

# 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

## ENCOURAGING VOCATIONS

It all starts with God's call upon each person's life; calls which are as unique as the individuals themselves. The Diocesan Director of Ordinands (DDO) and other members of the Ministry Team journey alongside people as they explore their vocation, and as they seek to discern what it is that God is inviting them to step into.

The Community of Vocations meets once per term, usually at Epiphany House in Truro and offers the opportunity to explore God's call with others. Each meeting is different, with a variety of topics and issues covered, and is in addition to the individual discernment process with the Diocesan Director of Ordinands and her colleagues.

The Diocese of Truro wants to honour the call of those who feel called to explore ministry in all its variety and offers different ways to do this.

The first thing - always - is to encourage them to talk to someone - a friend, a parish priest, a Reader/LLM - someone who will understand.

If you know of someone that would like to explore their vocation they can do so by contacting the following people:

**Ordained Ministry**  
**Jane Vaughan-Wilson**



**Reader/Licensed Lay Ministry**  
**John levins**

**Local Worship Leading**  
**Lydia Remick**

**Local Pastoral Ministry**  
**Sarah Welpy**

**Chaplaincy**  
**Sarah Welpy**

**Pioneer Ministry**  
**Lindsey Morgan-Lundie**

Our next cohort of **Foundations in Christian Ministry** begins at the end of September. There are still a few spaces available, if you know of anyone who might be interested please email **Melanie Pomery**. 'Foundations' is a one year course of formational study that provides space to explore vocation and grow in Christ. Participants learn about the Bible, theology, spirituality, mission and pastoral care.

Places are also available on our next **Sens Kernewek** course beginning in January 2025.

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

By the end of the course group members may be commissioned as local church leaders. Some may decide to explore a further calling as a LLM/Reader or to ordained ministry.

### LAY MINISTRIES CELEBRATION

Our annual celebration of Licensed Lay Ministry takes place on Saturday 12 October at 11:30am in Truro Cathedral. As well as celebrating the ministry of our LLMs/Readers, we will be licensing our first Pioneer Lay Minister. If you would like to attend, please email Claire Salzmann

[readerevents@truro.anglican.org](mailto:readerevents@truro.anglican.org)

### SENS WARBARTH SAINTS TOGETHER

Weekly online prayer gathering. Join us in prayer for our diocese and for the appointment process for our new Bishop.

[READ MORE](#)

# CMD PROGRAMME 2024

## 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. Hear about 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.

[BOOK HERE](#)

## Understanding Christianity Resource for Schools

**Wednesday 2 October**  
**1pm-3pm, online**

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

This session is designed for Clergy and anyone who wants to gain an understanding of how RE is taught in schools. Join this session for an overview of this fantastic teaching resource with details about how it teaches Christianity to children across the different age ranges.

[BOOK HERE](#)

## The Gospel of Luke for Year C

**Thursday 17 October**  
**10am-1.30pm, Epiphany House**  
**Led by Revd Dr Robert Evans**

Dr Robert Evans offers ways to engage with Luke's message and context and theology using methods and resources that help us move from 'then' to 'now', from text to sermon.

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## Bishop's Study Day

**Exploring Chaplaincy**  
**Tuesday 5 November**  
**9.30am-4.30pm,**

**The Pavilion Centre, Wadebridge**

This Bishop's Study Day will give us space to reflect on the theme of Chaplaincy, one of the areas of development identified in many of the deanery plans and in the Diocesan Plan for Change and Renewal. We will be joined by the Revd Mike Haslam, Chaplaincy Development Adviser for the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

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## Gypsies, Travellers, and Jesus: An Introduction

**Thursday 14 November**  
**10am-11.30am, online**

**Led by Revd Dr Steven Horne**

Gypsies and Travellers are not 'the other', they are you and me - often hidden, frequently maligned, always marginalised, seldom understood.

Join Revd Dr Steven Horne for an introduction to 'Traveller Theology'; learn more about one of our nation's most vulnerable groups, explore a culture rooted in hundreds of years of Christian heritage, and find out best practices for inclusion of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people in your church.

The Revd Dr Steven Horne is the first person of Romany Gypsy heritage in the UK to earn a PhD in theology (2020), the first to sit on the Archbishop's CMEAC (Centre for minority, ethnic, Anglican concerns), and in 2022, Horne authored 'Gypsies and Jesus: A Traveller Theology' (DLT Books), the first 'Traveller theology'.

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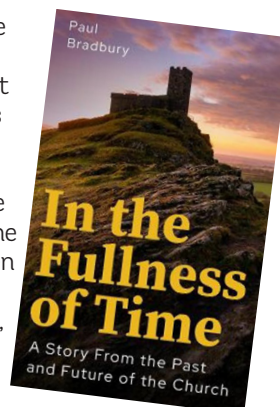
## IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME, BY THE REVD PAUL BRADBURY

We're delighted to welcome the Revd Paul Bradbury to Truro on Tuesday 24 September, to talk about his new book 'In the Fullness of Time: A Story from the Past and Future of the Church.'

This is a book about the present and future of the church in our own challenging context; a secular age, decline, stretched resources, complex and fragmented communities requiring diverse missional approaches.

Weaving together parable, storytelling, travelogue history and poetry, Paul journeys from rural Norfolk to inner-city London, from a radical missional community in Lincolnshire, to a

traditional village parish in Dorset. He explores what the church looks like today, and how local parish communities are wrestling with the tensions between the value of inherited church, and the need to look to the future.



If you'd like to hear more, the evening will begin at 6.30pm at Epiphany House, Truro. [Book here.](#)

## EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES

### LICC

**Making Disciples at Christmas & Easter**

30 September, 1pm, online

[More info here](#)

### The Faraday Institute

**Prof. Thilo Stadelmann: Artificial Intelligence – A Tale of Two Meanings**

8 October, 1pm, hybrid

[More info here](#)

**Church of England Webinars**  
**Prioritising children, young people and families in our churches**

9 October, 10am, online

[More info here](#)

### The Faraday Institute

**Caring for Creation: Leading the Church Forward – Our Calling**

15 October, 7.30pm, online

[More info here](#)

### St Martin in the Fields

**Inspiration: Soul Friends**  
**Speaker: Rowan Williams**

21 October, 7pm, livestream

[More info here](#)

**Church of England Webinars**  
**Digital Giving this**

**Advent and Christmas**

6 November, 2pm, online

[More info here](#)

### Churches Together

**Dancing with Diversity**

14 November, 11am, London

[More info here](#)

### Sarum College

**The Sea, Theology & Spirituality**  
**Series: The Sea in the Bible**

21 November, 7pm, online

[More info here](#)

[More external courses here](#)



## CLERGY WELLBEING

### Beyond Calling? Addressing the Demands of Modern Ministry,

24 October 2024, St Barnabas Church, Oxford. This workshop, part of the ESRC Festival of Social Science 2024, will be of interest to clergy who are, or have recently been, practising parish priests or priests-in-training. The aim is to bring clergy together to hear from social scientists who have conducted research in this area and to provide a 'safe space' to discuss these insights and share experiences.

Using various creative techniques, group discussions will generate ideas that clergy can implement directly and immediately

for themselves but will also stimulate more general ideas for change in the Church that can help with managing demands on clergy. The organisers will summarise and feedback anonymised outputs of the event to various stakeholders in the Anglican Community.

Additional presenters: Liz Graveling (Living Ministry Project, Church of England); Gail Kinman (Birkbeck, University of London), Neil Conway (Royal Holloway) & Michael Clinton (King's College).

More information is available on the [booking site](#).

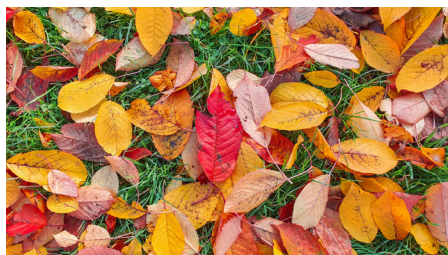
## PENSION CREDIT AWARENESS

Following the announcement by the Government that the Winter Fuel Payment will be means-tested, the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) is urging pensioners to check in September, if they are entitled to Pension Credit.

If you receive pension credit you will automatically get the Winter Fuel Payment.

If you need any help or assistance in applying for pension credit please get in touch with The Church of England Pensions Board either by telephone 020 7898 1824 or via email

[housingservices@churchofengland.org](mailto:housingservices@churchofengland.org)



## COMMUNION UPDATES

Please note that we have created a **new Policy and Procedure document for the Lay Administration of Home Communion**. There are no major changes, it is more of an update and the pulling together of information into one place. The one change of note is that application forms are to be sent to the Lay Ministry Development Officer rather than Lis Escop.

The document and other associated forms can be found [here](#).

### Children and Communion

A gentle reminder that parishes do still need to apply to admit children to communion prior to confirmation. Currently we are aware that there are more parishes giving communion to children than parishes that have formally applied!

Further information about the process can be found on the [website](#).

## TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Together for the Church of England is a new organisation formed in early 2024, bringing together members of General Synod, a wider network of Church of England members, and working with other partner organisations.

They have a particular focus on encouraging participation in the governance of the Church of England at all levels to promote positive change regarding inclusion and encourage democratic engagement in church life.

The next meeting of the South West Together for the Church of England group will be on Wednesday 2 October at 7pm, online, where they'll be joined by Nic Tall, national coordinator for the organisation.

Everyone is welcome, [Zoom link here](#).



## CELEBRATION OF RETIRED CLERGY

Tuesday 1 October  
12.30pm, Truro Cathedral

All retired clergy are welcome to attend. There will be a variety of contributions with ample opportunity to meet colleagues, have discussions and consider how we might work together for our mutual flourishing as priests in the Diocese and in the Church of God.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided. The day will end with Evensong at 5.30pm.

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## FREE RESOURCES

Kerrier Deanery has a number of Emmaus and Pilgrim Resources available for anyone that would like them.

[Email to receive a list of the resources](#)