

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

SUPPORT FOR CLERGY

Message to all licensed clergy, both self-supporting and stipendiary, and including curates from Bishop Hugh.

Do you have a financial need that we might be able to help with? If so, there are funds available to support you with financial challenges. The cost of living crisis continues, and you may have needs arising from particular family or personal circumstances, an unusual or emergency expenditure which strains your or your family's finances such as illness, a need for therapeutic or medical support or expensive car repairs. Or perhaps you would benefit from some support towards a holiday or with your wellbeing.

If this kind of support might be helpful to you, please do not hesitate to have a conversation with your Rural Dean, Archdeacon or contact the bishop's office directly and let them know. They in turn will send you a short application form for you to fill in to see if we can help. The funds are there to support you – please don't hesitate to be in touch.

Alternatively there is the Clergy Support Trust that deal directly with clergy who you might want to contact. You can find details on their website [here](#).

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SABBATICAL SUPPORT

The Ministry Bursary Awards have been running for more than 35 years and are open to all members of the clergy from Anglican Christian faiths. The awards will provide financial support for sabbatical breaks and projects planned for 2025.

All applicants for a Ministry Bursary Award must complete the application forms by 30 September 2024. View the eligibility criteria and download a form [here](#).

ACAS TRAINING

If your PCC or CIO employs staff, you might like to know that ACAS offer free webinars and "bite-sized" (£35) sessions on employment and management topics such as mental health at work, social media in the workplace, the employment life cycle, and employment law subjects. You can see more details [here](#) and sign up for their emails [here](#).

YOUR CMD GRANT

The Diocese of Truro offers each licensed clergyperson 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 [Melanie Pomery](#) or [Rebecca Evans](#) in the ministry team.

CALLING ALL SINGLE CLERGY

John 13:34-35 reminds us all of our call to love one another as we are loved by God. But that calling can differ from person to person. Many clergy find themselves called to love others while not being in a loving supportive relationship themselves.

Those of us who find ourselves called to this type of 'single' ministry will often agree that the call on our lives is different to that of our brothers and sisters in relationships. Having the opportunity to be part of a support network for single people can help us, not just to understand the differences in that calling, but also to look at how we can grow and flourish in single ministry if that is what we are called to. For some it may be a temporary state, for others a lifelong commitment.

We are proposing to arrange a support group for those who would like to meet with other single clergy. Please register your interest with Melanie Pomery via [email](#), indicating which days of the week and time are best for you.



CMD PROGRAMME 2024

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 12 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

10am-12pm, 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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CHANGE & RENEWAL UPDATE

With a full team in place and deaneries moving forwards with implementation of plans, next steps on the way are in full stride! As projects are bedding in, it is a very exciting time for Change and Renewal across the diocese.

Now that we are coming to the next stage in the deanery plan implementation, we have been developing a shared outcomes framework for fruitfulness and sustainability to aid clergy and deanery implementation teams in their respective areas. This will bring a number of measures from which the most

The Gospel According to Luke

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Thursday 17 October

10am-1.30pm, Epiphany House

Led by Revd Dr Robert Evans

This session will be led by the Revd Dr Robert Evans. Robert has degrees from Oxford, Cambridge and London, and is recently 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, and now lives in Coverack.

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SAVE THE DATE

Bishop's Study Day

Tuesday 5 November

9.30am-4.30pm,

The Pavilion Centre, Wadebridge

Dr Steven Horne

Thursday 14 November

10am-12pm, Epiphany House

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.

Steven is the first Romany from the UK to be awarded a PhD in Theology (November 2020).

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suitable to your context can be selected and used to support and share the ministry and mission that is already going on. The framework in practice will be very simple to use and applicable to the bespoke context of each individual deanery. Project Support Officers will guide deaneries in how to put this framework into action.

The next Deanery Learning and Sharing Event is at Epiphany on June 19th focussing on Children's and Young People's work. Please do RSVP to

[Rebecca St Ledger-Renfree](#)

and come along.

EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Everyday Faith Portal has a new look!

[Log in here to find out more](#)

Churches Together in England Researching Mission & Ministry in Rural Contexts

July 10, 7.30pm, online

[More info here](#)

Vision & Strategy Webinars

All round training for every volunteer youth leader

July 17, 2pm, online

[More info here](#)

Exploring Ordination for Disabled and Neurodivergent People

September 7, online

[More info here](#)

Arthur Rank Centre

Rural Ministry Course

October 2-3, Northampton

[More info here](#)

Single Friendly Church

Online training for church leaders

October 23, 11 am, online

[More info here](#)

Sarum College

Power Under Pressure: MODEM Conference 2024

November 4-5, Salisbury

[More info here](#)

[More external courses here](#)

HIDDEN HARDSHIP DEVOTIONAL STUDY GUIDE

Coventry University has recently published a new resource for Christians and churches across the UK.

The guide has 10 themed days of Bible study, reflection, and prayer on hardship in local communities in the UK informed by people's real-life experiences

[Available to download here](#)

SIGN UP FOR THE CHURCH SUPPORT NEWSLETTER HERE

Receive regular newsletters via email to provide you with information, resources, and initiatives from the Church of England.

NEW COURSES AT SWMTC

South West Ministry Training Course is offering three **new courses** in September including an MA in Theology, Ministry and Mission. This inspiring, informing (and affordable) three years of part time studies will enable students to cover a range of subjects such as Environmental Ethics and Theology, Hermeneutics, Advanced Biblical and Doctrinal subjects as well as research into individual topics via Independent Learning Projects and Final Dissertation.

Taught sessions will be on six Saturdays per year in Plymouth and the course is validated by Durham University. The **Emmaus Spiritual Direction** course is a new two year course for those

sensing a call to listening ministry and a desire to deepen their spiritual journey. More information available [here](#).

There is also a new course for those who would like to explore chaplaincy. SWMTC also offer a Certificate, Diploma and BA courses as well as training for ordination and Licensed Lay Ministry.

Principal, Revd Dr Lucy Larkin says, 'We do hope that you will come and join us on a journey of formation and fulfilment as you follow God's leading in your life.'

For more information, visit the SWMTC [website](#).

RAF AIR CADETS CHAPLAIN VACANCIES

The Royal Air Force Air Cadets currently have a number of vacancies for a Padre/Chaplain to join their squadron. They're looking to fill vacancies in Helston, St Blazey, Truro and Liskeard.

There is no rule regarding the level of attendance but a minimum of once a month (evenings) is expected. The level of commitment is often in agreement with the Squadron.

If you are interested or would like to find

out more, you can contact Di Burrows via [email here](#).

Di says: 'Where else, as Ministers, do we get the chance to meet a group of young people (ages 12-18) and have a chance to converse with them over a range of subjects? Through general conversations and discussion groups, we are also able to improve our own insight into how our views might differ from this younger generation.'

RETIRED CLERGY SURVEY

A message from the Revd Mike Coe...
I'm the vicar of All Saints, Ilkley, in the Diocese of Leeds and I've been granted a sabbatical from this year. I'm 61 and, health permitting, I'm planning to retire from full-time stipendiary ministry in seven to eight years.

Retiring from stipendiary ministry doesn't mean retiring from ministry, but one subject I'm planning to focus on during my sabbatical is what 'Finishing Well' in stipendiary ministry, both personally, and as the vicar of All Saints, looks like. Basically, if I want to flourish as a Christian and for the church family to thrive in Gospel ministry after I've retired, what should I be prioritising and doing between now and then?

An obvious resource to 'tap' into is the experience and reflections of those who have faced the same question before – retired clergy! Therefore, I've put together a questionnaire [available here](#) for any retired clergy to complete if willing. If you'd like a Word copy please email me [here](#).

Thanks in advance for your help!



Online Taster for the 2025 CMS Certificate in Pioneer Mission

Sunday, 16 June, 2.30pm-4.30pm

Wednesday, 26 June, 7.30pm-9.30pm

Open to all the curious!

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GENEROUS GIVING

Your **Generous Giving Advisors** are available to support you as you explore generosity as discipleship and look at practical giving mechanisms.

Please sign up to receive our quarterly **Stewardship News** [here](#) and download our **Exploring Generosity** leaflet to see what we can offer.