

CONTINUING MINISTERIAL DEVELOPMENT 2026 PROGRAMME

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

FEBRUARY

UNDERSTANDING CHRISTIANITY RESOURCE FOR SCHOOLS

Thursday 12 February, 1.00-3.00pm, online

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

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 and learn 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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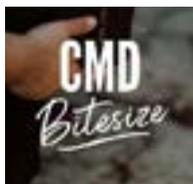
MARCH

FUNERAL MINISTRY TRAINING FOR READERS/LLMS

Saturday 7 March, 9.45am-12.30pm, Old Cathedral School, Truro

This half day training session is open to all Licensed Lay Ministers. Sessions will explore the liturgy and pastoral practice of funerals, helping you to develop the confidence and skills needed to accompany the bereaved with compassion and sensitivity.

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Short on time? Listen to one of our bitesized podcasts [here](#).

Topics include: Anna Chaplaincy, the Leprosy Mission, Growing Younger, Creationtide, oversight ministry.

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150 YEARS OF MOTHERS' UNION

Thursday 12 March, 10.00am-12.00pm, Epiphany House, Truro

Led by Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2026, a milestone that marks its founding in 1876. Mothers' Union is a women-led, international Christian movement dedicated to ending poverty, violence and social injustice in communities in the UK and around the world. Come and learn more about the work of the Mothers' Union throughout the world and in the diocese of Truro. Hear about the work they are already doing and what they can do for you in your benefices.

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AN INTRODUCTION TO DIOCESAN COMMUNICATIONS FOR CLERGY

Tuesday 17 March, 10.00am-10.30am, online

Led by Kelly Rowe, Head of Communications for Truro Diocese

Join the Diocese of Truro's Head of Communications, Kelly Rowe, for this important half hour session on diocesan communications. Hear about Kelly's role, explore how the team can help you and discuss how to deal with challenges you may encounter in your role. Kelly will point you to useful resources on the website and answer any questions you may have.

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APRIL

MEET THE FUNDERS 2026

Wednesday 22 April & Thursday 21 May, St Erme Community Centre

The annual Meet the Funders event, organised by Transformation Cornwall alongside the Diocese of Truro. For more information visit their [website](#) or [email](#) them to join the mailing list to get the latest update.

LESSONS FOR 'MISSION AND MINISTRY' FROM NEW TESTAMENT CONGREGATIONS

Wednesday 29 April, 10.30am-1.30pm, Epiphany House, Truro

Led by the Revd Dr Robert Evans

Our Diocese is developing new patterns of ministry. The different circumstances of New Testament communities give us a number of patterns of leadership, of team ministries, of 'local leaders' and trans-local organisation. Which of them can we learn from?

This session will be led by Revd Dr Robert Evans. Robert has degrees from Oxford, Cambridge and London, and is retired from 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. He now lives in Coverack and is a priest with PtO in Kerrier Deanery.

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MAY

BISHOP'S STUDY DAY - THE MISSION OF GOD AND THE MISSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Wednesday 6 May, 9.30am-4.30pm, The Pavilion Centre, Wadebridge

We will be joined by Kiera Phyo, Reconciling Leaders Network Director to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Booking details to be sent by invitation.

LEADING AND MANAGING PEOPLE IN MINISTRY - EMPOWERING PEOPLE, HONOURING DIFFERENCE, SERVING TOGETHER

Tuesday 12 May, 10.00am-1.30pm, Epiphany House, Truro

Led by the Revd Helen Baber

Whether you are an ordained or licensed lay leader, this course is for anyone responsible for leading others in a Church of England Benefice setting. Managing and developing people, especially volunteers, is one of the most rewarding and challenging aspects of ministry.

This course invites you to grow in your leadership by exploring how your individual style impacts the teams you lead, how to value the differences in others, and how to build high-functioning teams that reflect the body of Christ in action.

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JUNE

LOSS AND BEREAVEMENT AWARENESS

Tuesday 2 June, 10.15am-12.45pm, online

Led by Cruse Bereavement, this session will be helpful for anyone who wants to understand the issues surrounding bereavement and how to communicate with people after someone close to them has died.

The webinar will explore the many factors that shape the grieving process, how different influences affect grief, and help you to build the skills to communicate with bereaved people in a compassionate and effective way. The session will help you to develop confidence in talking about difficult or sensitive topics, while increasing your awareness of how grief impacts individuals — and how to look after yourself as you support others.

Cruse Bereavement Care offer support, advice and information to children, young people and adults when someone dies. They work to enhance society's care of bereaved people.

There is a maximum of 10 places available to book.

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JULY

UNDERSTANDING DBF FINANCES FOR CLERGY

Tuesday 14 July, 10.00-11.00am, online

Thursday 10 September, 2.00-3.00pm, online

Led by Truro Diocese Finance Team

Join the diocesan finance team to learn about DBF finances and ask questions you may have.

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SEPTEMBER

AN INTRODUCTION TO DIOCESAN COMMUNICATIONS FOR CLERGY

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OCTOBER

THE GOSPEL OF MARK FOR YEAR B

Thursday 8 October, 10.30am-1.30pm, Old Cathedral School Truro

Led by the Revd Dr Robert Evans

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

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CREATION CARE - HOW TO BRING IT TO LIFE

Wednesday 21 October, 10.30am-2.30pm, venue tbc

Led by Sharon Willoughby, Diocesan Environment Officer and the Revd Elly Sheard

We are all familiar with the 'why' of creation care - the twin environmental crises of biodiversity loss and climate change and their impacts on our communities. This workshop will help us reflect on the theological implications of our response and ponder the relevance of our understanding of Sabbath to our care for God's creation. We will also explore some of the practical ways that creation care can be brought to life within your setting.

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NOVEMBER

BISHOPS' STUDY DAY

Tuesday 3 November, 9.30am-4.30pm, The Pavilion Centre, Wadebridge

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

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](#).

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 already 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 approximately every 2 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 run a facilitated Reflective Practice Group for Readers/LLMs, meeting every 6-8 weeks online for approximately 1-2 hours. It's 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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