

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

PASTORAL SUPERVISION

In the Diocese of Truro, recognising the joys and challenges of ministry in the 21st Century, we are committed to supporting the wellbeing and flourishing of our clergy. As part of this commitment, we offer clergy in active ministry, the opportunity to engage in Pastoral Supervision, with an experienced and qualified supervisor.

Pastoral Supervision is a structured process of reflective learning in which a supervisor meets with an individual, or small group (no more than 3 or 4) of clergy to develop and support learning skills, understanding, and good practice. It takes place within a context of spiritual understanding and prayer, care, trust, and openness.

Is pastoral supervision for me?

The purpose of pastoral supervision is to provide a safe and confidential environment for you to reflect on and discuss your work and your personal and professional responses to your work. Perhaps you'd like to reflect and review your work in a parish or talk through a challenging situation.

Why pastoral supervision?

Pastoral supervision has many benefits:

- It can help you to manage the personal and professional demands created by the nature of your work.
- It can enable you to reflect on and challenge your own practice/how you work - in a safe and confidential environment.
- It can be one part of your professional and vocational development.



What is being offered?

An opportunity to meet with a professional, suitably qualified Supervisor, either 1-2-1 or with a small 'closed' group of up to three clergy colleagues. Meetings are confidential.

Clergy that have benefitted from the service have said...

"Pastoral supervision is a great mix of encouraging and challenging. My supervisor asks great questions that help me move forward"

"Pastoral supervision gives me a confidential space to share the challenges and difficulties of parish ministry within a professional frame"

"It helps me to be accountable, to turn ideas into reality, to process things."

"I think it is great and every clergy person should do it"

For more information you can contact Jane Vaughan-Wilson by [email](#).

A MESSAGE FROM SALLY...

Dear friends,
It is with great sadness, and yet joy and hope, that I bid you farewell.

It has been the most amazing privilege and honour of my life to work with so many wonderful people across the Diocese of Truro. I have learnt such a lot from you, and your faithfulness and love for our Lord are an inspiration to me. I thank you for the love and support you have so generously given to me, and I ask you to forgive me where I have let you down.

I will miss you all so much, and yet, there is joy and hope as I set out on this next stage of my journey with God. I don't know what the future will hold, but I do know that I can trust the God who is faithful, full of mercy and abounding in steadfast love.

If I don't get an opportunity to thank you and say goodbye in person, I hope that this letter expresses the fullness of my heart for you.

Please continue to pray for me, as I will for you.

May God bless you all.

With love,
Sally



TRAINING IN 2025

CMD Programme

We are currently working on the CMD programme for 2025. Below are a couple of sessions that are available to book now!

Ministry in Times of Turbulence, Confusion, Change and Loss

Tuesday 18 March

9.30am-3.30pm, Epiphany House

Led by Revd Howard Peskett

‘Who would true valour see, let him come hither. One here will constant be, come wind, come weather.’

Jeremiah prophesied for forty years, and witnessed the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylonian army; everything he prophesied came true and still the people he was called to work among did not believe him. Jeremiah is the longest and, perhaps, the most passionate book in the Bible. Jeremiah was a man in violent struggle with his vocation to be a prophet. He wrote about God’s sizzling anger and judgement and his everlasting love. We will spend this day reading and listening to some of what Jeremiah wrote and learning from him how to be more steadfast, ministering in uncertain times.

[BOOK HERE](#)

Using a Smart Phone for Listening to and Studying the Bible

Thursday 9 October

9.30am-12.30pm, Epiphany House

Led by Revd Howard Peskett

This is a hands-on workshop for those who are NOT experts with a Smartphone. We will demonstrate and practise using the phone for reading the Bible, listening to the Bible (many languages are available), practising Lectio Divina (meditating on the Bible) and having on our smartphones one or two apps which may help us in talking about the faith with our grandchildren. You will be invited to share your own experiences and perhaps your favourite apps.

[BOOK HERE](#)

Sens Kernewek 2025

Do you know someone who would like to explore a call to local church ministry?

Sens Kernewek is a community that meet fortnightly to learn and discern together.



The next cohort will begin after Easter 2025. Information and an application form are available on our [website](#).

Building Blocks of Missional Worship

Starts in January at the Old Cathedral School.

Following feedback from the Local Worship Leader SnapShot survey we will be running a new course for current Local Worship Leaders and Readers (LLMs) starting in January 2025.

Based on material from Tim Lomax, this new course will consider different building blocks of effective worship with a combination of input and discussion and will consist of 9 90-minute sessions (7 pm - 8:30 pm) over 12 months.

The dates are as follows;

21 January

18 February

18 March

13 May

10 June

8 July

16 September

14 October

25 November

Numbers will be limited to 10 people and those attending will need approval and encouragement from their priest.

You can find the application form in the [Local Worship Leader Resources page](#) of the website.

If you have any questions please contact Lydia Remick, Lay Ministries Development Officer by [email here](#).

Reflective Practice Group for Readers

We will be running an online Reflective Practice Group for Readers/LLMs in the new year. The facilitated group will meet every 6-8 weeks online for approximately 1-2 hours.

This is 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 by email to [Melanie Pomery](#).

BISHOP'S STUDY DAYS
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 7 May 2025

Tuesday 4 November 2025

EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES

Compassionate Kernow

Introduction to

Beareavement & Loss

November 25, 7pm, Wadebridge

[More info here](#)

Engage Worship

Advent and Christmas Resources

[More info here](#)

Church Times Webinar

Can a 'Good Death' be Assisted?

November 28, 6pm, online

[More info here](#)

The Guild of Pastoral Psychology Active Imagination and the Mystical

Life: Jung and Ignatius Loyola

November 30, 2pm, online

[More info here](#)

Church Support Webinar

More room at the inn: An accessible Christmas at your church

December 2, 1pm, online

[More info here](#)

Sarum College

The Sea, Theology and Spirituality – The Sea, Ecological Crisis and Mission

December 2, 7pm, online

[More info here](#)

Art for Advent:

The Four Last Things

December 11, 1pm, online

[More info here](#)

LiCC

Formation for Enabling Ministry:
A Community of Practice

January-April, online self study

[More info here](#)

Arthur Rank Centre

Bite-Sized Rural Mission
6 session course

January-March, 7pm, online

[More info here](#)

Sheldon Retreat

Send my Roots Rain,
led by Christopher Chapman

February 17-21, Sheldon

[More info here](#)

[More external courses here](#)

CLERGY WELLBEING

Single Clergy Group

An informal group for single clergy began in September. They plan to get together approx. once a month to share experiences, concerns, to socialise and support one another. If you would like to know more, please contact Rev Helen Baber by [email](#).

Vacancy on Clergy Wellbeing Group

We have a vacancy on the Diocese Clergy Wellbeing Group. The purpose of this group is to facilitate the embedding of clergy wellbeing into our day-to-day operations, projects and long-term strategy. We have lively conversations but are also committed to practical and sustainable

actions. We comprise of TDBF staff and clergy, and meet online approx. every 6 weeks. There is some reading or maybe other work in between meetings, and we are currently planning and designing a clergy wellbeing survey for issue in early 2025. If you are interested, or would just like to know more, do contact Louise Court, Director of HR via [email here](#) or on 01872 247217.

NHS Health checks

Did you know that anyone aged 40-74 may be eligible for a free NHS health check? For more information see the Cornwall Council website [here](#)

LANDS END TO CRANBROOK!

Cranbrook Church in Devon is raising funds to build a church and community space as they currently meet on Sundays in their local school. Rev Jon Holder and a few members of the congregation will embark on a sponsored 18-day hike along the coastal path from Lands End to Cranbrook (256 miles!) from the 15th May-1st June 2025.

The hikers would love to connect and gain support from churches across Devon and Cornwall as they take part in their sponsored hike. They specifically need help in finding somewhere for walkers to sleep, shower and receive a hot meal as they complete their journey.



If your church would like to offer support you can contact the church via email [here](#).

TELEPHONE SCAM ALERT

A Churchwarden in our diocese has been approached on the telephone by a man asking for pastoral help as he has lost his job.

He continues explaining benefits won't cover his rent etc and will give you a house address. He has asked for money from his mother-in-law, but this won't cover the rent arrears. So his next step

is asking for monetary help through the church.

He used local information to imply a connection to a clergy person. If you are unsure of anyone who calls offer to take their contact information. Please advise your parish teams. If you are unsure or the parish is in vacancy please contact info@truro.anglican.org

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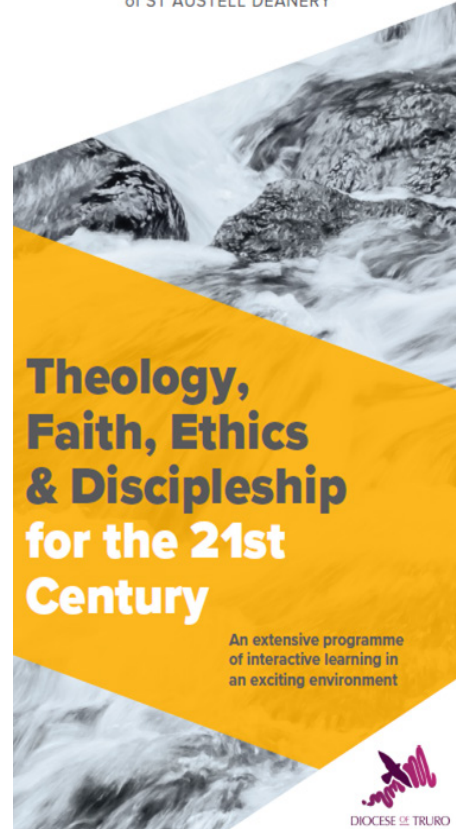
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