside £10,000 for help with routine maintenance or start-up costs incurred putting together major projects. Grants of up to £500 are available on a first come, first served basis. The Scheme will close when the funds have been allocated or on December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner.

### Maintenance Grants

CHCT is offering a one-off payment of £500 to cover the cost of inspection and clearance work as well as any remedial work that can be undertaken at the same time.

### Kickstart Grants

Some churches wish to undertake major projects that require a considerable amount of work before the fund raising process can start. CHCT is offering a payment of £500 to help with project start-up costs such as surveys and feasibility studies.

For more information about the grants available and eligibility criteria please visit the [CHCT website](#). You can contact the [CHCT team here](#).

## ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW

June 8 - 10, 2023

The Royal Cornwall Show chaplaincy team are looking for volunteer chaplains (clergy and lay) to join them for this year's show, serving through the Sanctuary tent and across the showground. The Sanctuary team will provide training via Zoom and the volunteer would be on a rota for one day or across the days.

If you are interested, then please contact Revd David Moss, Chaplaincy co-ordinator, Royal Cornwall Show via [email](#) or call 01579 383274.

## PAROCHIAL FEES CHANGE

The level of parochial fees is set by General Synod on an annual basis, this happened as usual last year for January 2023.

However, the General Synod decided on February 8, 2023, to change the level of parochial fees with effect from March 1, 2023. These new fees are lower than the original 2023 fees.

For more information on the amendment to the parochial fees visit the [website here](#).

## EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES

### CHURCH SUPPORT WEBINARS

**Leading in Evangelism: What it is and what to do with it**

April 19, 11am-12pm, online

[Book here](#)

**Celebrating The Coronation in Your Church and Community**

April 20, 4pm, online

[Book here](#)

**The Arthur Rank Centre Rural Ministry Course**

April 25-26, Northampton

[Book here](#)

**Anglican Fresh Expressions & Pioneering Network Conference**

May 20, 10m-4pm

Blackfriars, Carlisle & Taunton

[Book here](#)

**Church Support Newsletter**

Keep up to date with news from the national church. Sign-up to their monthly newsletter

[Sign up here](#)

[More external courses here](#)

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## THE PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY

The Prayer Book Society brings together those who value the Book of Common Prayer - to promote, celebrate, and study.

The aim of the Society is to ensure that the book of Common Prayer is used and honoured, available for worship whenever it is desired.

Read more about The Prayer Book Society [here](#)