

CONTINUING MINISTERIAL DEVELOPMENT 2024 PROGRAMME

IN-PERSON AND ONLINE CMD SESSIONS FROM THE DIOCESE OF TRURO MINISTRY TEAM

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JANUARY

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID - ONE DAY COURSE

Tuesday 30 January, 9.30am-4.30pm, Epiphany House, Truro

Led by Healthy Cornwall

This is an awareness and skills course which will teach you to:

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

MHFA England is the leading provider of Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training with 15 years of experience.

Healthy Cornwall trainers are accredited Instructor Members approved by MHFA England to deliver Mental Health First Aid courses and have trained thousands of people across Cornwall and IOS.

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FEBRUARY

BEING A PRIEST ONLINE IN 2024

Wednesday 7 February, 10.00am-11.30am, Online

Led by Revd Bryony Taylor

The last ten years has seen a revolution in the way we communicate online, not least through the impact of the pandemic which thrust us into relying on technology in a new way. This will be a session to explore how social media is today, what it means to minister using these tools and an opportunity to reflect together theologically on how we use technology for ministry and mission.

Bryony was a social media consultant before being ordained in 2014. She found her online skills coming in handy during the pandemic and produced guides and ran online courses for fellow clergy on how to navigate this brave new world. Bryony contributed a chapter to the Grove Booklet 'Hybrid Church' in 2020 and to a collection of articles on church during the pandemic in a book called the Distanced Church edited by Heidi Campbell (2020). She can be found on twitter/X, Instagram and Threads @vahva.

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THREE MORNINGS WITH ST PAUL:

PART 1: TRANSFORMED BY THE CROSS OF CHRIST: PAUL AND HIS CONGREGATIONS

Thursday 22 February, 10.00am-1.30pm, Epiphany House, Truro

Led by Revd Dr Robert Evans

Paul's letters to different communities of believers are the earliest surviving Christian writings. He is our founding theologian, but he is a contentious figure even among faithful readers of the New Testament. Other people who know very little about the letters can also have strong opinions about what they think Paul wrote!

He writes to believers in the now distant culture of the first century, Jewish and Hellenistic. However, his core theological beliefs are now ours: 'We preach Christ crucified'; 'Jesus is Lord'. They were forged from the cross of Christ, from God's promises in the Hebrew Bible, from those who were in Christ before him and from his own experience. In the letters, he relates this theological core to the issues that the early congregations wrestle with: behaviour in community, in personal relationships, in leadership and ministries. There are ways to explore how this informs us in applying the theology to ourselves and our communities.

These three mornings are designed as a whole, so we hope you can come to all three. If you can come only to one or two, you will still be very welcome. People booking themselves in for any morning will be sent suggestions of which letters to read as preparation for that session.

Robert Evans has degrees from Oxford, Cambridge and London, and is recently retired from an academic career in New Testament theology and biblical interpretation. One of his books that is relevant (not required) for these sessions is *Judge for Yourselves: reading 1 Corinthians* (Darton Longman and Todd, 2003). He comes from St Ives, was a curate (early 1980s) in Wadebridge and St Columb Minor, and now lives in Coverack.

Part 2 will take place on 21 March.

Part 3 will take place on 18 April.

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CMD GRANTS FOR CLERGY

The Diocese of Truro is keen to encourage all licensed clergy to engage as widely as possible in developing their ministry skills and experience.

Up to £250 annually is available for CMD expenses (for both stipendiary and self-supporting ministers). This includes course costs and travel, paid against receipts using the usual expenses claim form, which must be submitted within 3 months. To access your £250 grant or if you have any questions about the processes involved please contact the **ministry team**.

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND THE WORKING CLASS: HISTORICAL LESSONS FOR TODAY

Thursday 29 February, 2.00pm-3.30pm, online

Led by Canon Professor Mark Chapman

Mark Chapman will explore the ways in which the Church of England has related to working people through history, especially from the late nineteenth century. Although its efforts were principally focused on urban centres there were also efforts to engage rural labourers.

Mark will discuss the models that were adopted and offer suggestions as to how the Church might engage in the very different circumstances of contemporary England.

Mark is Vice-Principal and Academic Dean at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, Professor of the History of Modern Theology, University of Oxford and Canon Theologian of Truro Cathedral.

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MARCH

TRAVELLERSPACE: SUPPORTING GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS IN CORNWALL & DEVON

Tuesday 5 March, 10.00am-11.30am, online

Led by Caroline Dann, Director, TravellerSpace

TravellerSpace is a registered charity supporting Gypsies, Irish Travellers and New Travellers in Cornwall and the South West.

They aim to:

- Break down barriers which prevent Gypsies and Travellers having equality of access to health, education and welfare services.
- Support Gypsies and Travellers in ensuring their voices are heard in decision and policy making processes.
- Provide support for Gypsies and Travellers in health, education and welfare matters.
- Provide play and creative opportunities for Gypsy & Traveller children and young people, and support those who have been excluded from school
- Develop and deliver training and workshops for schools, service providers, and other statutory and non-statutory agencies
- Enable Gypsies and Travellers to access volunteering and training opportunities.
- Have a voice locally regionally and nationally in forums which highlight the issues facing the Gypsy and Traveller communities, and work to bring about positive change.
- Inform and educate the wider community about issues which affect Gypsies and Travellers and raise awareness of Gypsy and Traveller cultures and traditions.

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TRUSTING GOD IN TROUBLED TIMES

Thursday 14 March, 9.30am-3.30pm, Epiphany House, Truro

Led by Revd Howard Peskett

Isaiah is the fifth longest book in the Old Testament and the second most-quoted OT book in the New Testament. There are a few “purple passages” which many people know, often read at Christmas time. But how is the book arranged and what are its main themes?

During this session you will study the ten chapters of this book, which is overwhelmingly a book of faith. What does it mean to trust God in troubled times - then.... and now?

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THREE MORNINGS WITH ST PAUL: PART 2. THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST, AND LIVING UNDER IT

Thursday 21 March, 10.00am-1.30pm, Epiphany House, Truro

Led by Revd Dr Robert Evans

Part two of Robert's three sessions on Paul.

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APRIL

THREE MORNINGS WITH ST PAUL: 3. CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY, THEN AND NOW

Thursday 18 April, 10.00am-1.30pm, Epiphany House, Truro

Led by Revd Dr Robert Evans

The final part of Robert's sessions on Paul.

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HOW YOUR CHURCH CAN BRING ABOUT POSITIVE CHANGE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Tuesday 23 April, 10.00am-11.00am, online

Led by Charlotte Butler, Operations Director, Transformation Cornwall

This CMD session will highlight how to build a project in your church for your community. We will look at a community-asset based approach, the effect of this on sustainability and impact for your community, funding, and the benefits of evaluation. It will be discussion led with opportunities to discuss ideas, and case studies of social action project success.

This session will be led by Transformation Cornwall's Operations Director, Charlotte Butler. Charlotte has worked across various fields with a focus on fighting social injustice, in both the UK and worldwide.

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MAY

BISHOP'S STUDY DAY

Tuesday 7 May, 9.30am-4.00pm, St Erme Community Centre, Truro

Please save the date in your diaries. Details to be confirmed.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE CHURCH

Wednesday 15 May, 9.30am-12.30pm, Old Cathedral School, Truro

Led by the Revd Mark James

Revd Mark James, a Lead Consultant of the globally recognised governance authority DQM GRC, brings a wealth of knowledge and practical expertise to the conversation about the intersection of artificial intelligence and faith-based initiatives.

In an era where technology permeates every aspect of life, the Anglican church stands at a crossroad, contemplating the role of artificial intelligence within its ministry. Mark is hosting an explorative workshop designed to delve into the potential harmonies and dissonances between AI applications and the values we are to uphold. As a discussion-led event, attendees are encouraged to bring their insights, questions, and experiences to the table. Together, we will navigate the complex landscape of AI, seeking to understand its place in enhancing the reach and impact of our ministry in today's tech-driven world.

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JUNE

HOW CAN WE KEEP ON SINGING? HELPING YOUR CONGREGATION FIND THEIR VOICES

Thursday 6 June, 10.00am-2.30pm, venue to be confirmed

Led by The Royal School of Church Music

This session is aimed at those leading churches with limited musical confidence, helping them to make the most of the resources they have available. We will look at ways to help you choose music for your congregation and how to introduce and integrate new repertoire into worship successfully, building your confidence in leading your congregation in hymns and songs.

This session will be led by Jonathan Robinson from RSCM. Jonathan's experience of preparing and leading music for worship has ranged from gathering weekly guests and tourists at Iona Abbey into music for creative worship, to a decade at a large and busy well-resourced C of E in mid-Sussex. In addition to working for the RSCM he now serves a Methodist Church with fewer resources, but much enthusiasm.

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RESILIENCE TRAINING

Wednesday 12 June, 2.00pm-4.00pm, Epiphany House, Truro

Led by Sally Piper and Jane Vaughan-Wilson

Resilience is defined as “the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties.”

We all face challenges and difficulties throughout our lives and learning to cope with, and recover from them, is a useful skill to develop. This CMD session will explore, through interactive exercises, small group discussion and case studies, how we can grow in our personal resilience. They will reflect on how to work with challenging behaviour and conflict; looking at our responses, how we may react, what we might say or do and what support we may need. There will be a chance to share and discuss real examples and draw on the wisdom of the group.

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THEOLOGY STUDY DAY ORGANISED BY THE METHODIST DISTRICT

Saturday 22 June, 10.30am, Truro Methodist Church

All are welcome, no booking required.

Dr Stephen Barrie, Deputy Director of Ethics and Engagement in the Church of England’s Pension Office, will talk about ‘Faith and the environment. Stephen represents the Roman Catholic, Church of England and Methodist Churches on the Mining and Faith Reflections initiative. Revd Dr Raj Patta will lead the afternoon session which will explore ‘Subaltern Public Theology’. Raj is an ordained Lutheran Minister working in the Manchester and Stockport District of the Methodist Church.

SEPTEMBER

SIX HOURS WITH TWELVE PROPHETS

Thursday 19 September, 9.30am-3.30pm, Epiphany House, Truro

Led by Revd Howard Peskett

At the end of the (English) Old Testament are twelve prophetic books, commonly called “The Minor Prophets”, mainly because they are shorter in length than the “major” prophets. Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address is 272 words and lasted two minutes; but it is doubtful whether many people remember a word from Edward Everett’s two-hour speech which preceded it.

In this workshop/retreat we will “helicopter” over these twelve books (were they ever intended as one book?), observing their main themes and reflecting on their relevance for our lives and work today.

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OCTOBER

OUTDOOR MINISTRY

Tuesday 1 October, 10.00am-12.00pm, Epiphany House, Truro

Led by Revd Richard Allen

The Revd Richard Allen, Trelawny Benefice, will lead this session about outdoor ministry and how to reach people in new and fresh ways. In Trelawny Benefice they hold services in farmyards, village greens and quay sides. Like the monks of old who first visited Cornwall they meet people where they are at in their natural environment.

Come and see how to conduct a variety of different inspirational services ranging from Tractor Services, Lambing and Calving services, Harvest Festival on the farm and Harvest of the Sea on the quayside to traditional farming services of Plough and Rogation as well as special services for holiday makers called Church on the Quay.

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UNDERSTANDING CHRISTIANITY RESOURCE FOR SCHOOLS

Wednesday 2 October, 1.00pm-3.00pm, online

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

This session is designed for 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. Pupils from 4-14 years explore the significant theological concepts within Christianity as part of developing their wider religious, theological and cultural literacy.

Join this session for an overview of this fantastic teaching resource with details about how it teaches Christianity to children across the different age ranges. Explore how the 'Big Story' of the Bible is taught in a visual way along with a little taster of some of the inspiring and thought provoking RE lessons that will be delivered in schools using this resource.

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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (FOR YEAR 3)

Thursday 17 October, 10.00am-1.30pm, Epiphany House, Truro

Led by Revd Dr Robert Evans

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NOVEMBER

BISHOP'S STUDY DAY

Tuesday 5 November, 9.30am-4.00pm, The Pavilion Centre, Wadebridge

Please save the date in your diaries. Details to be confirmed.

DR STEVEN HORNE

Thursday 14 November, online

Dr Steven Horne is a Theologian, Lecturer, Lay Minister, and Ordinand, and the winner of several awards for his contribution to particular areas of research. Steven's primary research focuses on Gypsy and Traveller beliefs, belief systems, spiritualism, theology, and associated practices.

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ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

PREPARE TO RETIRE WELL AND BEYOND

A facilitated support group for clergy focusing on retirement, providing support for each other in what can sometimes be a challenging process. The group meet every 6-8 weeks throughout the year, at Epiphany House. The group is for those thinking about retiring in the next couple of years and also those who have recently retired. If you would like to be part of the group, please contact the [ministry team](#) for more details.

GREEK BIBLE READING GROUP

Our Greek Bible Reading Group meet online for 1hr every 3-4 weeks. All levels of experience are welcome, although a basic understanding of Greek would be beneficial. If you are interesting in joining the group please email the [ministry team](#).

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