

# MINISTRY MATTERS FROM OUR DIOCESE



Welcome to Ministry Matters from the Diocese of Truro ministry team

Updating you on diocesan ministry news, together with information and links to internal and external learning opportunities

## SENS KERNEWEK 2024

We are currently inviting applications for the next cohort of Sens Kernewek, beginning at the end of April.



**Sens Kernewek** is a community of women and men exploring a call to local church leadership.

In the spirit of 'The Saints Way', Sens Kernewek is designed to be an innovative, communal learning experience, to 'equip the saints for the work of ministry' here in Cornwall with a clear focus on training people for local church leadership. Those who take part in Sens Kernewek will be equipped to lead an individual church as part of collaborative clusters or groups. They will be responsible for leading the faithful in mission, worship and service within a specific local community, under the oversight of an incumbent or parish priest.

The sessions are based on the description of the very earliest church in Acts 2:42, who 'devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer'.

Sens Kernewek meetings take place approximately once a fortnight on week night evenings for a total of 14 sessions. The programme focuses on learning scripturally and theologically from our lived experience, sharing together in Bible study and prayer.

Participants will already be active leaders in their church communities. If you know of someone that may be interested please contact **Mel Pomeroy** or **Sally Piper** for more information.

We are also welcoming applications from those who would like to join the next **Foundations in Christian Ministry** course that will run from September 2024 to June 2025. 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. Please share this information with anyone who may be thinking about what new ministries God might be calling them into.

### ID BADGES FOR CLERGY

Some of you have asked whether we are able to issue you with an official Diocese of Truro photo ID badge for when you are out and about, and so we are now trialling the introduction of these for licensed clergy. They will come with a lanyard and some basic information (e.g. name, role). If you would like a badge please email **Ian Knuckey**, Operations Manager

## BISHOP'S STUDY DAY

**VOCATIONS:  
RE-ENCHANTMENT & REWILDING**

**TUESDAY 7 MAY 2024  
St Erme Community Centre**

*I planted, Apollos watered,  
but God gave the growth*

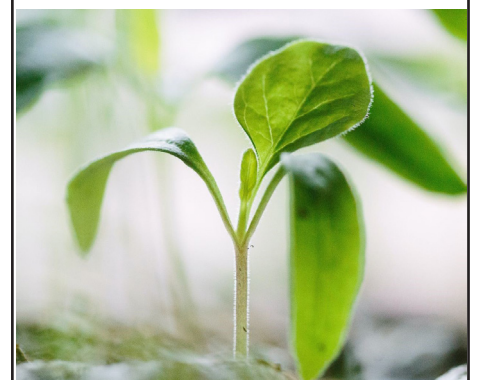
**1 Corinthians 3:6**

A space for clergy and Readers (LLMs) to reflect on, and be re-enchanted with their own vocations.

Join us as we explore how we may encourage, equip and enable all vocations to flourish throughout the diocese.

The day will be an opportunity to be together, to pray and learn together.

**BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE**



# CMD PROGRAMME 2024

## Three Mornings with St Paul Part 3: Christian community, then and now

Thursday, 18 April

Led by Revd Dr Robert Evans

10.00am-1.30pm, Epiphany House

Even if you missed parts 1 & 2 you are still very welcome to join part 3.

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!

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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,

Transformation Cornwall

This CMD session will highlight how to build a project in your church for your community. You will explore a community-asset based approach, the effect of this on sustainability and impact for your community, funding, and the benefits of evaluation. There will be plenty of opportunities to discuss ideas, and case studies of social action project success.

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## Artificial Intelligence and the Church

Wednesday 15 May

9.30am-12.30pm,  
Old Cathedral School, Truro

In an era when technology permeates every aspect of life, the Anglican church stands at a crossroad, contemplating the role of artificial intelligence within its ministry. The Revd Mark James is hosting an explorative workshop designed to delve into the potential harmonies and dissonances between AI applications and the values we are to uphold. The workshop invites participants to engage in a thought-provoking dialogue addressing critical questions such as: The Role of AI: How can artificial intelligence complement the mission of the church while staying true to our core values and beliefs?

As a discussion-led event, attendees are encouraged to bring their insights, questions, and experiences to the table.

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## How Can We Keep on Singing? Helping your congregation find their voices

Thursday, 6 June

10.00am-2.30pm, Epiphany House

Led by The Royal School of Church Music

This session will explore the ways in which you can enable music to flourish in your church, making the most of the resources you 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.

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## Resilience Training

Wednesday 12 June

2.00pm-4.00pm, Epiphany House

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.

Led by Sally Piper and Jane Vaughan-Wilson, this CMD session will explore, through interactive exercises, small group discussion and case studies, how we can grow in our personal resilience. The session will cover how to work with challenging behaviour and conflict, how we respond and react, what we might say or do and what support we may need.

There will be time to share and discuss real examples and draw on the wisdom of the group.

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## Six Hours with Twelve Prophets

Thursday 19 September

9.30am-3.30pm, Epiphany House

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.

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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## Outdoor Ministry

Tuesday 1 October

10.00am-12.00pm, Epiphany House

Led by Revd Richard Allen

Come and explore 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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## YOUR CMD GRANT

The Diocese of Truro offers each licensed clergy person an annual grant of £250. This is to enable you to attend external learning and development opportunities where there is a cost/fee. For more information or to access your grant please contact [Rebecca Evans](#) or [Mel Pomeroy](#) in the Ministry Team.

Amanda Evans recently used her CMD grant to partly fund her MA in Pioneer Leadership with the Church Mission Society (CMS).

Amanda writes...

"Studying for my MA in Pioneer Leadership with the Church Mission Society (CMS) has been a tremendous experience, challenging and shaping my ministry whilst in parish leadership and now helping to inform my approach to my current role with Christian Aid as Church Engagement and Fundraising Officer for Devon and Cornwall.

Being able to use my CMD grant in support of my application was also really helpful in obtaining more substantial funding from other charitable educational funds. I cannot recommend the training at CMS highly enough and am delighted to have been awarded a Merit overall - I am excited to see what God has in store for me next!"

# A CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON CLERGY HOUSING

We are recruiting a volunteer member for the Property Management Committee. This is the body that has delegated powers to oversee the management and care of clergy housing, and other property owned by the Diocese of Truro.

We would like someone who currently lives in one of our parsonages to join the committee, to give a stakeholder voice to the decisions made and matters discussed. This can be a clergyperson, or one of their family members.

The committee meets on Zoom once a month for about 2 hours. There will be a report from the Property Management agent and sometimes some other papers to read prior to the meeting.

The Terms of Reference is available [here](#).

To apply please provide a covering letter of no more than one side of A4, with why you might wish to join the group, and any relevant skills and experience you have, to [Kate Cortez](#) by 9 April 2024.

## CLERGY WELLBEING

**Healthy Cornwall** offer a great variety of free workshops to support better health and wellbeing.

Courses include:

- Mental Health Awareness
- Wellbeing Workshops
- Menopause Awareness
- Dementia Awareness
- Food and Mood Workshop

Details are available on their website [here](#).

Free financial wellbeing workshops for women are available through the **Cornwall Community Foundation**. The next workshop is on Wednesday 24 April, online, booking link [here](#). Please share this opportunity with women you are working with as well as colleagues and friends across your communities, networks and socials.

## BEING A PRIEST ONLINE

At the beginning of February we were delighted to welcome the Revd Bryony Taylor to lead the CMD session 'Being a Priest online in 2024'.

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 writes a blog with some useful 'How to Guides' [available here](#).

### L'ARCHE SOULFUL INTERNSHIP

The Soulful Internship is a year of living in a L'Arche house, befriending and supporting their members with learning disabilities, and taking time to deepen and grow your spiritual life.

[More information is available here](#)

## EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Journeying on a Leaf:  
Retreat day on the Cornish Saint Ia**  
April 12, 11am-4pm, Chacewater  
[More info here](#)

**Church Times and RSCM  
Festival of Faith & Music**  
April 26-27, York  
[More info here](#)

**Sarum College  
Spring 2024 programme  
available now**  
[View their brochure here](#)

**The Gregory Centre for  
Church Multiplication  
Multiply 2024**  
May 1-2, Staffordshire  
October 2-3, Northampton  
[More info here](#)

**Bible Reading Fellowship  
Parenting as a Church Leader Day**  
June 11, online  
[More info here](#)

**Church Army  
Discovery Event**  
June 26, online  
[More info here](#)

**Arthur Rank Centre  
Rural Mission & Ministry Course**  
June 11, 12, 13, Leeds, Birmingham,  
London  
[More info here](#)

[More external courses here](#)

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