

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

LAY MINISTRIES IN THE DIOCESE OF TRURO

We are currently welcoming applications from those who would like to join the next

Foundations in Christian Ministry

course that will run from September 2023 to June 2024. 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. Please share this information with anyone who may be thinking about what new ministries God might be calling them into.



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.

On April 22 four young people (12-17yrs) gathered together in Bodmin to start a new course for **Young Worship Leaders**.

Led by Lydia Remick, Sophie Troczynska, Rose Jones and Barbara Brittain this 4 part course is designed to equip young people to assist in leading worship.

The sessions include 'Who can lead worship'; 'What is a service?'; 'How to lead well'; and 'How do we pray?'

At the end of the course each young person will receive a certificate of completion and be asked if they would like to be 'commissioned'.

The sessions to date have been filled with fun, laughter and great discussion. The young people have shown a deep awareness of their own faith alongside a light-hearted sense of humour and ability to link their own lives to the life of the church.

Read more about the course here.

If you know of any young people who would like to be involved or if you would like more information please contact **Lydia Remick**.

Refresher courses for **Local Pastoral Ministers** will run in June and July, covering active listening, bereavement and maintaining boundaries. Ideal for LPMs who completed their training some time ago and who wish to top up their skills.

29 June & 6 July, 10am-12pm, Truro
Book here
13 & 20 July, 2pm-4pm, Bodmin
Book here

SAVE THE DATES

Lay Ministry Commissioning and Recommissioning Services

Archdeaconry of Bodmin
Sunday, 17 September, 4pm
St Petroc's Church, Bodmin

Archdeaconry of Cornwall
Sunday, 24 September, 4pm
St Mary's Church, Portreath

Celebration of Lay Ministry
Saturday, 9 March, 11am
Truro Cathedral

The Lay Ministries Celebration at the cathedral in March saw our first

Sens Kernewek

group commissioned as Local Leaders. We currently have 12 people attending our second cohort in Bodmin and are now inviting applications for our third cohort to begin in Truro in September.



Sens Kernewek meetings take place approximately 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.

READERS HANDBOOK 2023

An updated version of the Readers Handbook is now available to download from the website **here**. Along with accompanying documents and resources.



CMD PROGRAMME 2023

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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SEPTEMBER

Financial Planning During Your Ministry and Beyond

Thursday, 14 September,
9.30am -3.30pm, Epiphany House

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

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The Gospel of Mark for Year B: the message, the context, the theology

Thursday, 21 September,
2pm-4.30pm, Epiphany House
Led by Robert Evans

This session is an opportunity to be refreshed and challenged by Mark's message, relating the parts to the whole, and to engage with other methods and resources that help us understand it; and then move 'from text to sermon'.

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Mental Health First Aid

Tuesday, 26 September,
9.30am -4.30pm, Epiphany House
Led by Healthy Cornwall

An awareness and skills course with a workplace focus which will teach you to:

- Recognise the main signs and symptoms of common mental health issues
- Provide initial support and sign-posting to professional help
- Be mindful of your own wellbeing
- Develop an understanding of how you can create and maintain a healthier workforce or community

[BOOK HERE](#)

OCTOBER

Seeing the Bible and Seeing Beyond the Bible: Insights from the Visual Commentary on Scripture

Thursday, 5 October
2pm-3.30pm, online

With Revd Canon Dr Joanna Collicutt

This session will explore visual approaches to the Bible, drawing on the Visual Commentary on Scripture (www.thevcs.org). It will begin by looking at different ways of understanding the Bible and its reception before moving on to a consideration of the way the Bible connects both with visual art and the natural world, in particular the world of human psychology and relationships. The aim of the session (apart from enjoyment) is to offer a fresh perspective on the Bible, deepen engagement with certain aspects, and offer a resource for preaching.

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Understanding Christianity Resource for Schools

Wednesday, 11 October
1pm-3pm, online

Led by Nicki Bonell and Felicity Henchley, LTRE West and Mid Cornwall Primary hub leads

This session is designed for Clergy and anyone who wants to gain an understanding of how RE is taught in schools. Understanding Christianity is a whole school approach to the teaching and learning of Christianity in Religious Education.

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NOVEMBER

Bishops' Study Day

Tuesday, 7 November

Topic tbc

A Day with John's Gospel

Thursday, 16 November
9.30am-3.30pm

Led by the Revd Howard Peskett

The primary purpose of this one-day workshop/retreat with John's gospel is to read the text and to listen to the voice of God. John's gospel is not well-served by the Revised Common Lectionary (for reasons I will explain).

We will observe the way in which John has carefully structured his story to complement the earlier narratives of Jesus' life and work. We will enjoy the stories of Jesus' meetings with individuals and we shall pay attention to his long speeches, so different from the other gospels.

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SIGN UP TO THE MONTHLY FINANCE UPDATE EMAIL

If any clergy would like to receive the monthly finance update, which includes the MMF Summary reports, that is emailed to PCC Treasurers, please contact the finance team by **email** and advise them that you would like to 'opt in' and you will be added to the email list. You will not receive emails if you do not opt in, however you can be added or removed at any time following your request to do so.

If you would like to see a copy of the latest email as an example of the information before signing up please contact the **finance team**.

CREMATORIUM UPDATE

We have recently been reminded that each crematorium will have its own approach to timings and some may impose a surcharge should the service 'over run' its allocated time slot. Please ensure that you and your colleagues are aware of these arrangements.



TELECOMS TIP

Many people still expect to be able to get in contact with the vicar, other member of the ministry team, or someone on the PCC, on the phone seven days a week (sometimes 24/7!).

Revd Chris McQuillen-Wright has found one other solution. He is responsible for a multi-parish benefice in North Cornwall and is away from his home desk more hours than not. He now uses Landline Anywhere (other providers have similar schemes). This gives him a dedicated local phone number, but not actually a phone line.

[Read more about it here](#)

CHURCH OF ENGLAND EMPLOYEES AND ADVOCATES

CEECA is a professional association of clergy and lay people employed in the Church of England. It is a sector of the Faith Workers' Branch of Unite, which is open to all employees and office holders of any faith organisation.

CEECA has a national network of Accredited Representatives providing advice, support and representation working for a fairer working environment for all.

As CEECA Co-ordinator for Cornwall, I host an informal bi-monthly Zoom

conversation for mutual support and information sharing. This is a safe space to share and know you are not alone. Please feel free to contact me at paulpriet@penlecluster.org.uk for more details.

The Faith Workers' helpline is 0333 123 0021. Non-members are welcome to call, but limited support can be given in these circumstances. It is better to join before you have problems!

The Revd Andrew Yates,
Paul Benefice

SWMTC TRUSTEE VACANCIES AVAILABLE THIS JUNE

SWMTC is currently recruiting 2 new trustees to join the board from this autumn. They are seeking people with an interest in the life and wellbeing of the Church of England in the South West, and especially in the formation and training of lay and ordained ministers, who can help guide SWMTC as it develops in the coming years. They particularly need one person with

HR experience and one with financial experience. This is a voluntary position, with expenses reimbursed.

For more details please visit their [website here](#).

Application deadline: 12 noon, Thursday, 29 June.

BOOKS FOR SALE

The Revd Rachel Freschini has a number of books available for sale, a list of titles is available on our [website](#).

If you would like to buy any of the books please contact Rachel directly [by email](#).



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EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES

How to use Canva for your Church

Church of England, Digital Labs

June 21, 11am, online

[Book here](#)

The Festival of Prayer 2023

July 22, 10am-4.35pm

Ripon College

[Book here](#)

NECN Annual Conference God with Us, Sharing our Journey

September 22, 10am-3.30pm,

Bristol

[Book here](#)

Appreciating Church Conference

September 30, hybrid

[Book here](#)

Waking Up to and Addressing Whiteness in the Anglican Church

A Racial Justice Conference

by Reconciliation Initiatives

October 17, 9.15am-4.30pm

[Sign up here](#)

[More external courses here](#)

NEWSLETTERS

The Diocese of Truro has a range of newsletters aimed at keeping you up-to-date with what is happening across the diocese.

What's on offer:

- Our News Monthly (general news from the bishops, Church House, the National Church and around the diocese),
- DOTCandy,
- Social Responsibility Briefing,
- Stewardship News,
- Worship Matters,
- Pastoral Ministry Newsletter,
- Prayer Diary,
- International Links,
- Creation Care Network,
- Next Steps.

You can sign up to receive any or all of the above [here](#).