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INFORMATION FOR RETIRING CLERGY



WELCOME TO THE DIOCESE OF TRURO

The Ministry Team would like you to know that we are here to support you during your retirement years and to offer help and advice if needed. This leaflet is intended to provide an overview of the various services that we offer.

You may be interested to know that you are joining a group of over 230 retired clergy living in the diocese, many of whom have been given Permission to Officiate (PtO) by the Bishop. We greatly value their commitment and the contribution they make to the life, mission and ministry of the diocese.

Of course, retirement brings freedom to choose about how, and indeed if at all, you would like to be involved in the ministry of our churches in Cornwall, the Isles of Scilly, and our two parishes in Devon, and we want to honour and respect that freedom. However, should you wish to apply for PtO please refer to the diocesan [website](#)¹ which provides details of the procedure to follow.

Pastoral care for retired clergy and family rests with the Bishop, your Incumbent and Rural Dean. Additionally the Bishop has appointed The Revd John Eatock as Dean of Retired Clergy, Clergy Widows and Widowers. John can be contacted by [email](#)².



¹ <https://trurodiocese.org.uk/resources/ministry/pto-retired-clergy/>

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CHAPLAINS TO RETIRED CLERGY CONTACT DETAILS

Working with John are four Chaplains who between them cover the whole of the diocese. They are available to offer you a listening ear and pastoral support.

The Revd Canon Hilary Samson¹
The Revd Josephine Lobb²
The Revd Margaret Saville³
The Revd Canon Olive Stevens⁴

In addition to leading and co-ordinating the work of the Chaplains, John also convenes and facilitates the AMD '**Preparing to Retire Well and Beyond**' group. This group offers the opportunity to reflect, with others, on questions such as:

- What will/does it mean for me to be a priest in retirement?
- What will/does this mean to me in the spiritual sense?

The group, which is open to all clergy who are preparing to retire (within the next two years), and those who have recently retired (within the last two years), usually meets at Epiphany House in Truro approximately every six weeks. Currently the group is involved in research into the *Spirituality of Retired Clergy*.

For more information on the group, including meeting dates, please contact our Ministry Programmes Co-ordinator, **Melanie Pomery⁵**.

From time to time we arrange social gatherings offering opportunities to network and meet your retired colleagues.

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RESOURCES & SUPPORT

Retired Clergy are also invited to attend our **CMD programme**¹ and, if you are granted PtO, we will automatically send you our **Ministry Matters Mailing**² which is published four times a year.

Your Wellbeing is important to us, and you are welcome to access the **Diocesan Spirituality Network**³ and the services of the Diocesan Advisor for Pastoral Care and Counselling, **The Revd Canon Jane Vaughan-Wilson**⁴.

Once you have settled into this new phase of life and ministry, you may wish to offer your skills and gifts to the wider diocese. We welcome offers, from those with appropriate qualifications and experience, to facilitate Reflective Practice Groups or Ministerial Development Review (MDR) conversations; to provide chaplaincy for residential training events; to act as Mentors, Spiritual Directors or Pastoral Supervisors. If you are interested in exploring these opportunities please contact our Head of Ministry, **Sally Piper**⁵.

The Cornwall Retired Clergy Fund is available to help towards expenses such as dentists and opticians. If you would like further details, or wish to make a claim, please email **Sue Thorold**⁶ or by phone on 01872 247214.

The Retired Clergy Association of the Church of England⁷ also provides lots of useful information and advice, and offers grants in cases of hardship.

¹ <https://trurodiocese.org.uk/resources/ministry/learning-development/cmd/>

² <https://trurodiocese.org.uk/resources/ministry/ministry-matters/>

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