

CONTINUING MINISTERIAL DEVELOPMENT 2025 PROGRAMME

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

FEBRUARY

VULNERABILITY TO BURNOUT: HOW TO MEASURE IT AND HOW TO MINIMIZE IT

Thursday 27 February, 10.00-11.30am, online

Led by the Revd Professor Andrew Village

This session introduces the Francis Burnout Inventory, a measure of clergy work-related psychological health. It is based on the notion of 'balanced affect', which suggests that emotional exhaustion in ministry can be partly offset by satisfaction in ministry. There will be a chance to help with the development of an online survey that aims to give clergy feedback on their vulnerability to burnout, and to talk about ways in which knowledge about who you are and what most exhausts or satisfies you can help to minimise your risk of burnout.

Andrew Village is a retired priest and professor emeritus at York St John University. Over the last two decades he has studied clergy and congregations, especially in the Church of England. His most recent study was the Church 2024 survey, which attracted responses from over 5000 clergy and churchgoers.

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MARCH

TWO MORNINGS WITH ST JOHN (PART 1)

Thursday 6 March, 10.30am-1.30pm, The Old Cathedral School Truro

Led by the Revd Dr Robert Evans

The Gospel of John has given us some of our key understanding of Christology, and also of the Holy Spirit. We will explore these, across two mornings, and the context they come from, and why this gospel seems, in some ways, different from the other three.

Part 2 will take place on 3 April.

Robert Evans has degrees from Oxford, Cambridge and London, and had an academic career in New Testament theology and biblical interpretation. 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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MINISTRY IN TIMES OF TURBULENCE, CONFUSION, CHANGE AND LOSS

Tuesday 18 March, 9.30am-3.30pm, Epiphany House

Led by the Revd Howard Peskett

‘Who would true valour see, let him come hither. One here will constant be, come wind, come weather.’

Jeremiah prophesied for forty years, and witnessed the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylonian army; everything he prophesied came true and still the people he was called to work among did not believe him. Jeremiah is the longest and, perhaps, the most passionate book in the Bible. Jeremiah was a man in violent struggle with his vocation to be a prophet. He wrote about God’s sizzling anger and judgement and his everlasting love. We will spend this day reading and listening to some of what Jeremiah wrote and learning from him how to be more steadfast, ministering in uncertain times.

Rev Howard Peskett was Senior Hebrew Scholar of Cambridge University. He is a Cornish Bard and the Coordinator of the Cornish Bible Project. He has been a teacher in Singapore, Bristol and Rural Dean in Penwith. He has spent a lifetime encouraging believers that they can discover for themselves the meaning and wonder of the Bible as they seek to love and follow Christ.

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APRIL

TWO MORNINGS WITH ST JOHN (PART 2)

Thursday 3 April, 10.30am-1.30pm, Epiphany House, Truro

Led by the Revd Dr Robert Evans

Part two of Robert Evans’ sessions on John.

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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 process please contact the [ministry team](#).

MAY

MEET THE FUNDERS - SPRING EVENT 2025

Tuesday 6 May, 9.15am-3.30pm, St Erme Community Centre, Trispen, Truro

The annual Meet the Funders event, organised by Transformation Cornwall alongside the Diocese of Truro, offers faith groups as well as community and third sector organisations the chance to network, learn about available funding from local and national grant-giving bodies and discuss project ideas with their representatives.

For more information visit their [website](#) or [email](#) them to join the mailing list to get the latest update.

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BISHOPS' STUDY DAY

Wednesday 7 May, 9.30am-4.00pm, The Pavilion Centre, Wadebridge

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

JUNE

EXPORTING ANGLICANISM: MISSIONARY PROBLEMS AT HOME AND ABROAD

Thursday 12 June, 10.30am-12.00pm, online

Led by Canon Professor Mark Chapman

Mark Chapman will explore some of the problems that emerged in the early years of the twentieth century in the mission field, with a focus on East Africa. He will focus on the great but intransigent Anglo-Catholic Bishop of Zanzibar Frank Weston and how he found himself in conflict with more evangelical expressions of Anglicanism. This session will look at how these old disputes continue to affect the Anglican Communion and even the Church of England.

Mark David Chapman is a British Anglican priest, theologian, historian, and academic. He was Vice-Principal of Ripon College Cuddesdon from 2002-2024, and has been Full Professor of the History of Modern Theology at the University of Oxford since 2015.

Mark is Canon Theologian at Truro Cathedral.

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JULY

FUNERAL MINISTRY (FOR READERS/LLMS)

Saturday 5 July, 10.30am-3.30pm, Epiphany House, Truro

All Readers/LLMs are welcome to come along to this Funeral Ministry training day. Sessions will include pastoral care of the grieving, liturgy and services, and working with a funeral director.

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OCTOBER

USING A SMART PHONE FOR LISTENING TO AND STUDYING THE BIBLE

Thursday 9 October, 9.30am-12.30pm, Epiphany House, Truro

Led by the Revd Howard Peskett

This is a hands-on workshop for those who are NOT experts with a Smartphone. We will demonstrate and practise using the phone for reading the Bible, listening to the Bible (many languages are available), practising Lectio Divina (meditating on the Bible) and having on our smartphones one or two apps which may help us in talking about the faith with our grandchildren. You will be invited to share your own experiences and perhaps your favourite apps.

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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Tuesday 21 October, 10.30am-1.30pm, Epiphany House, Truro

Led by the Revd Dr Robert Evans

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

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NOVEMBER

BISHOPS' STUDY DAY

Tuesday 4 November, 9.30am-4.00pm, The Pavilion Centre, Wadebridge

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

TRANSFORMISSIONAL GROUP COACHING

Truro Diocese are offering clergy the chance to attend Transformissional Group Coaching over a period of six weeks. The course, led by Niky Dix, Healthy Leaders, is designed exclusively to consider the wellbeing challenges clergy and Christian leaders often face. It provides a supportive and reflective space to explore evidence-based themes. Joining one of these small groups for six weekly sessions could help you build resilience, foster authentic leadership, and empower you to flourish in your calling.



There are four groups beginning this year:

Spring 2025 Groups

Group A: Tuesdays, 10am–12pm (May 13–June 17)

Group B: Wednesdays, 1pm–3pm (May 14–June 18)

Autumn 2025 Groups

Group C: Mondays, 10am–12pm (Sept 15–Oct 20)

Group D: Tuesdays, 1pm–3pm (Sept 16–Oct 21)

If you would like to know more or to register your interest, please get in touch with the **ministry team**. The cost of the course will be covered by your CMD annual grant and in part, by Truro Diocese.



CMD BITESIZE

If you have 30 minutes or less to spare you could listen to one of our bitesized podcasts. Topics include: safeguarding, contested heritage, Wild Church, AI and the church and trauma-informed theology.

Browse the full list and **listen here**.

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**.

REFLECTIVE PRACTICE GROUP FOR READERS/LLMS

We will be running a Reflective Practice Group for Readers/LLMs this year. The facilitated group will meet every 6-8 weeks online for approximately 1-2 hours. This is a good opportunity to spend some time with fellow Readers and to reflect on your ministry within a supportive group environment. Please register your interest with the **ministry team**.

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